



North Suburban Pond & Garden Walk

July 20 – 21, 2024

Hours: 9 AM - 5 PM
(except where noted)



Welcome to the 2024 North Suburban Pond & Garden Walk; a self-guided walk open to all. You can **visit the yards in any order you want**, just **note which yards are open one day only or have restricted hours**. If you have visited our yards before, we look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends again.

Most walks require a fee to acquire a list of yards. We want our walk to be free, but will accept donations at any of the locations so we can continue to provide this walk, and share our love of gardening with you and others.

E-mail us via the website and let us know how you enjoyed the walk, and send some of your favorite pictures too!



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1. 1129 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston

Fern

Come and see how great a shade garden with no grass can look. The paths wind around where you will come upon 4 water features, various plants and other interesting features. It has been described by many as a hidden oasis. This garden has also been featured on the Evanston Garden Walk.

Open Saturday only

2. 8101 Keeler, Skokie

John & Harriet

Raised garden beds in the sunny front yard and a beautiful fish pond in the back yard show what you can do with a city lot. We enjoy a natural gardening style with many flowering plants and bushes which attract butterflies and pollinators.

3. 838 Leyden Lane, Wilmette

Patti & Sheldon

Our mostly native front and backyard gardens have evolved over the years, the front due to backflow valve installation, and the back is anchored by a 12 x 8 pond. We re-did veggie garden boxes and added a new path using old Trex while our deck was being rebuilt.

Open Saturday only

Park on the west side of street.

4. 2748 Norwood Terrace, Glenview

Bob & Marsha

We have a 10,000 gallon main pond, home to about 40 large koi, with a 3,000 gallon retention pond supported by a large elaborate filtration system in a nearby shed. Ponds are surrounded by red maple trees and a bald cypress tree. We also have a milkweed and dill garden to attract butterflies.

Open Saturday only

Use our driveway or the street – **DO NOT BLOCK** neighbors' driveways. Enter yard from left side of garage.



5. 8201 Norma Court, Niles

Vicki & Bert

We invite you to visit our beautiful backyard paradise. Our 2600 gallon pond is home to a variety of friendly koi and comets, along with several bullfrogs (3rd generation). The sounds of the waterfall and stream provide nature's amazing music. We know you'll enjoy our collection of whimsical yard art, and the gnome/fairy garden is guaranteed to make you smile.

Open Sunday only

6. 2822 Covert Road, Glenview

Ann & George

Our pond was professionally installed in July of 2014, but landscaped by us. We've grown to love having fish, but the main reason we wanted a pond was so we could grow water lilies, lotus, and other pond plants. I've come to realize that part of my personality has influenced my garden in that I've become a collector of plants. I love trying new flowers and scour the garden centers for unusual specimens. Every year visitors ask me about some of my unusual plants, and I've offered them seeds to get them growing in their own yards...we gardeners love to share. Hope you stop by and see what I'm up to this year!

Open Saturday only

7. 1237 Longmeadow Drive, Glenview

John & Lynne

As you approach the house you may notice we had a few changes, we renovated the area where we lost a Japanese maple. Our garden is planted with plants and trees to attract the wildlife. Our backyard has a lineup of rain barrels which keep our garden watered and our water bill down. The center of our backyard paradise is a tricolored beech tree. We have 4 active beehives from which we will have some spring honey for sale (limited supply). We also have 20 solar panels on the house which supplies energy to the house and to our Tesla.

Open Sunday only



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8. 3123 Brandess Drive, Glenview

Mark & Julie

Mature, mostly sunny, 4500 gallon, 4-1/2 ft. deep fully landscaped pond is home to 16 large, beautiful koi many over 15 years old. The natural look of this pond features marginal plantings such as iris, hibiscus, creeping jenny, forget-me-nots, and cattails, which highlight the artistic placement of large, varied boulders. The 5-foot waterfall is vibrantly planted with impatiens and water hyacinth. Recent new equipment paired with high performance skimmers, and a bottom jet system for easy care. This wonderful pond is the result of great work by Larry Carnes and his great team at Reflections. Stop in and see this beautiful pond, the cone flower garden, and other great garden-scapes.

Open Sunday only

9. 1901 Oakwood Road, Northbrook

Pat

A pollinator-friendly garden. As a plant lover, I find it an exciting challenge to incorporate native plants into an existing garden and add beds to provide more wildlife habitat while keeping the cottage garden feel. I removed the lawn and planted native plants and shrubs for pollinator-friendly shade and sunny gardens. I also resolved a sump pump drainage with a rain garden, adding to the sustainable features of the garden. Walking in, sitting, and enjoying the flowers and pollinators is a friendly retreat

Saturday 12 PM- 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM

Park on the south side of the street facing east. Enter from the driveway; view the front garden, then under the rose arbor to the back garden. Exit via the potting area to view the rain garden.

