

McGovern Centennial Gardens

Tour Information



In celebration of the Park's milestone birthday in 2014, the 15-acre site of the former Houston Garden Center was transformed into the new McGovern Centennial Gardens. The Gardens are a series of themed garden rooms arranged around a central lawn and are home to more than 490 new trees of over 50 species, 760 hedge shrubs, 55,000 perennial bulbs, 650 azaleas and 4.5 acres of grass. They include the Arid Garden, the Rose Garden, the Celebration Garden, and the Woodland Garden. An educational Family Garden will produce seasonal vegetables, herbs and fruit trees. The main entry into the Gardens is through the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, designed by Peter Bohlin, architect of Apple stores worldwide.

Tours are led by Jane Curtis, Director of Horticulture, or a trained Garden Guide.

What you will learn: The tour of McGovern Centennial Gardens will include the history and design of the Gardens as well as specific horticultural information.

Make a reservation: For a guided tour of McGovern Centennial Gardens, you must make a reservation. Groups of up to 30 people can take the tour. (The environment is too young and delicate to have large school groups. Smaller school groups should have one adult per 10 children.) There are a limited number of guided tours available per week.

Length of the tour: The guided tour lasts for approximately one hour and 20 minutes.

Arrange your tour: Call Hermann Park Conservancy at 713-524-5876 or email info@hermannpark.org to schedule a tour.

Cost: A \$150 donation to support Hermann Park Conservancy

Amenities:

- There is seating (72 chairs) in front of the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, available on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting room inside the Pavilion is available for rental; however, there is a separate rental fee.
- The Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion has public restrooms, a drinking fountain, and vending machines with water, drinks and snacks.
- Pinewood Cafe is located on Lake Plaza in Hermann Park (near Kinder Station), just a ten-minute stroll from the main garden entry. The cafe features fresh salads, wraps, sandwiches, burgers, smoothies, plus a fun build-your-own grilled cheese menu!