



Explore.
Envision.
Escape.

Explore a winding path lined with plants and abundant wildlife native to Central Texas. Envision your wedding amid a romantic backdrop of Knockout Roses at the Gazebo. Escape among the tranquility of the Meditation Garden.

Covering more than 16 acres in the Central Texas area, the Carleen Bright Arboretum is not only the premiere location for weddings and special events, but also is home to some of the area's most unique gardens. Known for its resident Roadrunner, the Arboretum is alive throughout the year with entertainment and educational programs.

The welcoming staff of the Carleen Bright Arboretum invites you to come by for a visit or plan your special event at the perfect place.



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GROUNDS: 8 a.m. to dark

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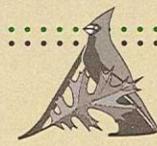
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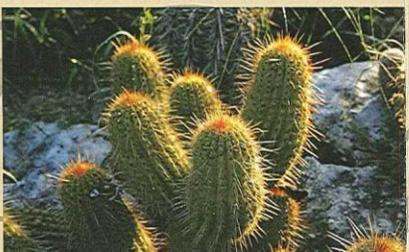




WHERE EXPLORATION MEETS RELAXATION

Highlights of the Grounds

Explorers will enjoy the Todd Willis Memorial Trail. Spanning a little over a mile, the Trail has 13 birdhouses, a cedar teahouse, and is surrounded by native grasses and shade trees. The Arboretum also has many unique water features, among them a pond filled with Water Lilies (*nymphaea*), a variety of other water plants, and a cascading waterfall. A special addition to the Arboretum, the Cacti/Succulent Garden features the Agave plant (*agave sisalana perrine*). Of special note is the Madagascar Palm (*pachypodium lamerei*), a rare plant that is only displayed during the warmest months in the Xeriscape.



Historic Structures

Originally located on the Bright Farm, the Bright Farm Cabin was reconstructed on the grounds in 1997 as a barn and provides practical use for the Arboretum while creating a unique remembrance of the rural countryside. Constructed in 1999, the Whitehall Center features stained glass windows donated by Carleen Bright and Bill and Lenora Parrish that are replicas of those in the Whitehall Baptist Church after which the Center is named. With more than 1,800 square feet for tourist related events, public meetings, and art exhibits, the Center also can be rented for private functions.

Living Collections

The Arboretum has notable Agave plants and cactus collections, diverse tree plantings, and special gardens created by the Master Gardeners, Herb Society, and Rose Society.

Events

Throughout the year, the Arboretum hosts several educational programs and special events. The Midsummer Nights Concert Series, the Gardeners Gathering, and the Children's Garden Fair are among the most popular with locals and non-locals alike. The Amphitheater provides the perfect venue for special events and provides outdoor seating surrounded by Knockout Roses.

Weddings

The Arboretum provides a naturally beautiful, unique setting for wedding ceremonies or receptions. Popular locations include the Whitehall Center with more than 1,800 square feet dedicated as a celebration hall, and the simple, yet stunning Gazebo. Our intimate gardens are a picturesque setting for a perfect wedding.

The Arboretum also serves as an animal sanctuary. In addition to the Arboretum's resident Roadrunners, visitors will see many species of resident and migratory birds, deer, and numerous species of small reptiles and mammals.

