TIPS FOR VISITORS

LOCATION: The garden lies south of SFA’s Johnson Coliseum on University Drive.

PARKING: On weekends, park for free south of the Coliseum or at the corner of Starr Avenue and University Drive. Frequent visitors, please check in with the University Police Department on College Avenue for a free visitor’s pass.

RESTROOMS: The nearest public restrooms are located on the west side of LaNana Creek, by the Intramural Fields just south of the SFA Mast Arboretum.

GROUP TOURS: Call the Education Office at (936) 468-1832 or e-mail sfagardens@sfasu.edu. For guided Azalea Trail tours in March, contact the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau (1-888-OLDEST-TOWN).

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Welcome
TO THE RUBY M. MIZE AZALEA GARDEN

Situated in a shady lobolly pine forest, the garden showcases collections of plants that thrive in the acidic, sandy loam soil of the LaNana Creek floodplain.

This 8-acre public garden built between 1997 and 2001 features:

- 7,000 Azaleas - both hybrid evergreen and fragrant native deciduous
- 300 Camellias
- 200 varieties of Japanese Maples
- 240 varieties of Hydrangeas
- 400 rare ornamental trees and shrubs

The garden is a project of Stephen F. Austin State University and the SFA Gardens with assistance from nurserymen across the South and the City of Nacogdoches.

PEAK COLOR SEASONS:

- March to May
- Azaleas
- May to August
- Hydrangeas
- October to February
- Camellias
- Spring and Fall
- Japanese Maples
Garden Map & Plant Collections

The garden contains 46 beds, connected by over one mile of trails. Four sections highlight special plant collections for visitors. Numbered beds and descriptions of their contents are shown on the map in the kiosks at the north and west entrances to the garden. All beds have colorful displays at different times of the year.

The azalea collection is exceptionally diverse: over 520 different cultivated varieties from 52 hybrid groups.

Primary collections include species and cultivars of Azaleas, Camellias, Japanese Maples, and Hydrangeas. Trials of other rare and unique ornamental woody specimens enhance our evaluation mission.

A detailed list of all hybrid groups, cultivar names, and their locations is available upon request at the SFA Mast Arboretum. Call (936) 468-4129 or e-mail stagardens@sfasu.edu.

SFA Mast Arboretum
Follow the bridge across the LaNana Creek to visit this 11-acre garden featuring highly diverse plant collections from around the world.

Azalea Color Display Beds
Beds 1-17, 20, 23-24, 34-39, 40-45
The evergreen Girard, Glenn Dale, Kurume, Back Acres, Robin Hill, and Southern Indian hybrids fill most of the color beds.

Native Azaleas
Beds 25-28
Deciduous azaleas are large specimens, native to the U.S. and are unique in their fragrance and yellow to orange colors. On display are native species and showy new varieties from modern azalea breeders.

Azalea Cultivar Evaluations
Beds 29-33
The Chinese Huang and Gartrell's numbered hybrids are found in Beds 29, 31-32. Most May-blooming Satsuki are found in Beds 4, 17, 32-33. Beds 29-33 trial small evaluation sets of cutting-edge hybrids.

Camellia Trail
Beds 18-19, 21-22
Visit the Camellia Trail to see over 300 cultivars, from the fall-blooming Camellia sasanqua to the winter-blooming C. japonica, and rare species from Southeast Asia.

Japanese Maples
Throughout the Garden
Mid-story in height and intensely varied and delicate of foliage, Japanese Maples, Acer palmatum, and the Full-Moon Maple, A. japonicum, add texture and color interest in every season.

Special Collections
Throughout the Garden
Hundreds of unique ornamental woody species add diversity to this garden including:

- Hydrangea Species and Hybrids
- Magnolias
- Other Ornaments
- Cephalotaxus (Japanese Plum Yew)
- Boxus (Box)