Welcome to the UC Davis Arboretum!

The Arboretum is home to over 20 different gardens featuring plants from California and countries with similar summer-dry climates across the globe, including Australia, South Africa and the Mediterranean region. Some are demonstration gardens where visitors can learn about best practices in sustainable horticulture, and others feature world-class scientific collections of a single plant group, such as the Peter J. Shields Oak Grove.

The main Arboretum path is a 3.5 mile loop. These three walking tours, each approximately 1 mile, will introduce you to the work we do to inspire human potential to help people and environments thrive. The average visit per loop is 45 minutes on foot.

Environmental GATEway Loop

Discover the diversity of habitats in the Arboretum and gather ideas for your home landscape in our valley-wise demonstration gardens.

Arboretum GATEway Loop

Enjoy our newly-renovated Arboretum Waterway and explore native plant gardens that celebrate our local natural and cultural heritage.

UC Davis GATEway Loop

Explore the diverse academic work of UC Davis in our GATEway gardens. These landscapes were co-created with faculty and students in multiple campus departments.