



2026 North Suburban Pond & Garden Walk

Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26, 2026

**Hours: Saturday 10am – 5pm Sunday 10am -4pm
(except where noted)**

Step into serenity. Explore beautiful gardens.

Celebrate community.

Welcome to the 2026 North Suburban Pond & Garden Walk; a celebration of nature, creativity and community. You may visit the yards in any order you want, **just note which yards are open one day only or have restricted hours**. This walk is offered at no charge; we encourage you to support our efforts by donating to the Little City Foundation (see below for more information and QR code).

1. 1129 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston

Fern

Come and see how great a shade garden can look. The paths wind around where you will see 5-6 water features and various plants and other interesting articles placed around the gardens. It has been called a hidden oasis. The front yard is where the majority of the sun is. The parkway is being developed into a native and vegetable garden. Drive around through the alley and see the vegetable garden.

Open Saturday 10am – 3:30pm; Sunday 11am – 3pm

2. 838 Leyden Lane, Wilmette

Patti & Sheldon

A sustainable yard with mostly native plants, rain barrels, rain garden, veggie garden and pond with goldfish. We do all the work and use our big chipper/shredder for compost. We have a kitchen composter as well. We have added paths with reused Trex decking.

Open Saturday only.

Park on the west side of street.

3. 2822 Covert Road, Glenview

Ann & George

1200 Gallon pond professionally installed in 2014, surrounded by tons of perennial and annual flowers in front and backyard. Mother Nature really brought some struggles this year, my beautiful Lemony Lace Elderberry succumbed to a fungal disease and the dappled willow behind the pond also died. The weeds, however, seem to be growing just fine constantly needing my attention. Come on by and see if I won the battle against mother nature. Lots of color and determination on display.

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4. 2748 Norwood Terrace, Glenview

Bob and 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. We also have a milkweed and dill garden to attract butterflies.

Open both days.



Please Note: Bathrooms are not available at houses.

Near Garden #12 is Lake Arlington (2201 N Windsor Drive, Arlington Heights).

There are public bathrooms and a snack stand available.

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, always eager to be hand fed. The calming sounds of the waterfall and stream provide nature's amazing music. We have experimented over the years by planting impatiens, forget-me-nots, and even hardy hibiscus directly in the water without soil! They thrive thanks to the nutrients from the water. Our relaxing retreat also includes a gnome / fairy garden and an abundance of whimsical yard art guaranteed to delight all ages!

Open both days.

6. 2940 Jerrie Lane**Magda & Beni**

Our garden is still young, begun only five years ago, shaped by curiosity, effort and continual learning. We especially cherish our shaded garden, a peaceful space we enjoy throughout every season of the year. In spring and summer, our vegetable beds take center stage, rewarding us with fresh food for many months. The garden gives us the luxury to fully relax, breathe deeper, to let our guard down, to stop performing, to feel connected to ourselves and loved ones and watch nature come to life around us.

Open Saturday only.

7. 1237 Longmeadow Drive, Glenview**John & Lynne**

Our 6 year old solar system is performing off the charts, empowering our home and car with three Tesla Power Walls retrieving the sun's energy. We also are converting all our gas items. We recently removed 2 overgrown blue spruce trees and converted that space into a new conifer garden. There are many plants to draw in local wildlife and we have added several beehives to the garden to help with pollination of the flowers and vegetables. You can observe many endangered bumble bees flying around waiting for the raspberries to bloom. The backyard has a water catch basin system of 8 water barrels hooked up to the home's gutter system used to water the entire garden. There is a wide variety of colorful hostas and evergreens in the front yard adding interest as well.

Open both days.

**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 all over 16 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 of 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 filled with native plants in sun and shade. It is an exciting challenge to incorporate native plants into an existing garden and add beds to provide more wildlife habitat while preserving the garden's feel. The shade garden under the 80-year-old Sycamore tree welcomes visitors and leads to the back garden, where tall native prairie plants greet you with a burst of color and beds of native pollinator-friendly plants. Three new beds are being created to replace the lawn. A bench offers a restful place in another shade garden.

Open Saturday and Sunday 1pm – 4pm.

Park on the south side of the street facing east.

10. 1149 White Mountain Drive**Donna & Terry**

Sunny gardens, shade gardens, a “farm” and lots of places to rest. We have about 175 varieties of plants, shrubs and trees to view, along with some interesting “yard art.” We are happy to say that the monarch/pollinator garden has finally matured with lots of milkweed. Stop to rest on any of the benches, or on the patio.

Open both days 10am -4pm.

Good street parking. Do not park on driveway. Enter yard on the left side of the driveway and follow signs.

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11. 3025 Huntington Drive, Arlington Heights**Doug & Katherine**

Come visit our little slice of paradise in Arlington. Two ponds that equals 28,000 gallons. Home to 100 Beautiful Koi. The surrounding area is filled with seating areas, flower gardens, flower pots, a gazebo, and different patio areas. A filter shed open for your questions. Housed within is a Sacramento Koi bead filter, Delta UV, Profi RDF (rotary drum filter) 2 Zakki Sieves (large and small) And a Kass basket pre-filter. Three bio-falls complete the system. Come take a look, sit and relax.

Open both days.

12. 2020 E. Rosehill Drive, Arlington Heights**Ken & Sandy**

A 1300-gallon pond, first built 31 years ago with a waterfall and an island fountain. ~ 40 fish including 8 koi, and 4 large colorful butterfly koi, and several bullfrogs. A second 600-gallon pond has been converted into a bog pond with a fountain. The mound between the ponds overlooks Lake Arlington with 2 miles of walking paths. Night lighting on Sunday for evening viewing!

