MOBILE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Prior to European settlement in the 1700’s, the land on which Mobile Botanical Gardens stands today was part of a vast longleaf pine forest. Most of this land was logged for longleaf pine in the early 1900’s, so the forest that you can visit today in our 35 acre conservation area (to the east of the parking lot) is actually considered second generation growth. The lake you drove in by in once served as Mobile’s early water source until the 1950’s, which is why the acreage surrounding the lake was restricted from development.

In all, the Mobile Botanical Gardens consists of over 100 acres of special gardens and Longleaf conservation area. MBG is a private, non-profit organization, and we appreciate your support!

The ReBloom Garden
The ReBloom Mobile project sought to rekindle the spirit of community gardening in the City of Mobile and to provide suggestions for plants to achieve a 12-month color display. Look for our favorite Gulf Coast garden plants surrounding the lawn.

Millie McConnell Rhododendron Garden
The Millie McConnell Rhododendron Garden began as a native azalea garden, planted by Tom Dodd, John Allen Smith, and Dr. John Giordano. The garden was redesigned in 2006 to showcase azalea hybrids either created in Mobile, or especially famous around the world. This collection has been named a Garden of Excellence as determined by the International Camellia Society. Reclaimed materials from old Mobile were used here to create the Dodd Quarry at the upper end of the garden. The large, granite slabs as well as pavers and cobblestones were once part of an old graveyard in downtown Mobile. The massive decorative iron columns date to mid-1800’s and once adorned the façade of a commercial structure long since destroyed.

The Tea Maze
The shape of tea maze is inspired by a Chinese medallion from the Ming Dynasty. These plants were grown from cuttings of the plants from the old Lipton Tea plantation in Baldwin County. Did you know that tea is made from the leaves of the Camellia sinensis?

The Katherine Shropshire Nature Trail
Dedicated in 1981, this deep woods trail is a ¼ mile walk on moderate paths. The careful observer may be treated with many different forms of wildlife as well as a wide variety of plants and trees native to our area.

Aromi Hybrid Azaleas Garden
This garden houses the most significant collection of Aromi Hybrid Azaleas in the country. Dr. Eugene Aromi created these azaleas which combine the hardness and fragrance of native deciduous azaleas with the large flower trusses and color of the cold weather suited Exbury hybrids.

Around the perimeter of the Herb Garden you will find gingers, montbretia, Lady Banks climbing roses, a Turkey Fig tree, calaminodin tree, and even a dwarf Papaya tree.

Welcome to the Gardens!
Open Wednesday - Sunday
Last admission 1 hr prior to close

Admission
Adults (Ages 13+): $8
Children (Ages 3-12): $3
Student/Military/Senior: $6 (with ID)
Museums for All: $3 (with SNAP or WIC EBT card and valid ID)

Mobile Botanical Gardens is a privately funded, non-profit organization. Help us continue our mission of education and protecting the plant collections by paying admission, becoming a member, or donating.

Garden Etiquette & Rules
• Help us to preserve the beauty of the Gardens for everyone by refraining from picking flowers, walking through beds, and climbing the trees or on boulders.
• MBG is a smoke free campus
• No alcohol is allowed on the grounds
• Shirts and shoes required at all times.
• Please do not climb or play on/in the fountains and sculptures
• No bikes please - They may be left in front of the office or at the gate gazebo.

Become a Member!

Check our website for seasonal hours and current events
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Things to Do
- Kid's Activity Backpack w/ scavenger hunt
- Georgia Roussos Lunches Wed & Fri
- Visit the Artful Garden Gift Shop
- Visit the Chickens and feed the Koi!
- Spring and Fall Plants Sales (Mar. & Oct.)

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