



Zilker Botanical Garden Background Information

Gardens at the ZBG currently include: Mabel Davis Rose Garden, Taniguchi Japanese Garden, Green Garden sponsored by COA Watershed Protection, the Cactus and Succulent Garden, Herb Garden, Hartman Prehistoric Garden, Blachly Butterfly Trail and Garden, Escarpment Trail, Oak Grove, Children's Garden, Organic Vegetable Garden, along with native woods, other ornamental display beds and historic structures. ZBG also maintains smaller gardens, including the Bodean caladium bed, vegetable garden and compost demonstration area, seasonal beds throughout the garden, native areas and public spaces, pathways and signs, and a system of over ten ponds and connecting streams.

In addition, there are displays gardens, which have been adopted by community partners through Adopt-a-Garden agreements. The Shay Green Garden is adopted by the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department as a display of green growing techniques. Other adopted gardens and beds change annually, but often include the Cactus and Succulent Garden, the Herb Garden, the Children's Garden (animal named plants), the Daylily Bed, the Iris Bed, the Begonia Bed, and the Woodland Fern Bed.

ZBG is also home to numerous historic structures relocated over the last fifty years from other parts of Austin. These include the Mamie Wilson Rowe Summer House, the Swedish Log Cabin, the Esperanza Schoolhouse, the Wishing Well, the Blacksmith Shop, the Butler Keyhole Window, the Bickler Cupula, and the Congress Avenue Footbridge. In addition, ZBG is the site of an archeological find. Dinosaur tracks remain buried on the property with reproductions on display in the Hartman Prehistoric Garden and a cast on display in the garden's library.