



favorite places



Bloom Time

Celebrate Tennessee springtime in all its colorful glory at these strollworthy gardens.

Cheekwood Estate & Gardens, Nashville: One of the prettiest plots of land in the state is this 55-acre botanical garden (*left*). It's made up of several themed gardens, including ones dedicated to boxwoods, dogwoods, herbs and roses. Every March and April, Cheekwood in Bloom features more than 150,000 tulips, as well as daffodils, hyacinths, snowdrops, crocuses and other spring flowers. cheekwood.org

Harvey's Garden, Winchester: Just blocks from downtown Winchester you'll find 34 acres of professionally designed gardens with 5,000 daffodils, 1,500 Knock Out roses, 1,700 daylilies and 1,000 peonies in addition to irises, butterfly bushes, ginkgo trees, river birches, Southern magnolias, dogwoods and hollies. The gardens are free and open to the public.

University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville: The official botanical gardens of Tennessee feature more than 4,000 annuals, perennials, herbs, tropical plants, trees, shrubs, vegetables and ornamental grasses. They function as an outdoor lab to study how plants fare in the mid-South climate and are used to teach hobbyist gardeners to landscape their own homes. Free and open to the public in all seasons. ag.tennessee.edu/utg

the big to-do

Walkin' in Memphis

The **Cooper-Young Garden Walk**, the region's biggest, returns to Memphis' artsy Cooper-Young district May 15-16, with more than 80 gardens on display, in addition to speakers, vendors, art and more. All tours of the private gardens and businesses are self-guided and self-paced. Expect to see edible gardens, herbs, chickens, water features, art, native plants, composting and plenty of imaginative plantings. Tickets (\$20 until May 5 and \$25 after that) allow access to all the gardens on both days. cooperyounggardenclub.org



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