



EDUCATION

Inniswood Metro Gardens strives to connect people to the plant world through education. Inniswood offers a wide range of programs for preschooler through adult. For a listing of programs, pick up a copy of Metro Parks' quarterly magazine ParkScope or visit metroparks.net.

GARDEN HOURS

Open daily 7am to dark

INNIS HOUSE HOURS

Open Tuesday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm

Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm

Closed Mondays and holidays (Tel. 614.895.6216)

DIRECTIONS

INNISWOOD METRO GARDENS

940 S. Hempstead Road
Westerville OH 43081

Latitude [40.10085](#) Longitude [-82.90357](#)

From I-270, take the Route 3/Westerville Rd exit south to Dempsey Rd and turn left. Go about 1 mile to Hempstead Rd and turn left. Turn again on Hempstead Rd as it jogs right just past the Blendon Township Community Complex. The entrance is approximately 100 yards on the right.

YOUR METRO PARKS

Metro Parks are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our Central Ohio community, ensuring the health of families and youth and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and a region.

Metro Parks attract more than 10 million people per year and offer exceptional settings for renewal of the human spirit. Visitors can enjoy healthy, fun-filled interaction with the natural world every day of the year. Each year Metro Parks naturalists offer over 4,000 free programs for individuals of all ages and abilities.

Established in 1945, under authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, Metro Parks has grown steadily. From woodlands to wetlands, prairies and streams, the park system manages more than 27,500 acres—operating 19 natural area parks and providing more than 200 miles of trails.

The Mission of Metro Parks is to conserve open spaces, while providing places and opportunities that encourage people to discover and experience nature.

In accordance with its mission, Metro Parks works to conserve and enhance habitat for the more than 2,400 species of animals and plants that thrive within the parks.

Funding for Metro Parks comes from Franklin County property tax, local government funds, earned income, grants and partnerships.



Web: metroparks.net **E-mail:** info@metroparks.net

Information: 614.891.0700 **InfoLine:** 614.508.8000

Reservations: 614.508.8111 or metroparks.net

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Metro Gardens



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The 123-acre Inniswood Metro Gardens is a continual source of inspiration for Central Ohioans. Streams and woodlands filled with wildflowers and wildlife provide a majestic backdrop to the beautifully landscaped gardens and lawns.

Dedicated to the enjoyment, cultivation and preservation of nature's treasures, Inniswood boasts more than 2,000 species of plants, specialty collections of hostas, daffodils, daylilies, conifers and several feature gardens. Visitors will enjoy the seasonal beauty of the gardens and natural areas as they stroll along the trails and paved pathways.

Inniswood Metro Gardens was once the 37-acre estate of sisters Grace and Mary Innis, who enjoyed gardening and wildlife. The Innis sisters' desire to preserve and enhance their gardens and woodlands for the enjoyment of all people resulted in the generous donation of their home and property to Metro Parks in 1972. The sisters' former home, the Innis House, is the site for education programs, a non-lending horticulture library and staff offices.

Over 300 members strong, our fun, energetic and dedicated volunteers provide hundreds of hours of service each month and are crucial to the success of Inniswood Metro Gardens. Everything from outdoor gardening and greenhouse operations, to special events and programming welcome your helping hands. For more information about volunteer service and to find out about the next volunteer training class, call 614.895.6226.

The Inniswood Garden Society (IGS) was created in 1984 to assist Metro Parks in the growth and development of Inniswood Metro Gardens in a manner that is consistent with the goals and philosophies of the park system. Additionally, IGS members assist with the promotion of Inniswood by sponsoring horticultural programs for its members and the public. You can support Inniswood by becoming a member of the Inniswood Garden Society. Visit inniswood.org to learn about membership.

FEATURE GARDENS

Brookwood Trail Garden – seasonal display garden transitions into shade plantings, a hosta collection and a sunny perennial border

Circle Garden – four mixed planting points create a compass of seasonal color inviting visitors to choose a path of discovery

Conifer Garden – collection of evergreen and deciduous conifers, including dwarf varieties

Cutting Garden – annual and perennial plants suitable for use as cut flowers

Fern Garden – a test site of the Hardy Fern Foundation, featuring a collection of rare and unusual hardy ferns

Herb Garden – a wide variety of herbs grouped by their uses; features a thyme collection

Memorial Garden – shade gardens featuring island beds of mixed perennial and woody plants, location of signature Inniswood gate and site where the Inniswood hosta was discovered

Rose Garden – collection of hybrid tea, floribunda, climbing and Earth-Kind™ roses

Sisters' Garden – seven gardens within a 2.8-acre children's garden honoring Grace and Mary Innis

The Woodland Rock Garden – features cascading waterfalls amid conifers and woodland plants

Garden Etiquette

To ensure the safety of our visitors and gardens, pets, picnicking and biking are not permitted beyond the Gardens Entrance. Active sports are not permitted at Inniswood. For questions about garden etiquette, visit us at metroparks.net or inniswood.org.



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TRAILS

Boardwalk Trail

- 0.5 miles, gravel and boardwalk, easy, ADA
- walking

Passes through a beech-maple forest.

Brookwood Trail

- 0.5 miles, paved, easy, ADA
- walking

Crosses Spring Run and passes the Memorial and Sisters' gardens.

Chipmunk Chatter Trail

- 0.6 miles, paved, easy, ADA
- walking, jogging, biking, pets

Partially wooded trail on the outside of the gardens.

Frog Talk Walk

- 0.1 miles, boardwalk, easy, ADA
- walking

Passes a small pond and offers views of the Rose, Cutting and Herb gardens.

Sisters' Garden Loop

- 0.25 miles, paved, easy, ADA
- walking

Winds around the perimeter of the Sisters' Garden.

Spring Run Trail

- 0.3 miles, gravel, easy, ADA
- walking

Cuts through a mixed-hardwood forest.