PLAYHOUSES DESIGNED WITH NATURE IN MIND

Safety First

- No smoking or open flame – Mission Canyon is a high fire danger area
- Study walking shoes, a hat, and sunscreen are recommended
- Watch your step as you enjoy our many different garden sections and canyon, as our topography varies
- Benches and picnic tables are available throughout the Garden for your enjoyment and relaxation
- Please keep your dog on leash: Mutt Mitts are available for your use at the entrance kiosk
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- "Lavaretus liburnicus, let it be." Although our trails are carefully maintained, there is a chance you may encounter poison oak

Photography in the Garden

Photography for your personal use is allowed. Professional photographers are asked to make an appointment in advance. Please see the visitor services representative at the entrance kiosk for our policies.

Arroyo Section

Featuring plants from moist ravines, stream sides, and forests, the Arroyo section includes a dripping rock lush with maidenhair ferns, a pond, and majestic live oaks.

Desert Section

Some of the many plant species found in California and desert regions are grown in this sunny corner of the Garden. Featured plants include the California fan palm (California’s only native palm), giant jojoba, and many species of cacti, yuccas, and agaves.

Island View Garden

(1/4 mile from entrance kiosk)
Located at the Pritzlaff Conservation Center, this formal garden features plants from the California Channel Islands and Baja California Islands, and provides spectacular views of the four northern Channel Islands.

Manzanita Section

Manzanitas, prized for their burgundy red bark and um-shape white flowers, are emblematic California shrubs. With over 40 species, and many more garden selections, these drought-tolerant plants vary from groundcovers to low-growing shrubs to small trees.

Meadow Section

The centerpiece of the Garden, the 1.5 acre Meadow is famed for its spectacular shows of spring wildflowers against the backdrop of the Santa Ynez Mountains. Perennial bunchgrasses, along with a mixed border of flowering perennials and shrubs, provide year-round beauty.

Mission Dam & Aqueduct

Built in 1806 to supply water to Mission Santa Barbara, the dam is both a state and county historic landmark.

Porter Trail (1/4 mile)

This section features a delightful mix of flowering shrubs and perennials that support insect pollinators. Some of the best views of the islands and mountains are found here.

Redwood Section

Our coast redwood trees were planted along Mission Creek beginning in the 1930s. Cool, even on a hot day, the grove of towering trees provide shade for redwood understory plants such as wild ginger and redwood sorrel.

Teahouse

Our authentic teahouse, ShinKanAn, was built in Kyoto in 1949, and is still used for Chanoyu tea ceremonies. The surrounding tea garden of California native plants is designed in the Japanese rustic tradition.

Water Wise Home Garden

A home scale garden filled with beautiful, easy-to-grow native plants in a water-conserving landscape that includes a rain garden.

GARDEN CASITAS EXHIBITION

Centennial Maze

Founded by Garden Club of Santa Barbara

1. Cali-Pop

Designer/Builder
Philip B. Gann, Whitman Architectural Ojai, CA

2. Rings of Time

Designer
Max Whitman, AIA, Whitman Architectural Ojai, CA
Builder
Tara Sayler, Tall Gardens & Nature Preserve Manager Ojai, CA

3. Halling House

Designer/Builder
Matthew Scranton, Project Manager, Frank Schipper Construction Co. Santa Barbara, CA

4. Woodrat House

Designer/Builder
Kathryn Lopez, Crowley & Co. Santa Barbara, CA

5. The Arches

Builder
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Volunteers

6. Understory

Designer/Builder
Akiko Wade Davis, AIA, Wade Davis Design, Santa Barbara, CA

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Native Plants of California

Arlington Peak 3,258 ft.

Pictet Trail
Woodland Trail

Campbell Bridge

Wooded Dell

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Meadow

Desert, Canyon, Manzanita

Manzanita Island

Mission Dam & Aqueduct

Canyon Trail

Pritchett Trail

Porter Trail

Easton Aqueduct Trail

1. Dudleya Display
2. Groundcover Display
3. Water Wise Home Garden
4. Japanese ShinKanAn Teahouse
5. Pollinator Garden
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9. Membership Office
10. Garden Nursery
11. Blakeley Library
12. Education Office
13. Volunteer Cottage
14. Pritzlaff Conservation Center

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ISLAND VIEW

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