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HIGH DESERT ROSE GARDEN

Here in our high desert climate, roses thrive. In this garden, cultivars appropriate for a xeric environment are showcased alongside roses native to New Mexico. A rose-covered arbor provides shade for the central path.

HERITAGE FARM

The Heritage Farm represents a 10 acre farm in the Rio Grande valley circa 1930s. An adobe farmhouse, a kitchen garden, vineyard, horses, Navajo Churro sheep, cattle, goats, chickens and Black Spanish turkeys are on the farm, as well as apple orchards, picnic tables and a crop field.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY

The Botanic Garden is nestled next to the Rio Grande and these five acres represent the native riparian habitat once found all along the river. A corridor of mature cottonwoods and small ponds attract a diversity of wildlife year-round in this restorative, naturalistic space. Plant and animal identification signs line the quiet loop trail.

SASEBO JAPANESE GARDEN

Designed by an internationally known Japanese garden landscaper, this garden combines the traditional elements of a Japanese garden with New Mexico influences and mountain views. A koi pond, tiered waterfall, bell tower set amidst a raked gravel garden, and a meandering stream complement the meticulous plantings.

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Different educational themes and unique gardens are not to be missed, including the two iconic glass conservatories: the Mediterranean and the Southwest Desert. Look for formal gardens such as Spanish-Moorish Garden and Ceremonial Garden. Informal gardens also await you, such as the Pollinator Garden, El Jardin de la Curandera, Xeric Garden and NM Habitats. Or enjoy the miniature train weaving throughout the Railroad Garden and stroll the path alongside the pond.

CHILDREN'S FANTASY GARDEN

This area encourages hands-on, interactive fun and experiential learning about plants. Step through a rabbit hole to feel yourself getting smaller, be surprised by buzzing bees, get lost in a tree-ring maze, walk through giant vegetables, and crawl through eggs in a hollow log.

BUG BEND

Insects and arachnids are important to life on earth, because where would plants be without bugs? An indoor year-round BUGarium wraps around an outdoor Dragonfly Sanctuary Pond to highlight the wonder of bugs. A seasonal Butterfly Pavilion completes the experience mid-May through mid-October.

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Heritage Farm/Cottonwood Gallery COMING SOON

Mediterranean/Lebanese Garden COMING SOON

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The ABQ BioPark Aquarium traces a drop of water in the Rio Grande from its source in the Colorado mountains to its destination in the Gulf of Mexico, with additional exhibits highlighting the tropical Pacific Ocean. In addition to the live fish and aquarium exhibits, supporting graphics, docent interpretation, films, interactive exhibits and models support the mission of environmental stewardship and ocean conservation. Visitor favorites include the 280,000 gallon Shark Tank, the Pacific Coral Reef tunnel and the Shark/Ray Encounter.