10. 1149 White Mountain Drive, Northbrook

Donna & Terry

Sunny gardens, shade gardens, a "farm" and lots of places to sit, rest, and enjoy the view. There are many varieties of plants for every type of garden, including pollinator loving plants in the monarch garden. Check out what might work in your garden here... and don't miss the yard art!

Plenty of street parking, please **DO NOT** park in driveway.

Enter yard on the right side of driveway and follow the signs in the back.



11. 3025 Huntington Drive, Arlington Heights

Doug & Katherine

Two ponds in our yard to enjoy: a large 28,000 gallon pond that is fed by a smaller pond. The large pond has around 50 large koi that have been with us for many years. A filter shed houses several filters that feed two large waterfalls and two smaller waterfalls. Flower gardens and seating are everywhere. We hope to see you this year.

12. 2020 E. Rosehill Drive, Arlington Heights

Ken & Sandy

We have a 1300-gallon pond that was built 29 years ago. It has a waterfall and an island fountain. The pond has about 40 fish - assorted goldfish, 8 koi, 4 large colorful butterfly koi, and several large bullfrogs. Sometimes large red-eared slider turtles will come and go from our pond and a few times they laid eggs nearby. We found one baby turtle that hatched and made it to our bog pond a couple years ago. Next to the pond, separated by a bridge and trellis, was a 600 gallon pond which is now turned into a bog pond with a fountain due to leaks. The pond pumps, as well as our house, are powered by solar.

The mound between the two ponds was made by the soil removed for the two ponds and 2-1/2 semi-truck loads of topsoil. All this soil was hand wheel barreled from our driveway to our backyard. It took many days!! (I was a younger man back then.) The view on top of the mound looks down on the ponds and out over Lake Arlington which has 2 miles of walking paths around it. We have night lighting for viewing the yard and ponds in the evening.

Open Sunday only until 9 PM for night lighting

Lake Arlington is in back of our house, restrooms and refreshments will be available there.

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13. 106 Elm Street, Prospect Heights

Rob & Colleen

We are excited to be back on the 2024 walk after a brief hiatus last year. We look forward to having you come out and see how our "rustic mountain oasis" has changed over the years. The many conifer trees are meticulously pruned and are really starting to show some personality! Of course, the many paths and walkways invite you to experience all the beauty nature has to offer. Sit on the arbor swing, or rest on one of the large stone ledges. You can escape the heat of the sun under the covered pavilion where you can observe the koi fish that are getting friendlier every year. Our signature "native" feature will be on display as will a few new installations that harken back to a more primitive time when living off the land was the only way of life. We look forward to seeing old friends who visit us every year and of course we welcome any newcomers who are curious about gardens and water features.

14. 605 N. Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights

Cindy & John

Stop in and visit our piece of the country. Enter through the Zen garden and enjoy the "she" shed. Relax by the 1500 gallon pond, watch the chickens in their coop, and view all our other gardens!

Circle driveway, so pull all the way up!

15. 1321 N. Peartree Lane, Mount Prospect

Charleen

My garden is now 60 years old and it has been growing perfectly with many trees, perennials, with paths, and hardly any grass as I dreamed it would be! Lots of bird houses and bird baths for them to stay all summer long! Hope you enjoy the garden and find it relaxing and peaceful!

Open Saturday only

16. 403 S. Main Street, Mount Prospect

Charmaine

Come take a peek into our secret garden. Enclosed between a pergola, brick-walled ivy, trumpet vines, and phlox hang baskets of fuchsias, colorful petunias, along with begonias. Swing in the hammock for a few restful moments. Just maybe a golden finch, cardinal, or hummingbird will do a fly by, or let you watch them take a savory sip of water. We are located just a short block from the Mt. Prospect Train Station. We invite you for a visit.

Open Saturday only

17. 7535 W. Palatine Ave, Chicago

Paul

Koi pond is about 12,000 gallons and 4 feet deep. Filtration is taken care of by skimmers, bottom drains, piped into the garage to Zakki Sieves, Bead filters, UV light, and out to a wetland filter. It is home to about 30 Koi, growing fast. Nestled between trees and shrubbery, the head of the stream tumbles down a few falls into the 30' x 12' pond. A cantilever gazebo and a bridge use reclaimed boards and hand-hewn post and beams.