Open Sunday only until 9pm for night light viewing.

13. 605 N. Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights**Cindy & John**

Come visit our slice of country in the suburbs! Enter through the Zen garden and enjoy the "she" shed. Sit by the pond and then say "hello" to the chickens.

Open Sunday only.

Circle driveway, so pull all the way up!

14. 106 Elm Street, Prospect Heights**Rob & Colleen**

An 11 year old "rustic mountain oasis" shaped by our shared passion for the beauty of nature and inspired by the feel of a private national park. Large stone hardscape features and winding paths guide visitors past meticulously trimmed conifers and specimen trees. Escape the heat under the covered pavilion overlooking a peaceful koi pond. Explore the fire pit area, arbor swing and the iconic tee-pee, which will be adorned with some of Rob's native artifacts.

Open both days.

15. 1321 N. Peartree Lane, Mount Prospect**Charleen**

My garden is now 61 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. 1324 N. Peachtree Lane, Mount Prospect**Gail**

Welcome to my dog-friendly, pollinator-friendly, and bird-friendly yard, which has been a work in progress for 29 years. Features a variety of hostas and a carving of an eagle on its nest above a relaxing sitting area. A self-installed 22 year old pond sits in the corner of the yard.

Open Saturday only.

17. 502 West Sunset Road, Mount Prospect**Jeff & Carolyn**

What began with a garage sale pond liner has grown into four hand-dug, interconnected ponds—my own "chain of lakes." After what seemed like 1,000+ hours of digging and planting, I'm excited to share what determination (and a limited budget) can create. Each pond has its own charm, from water lilies to a babbling stream, all surrounded by lush flower beds and whimsical yard art. This is our second time on the Walk after 8 years of visiting, and now we're ready to show a truly unique, ever-evolving garden. A real visual treat awaits at every turn.

Open Sunday only.

18. 1760 Algonquin Road, Palatine**Little City Horticulture Center**

Discover the beauty of Little City's 56-acre campus and learn how our Horticulture Center creates meaningful opportunities for the individuals we serve. Meet staff and participants, stroll through our scenic campus, and shop a selection of plants and handcrafted items created through our programs. As the beneficiary of the North Suburban Pond & Garden Walk, all event proceeds support Little City's life-changing programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We welcome you to come and visit us in person to learn more about us.

Open Saturday from 9am – 1pm



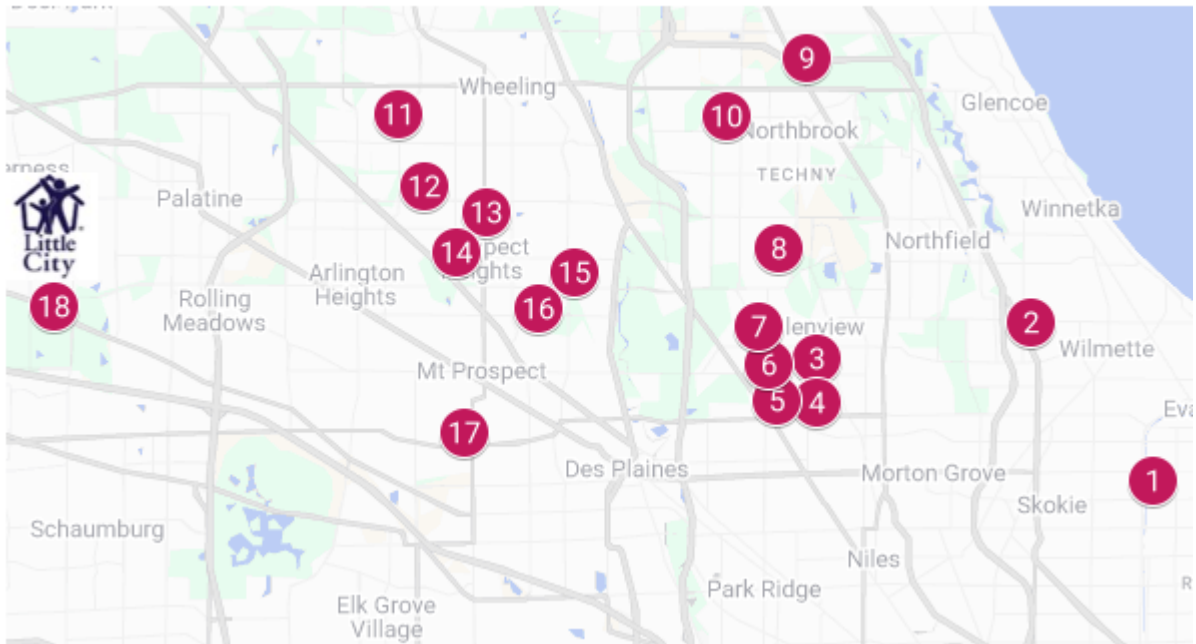
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Please note, the numbers on the map are for identification only.
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We are excited to feature the Little City Horticulture Center on this year's Walk. If you appreciate the walk and would like to show your support, please consider a donation to the **Little City Foundation**. At Little City, children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities enjoy a vibrant and supportive community offering a comprehensive scope of services to empower them to live fulfilling lives. **If you donate \$10.00 or more before July 26th, you will be entered into a raffle to win harvest and garden prizes curated by Little City participants.** We thank you for your consideration.



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