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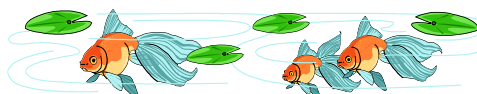


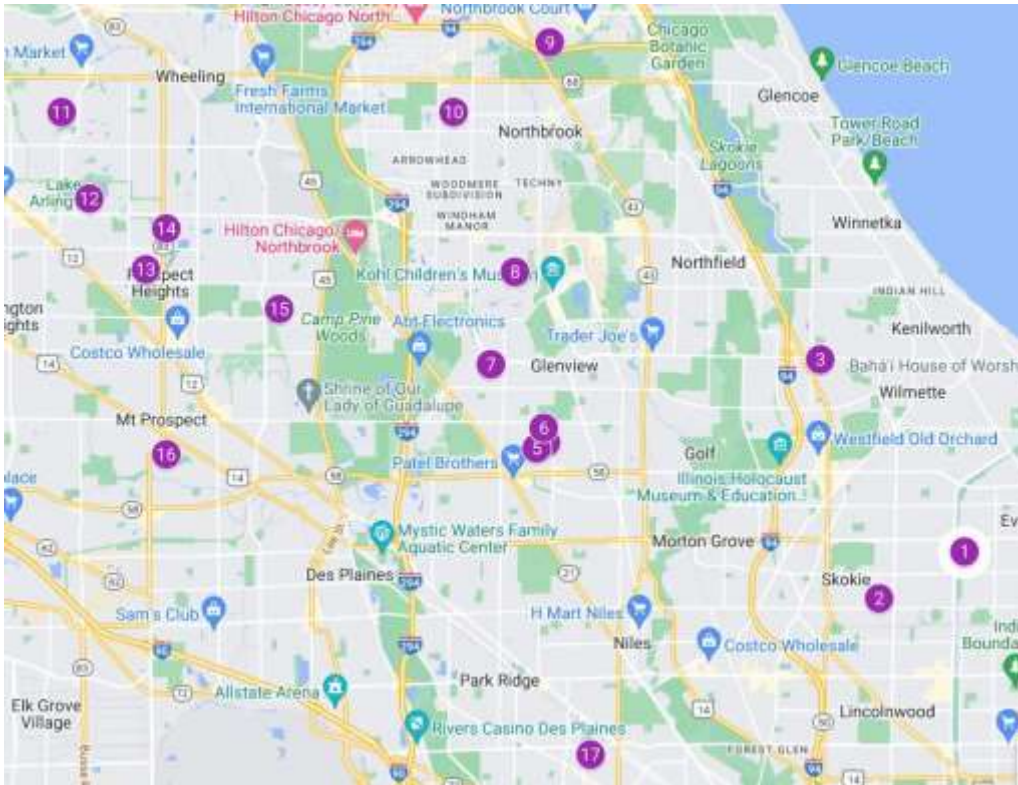
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2024 - The year of the **CICADAS**

Cicadas are not dangerous, they do not sting or bite, they are not venomous and do not transmit disease. They also are not harmful to pets, crops or gardens. Cicadas don't eat leaves, flowers, fruits or vegetables, they eat a little sap from trees and shrubs but mature plants will recover, and young trees may take a little longer to recover if not protected.



Female cicadas lay 200 to 400 eggs in tiny holes that they make in the branches of trees and shrubs. After six to ten weeks, cicada young called nymphs hatch from the eggs and immediately fall to the ground. They burrow underground up to a foot and attach to tree roots, where they remain for 13 or 17 years, depending on the species. Cicadas from the genus *Magicicada* have the longest life span of all insect species - 17 years! The cicada nymphs remain underground; molting through five instars, they emerge from the ground in the fifth instar where they molt for the last time, assuming the adult form. The adults live for only **three to five weeks**, feeding on tree sap and hope for a mate. If a cicada lands on you it's by accident, they are flying around looking for a tree to land on where they hope to find a mate. You are upright and vertical and could be mistaken for a tree.

Males make the sound by expanding and contracting a membrane called a tymbal. They use their sound to attract females, which make clicking noises when they are ready to mate. The hotter the day, the louder the male cicadas make their sounds. Female cicadas are attracted to noise and because the call of the male cicadas is so loud, there have been some reports of female cicadas being attracted to loud objects like power tools and lawnmowers.



Not only are cicadas NOT dangerous, they provide some environmental benefits as well, such as being a **valuable food source for birds or fish (when they land in the water) and other predators**, they aerate lawns and improve water filtration into the ground, and they also add nutrients to the soil as they decompose.

Treating yards to kill cicadas will result in an unnecessary application of pesticides to the environment and treating these insects directly may also sicken animals who then try to eat them. If you still don't want a cicada near you, use a natural method to deter them, cicadas hate the smells of **peppermint, vinegar, and eucalyptus**.



You are experiencing one the most unusual, unique, and yet the most innocuous insect occupation in history! Enjoy it!

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