



Bringing Nature Home

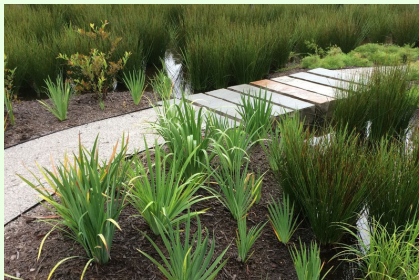
A HOME GARDEN TOUR

Presented by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones, the *Bringing Nature Home Garden Tour* proves that native gardens are beautiful and can be designed for any budget, and that each of us plays a critical role in supporting biodiversity. Journey to some of the area's most beautiful native plant gardens, with assistance from our chapter's volunteers who will be available in each garden to help you learn the "whys" and "how tos." The gardens are labors of love and at least 50% native plants. Each is created in harmony with the area's climate, soils and wildlife. The tour promotes native gardens as a safe haven for birds, butterflies and especially native pollinators, which is why we are *Bringing Nature Home*.

Proceeds from the *Bringing Nature Home Garden Tour* benefit the Chattanooga Area Pollinator Partnership's Seeds for Education grants to local schools.

Sustainability & Conservation in Action

Tennessee Aquarium
Conservation Institute
172 Baylor School Rd.
Chattanooga TN 37405



Along the banks of the Tennessee River, the Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute's native plant landscape showcases how sustainable design can protect ecosystem health while creating connections between people and the natural environment. The Conservation Institute's landscape serves as a living classroom, where visitors learn about the importance of cleansing rainwater as it travels from the building's roof, through a series of bioretention and bioswale areas, through a naturally occurring wetland, and ultimately into the Tennessee River.



An Oasis for Birds, Pollinators and People

Cheri Hubbard's Garden
842 Fairmount Ave.
Signal Mountain TN 37377

Come and learn how you can transform a Bermuda grass lawn and invasive-riddled landscape into a Certified Wildlife Habitat using native trees, shrubs, vines, and perennials specifically chosen to support nature. Sit by a restored pond and added stream and watch the fish swim by and the butterflies, dragonflies and bees nectaring from the native Pickerelweed. Wander through a meadow lined with recycled tree logs up to a gazebo. This Signal Mountain garden is buzzing with excitement and life!



A Former Farmstead Transformed

Bil Moll's Garden
David Hartman Homeplace
4918 Marlow Drive
Red Bank TN 37415

Have you ever wondered what pink muhly grass looks like, or what exactly is a pawpaw? Come and learn about over 600 species of native trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials planted on this 3+ acre parcel in Red Bank that was previously a farm. There is also a special pollinator demonstration garden for would-be small area gardeners needing guidance.

An Inspired Sanctuary

Nora & Bob Bernhardt's Garden
307 Clegg Street
Signal Mountain TN 37377



Wander in the shade and listen to the rustling of leaves among tall oak, hickory and maple trees. Take time for a meditative walk on a stone labyrinth lined with wild ginger and ferns. Rest in a hammock, or sit for a while on a garden bench with a glass of lemonade. Relax among the buckeyes, laurels, hydrangeas, rhododendrons and other native plants that make a home for birds, turtles and pollinators galore. This garden, complete with extensive plant labeling, will give you many ideas for how to create your own living landscape.

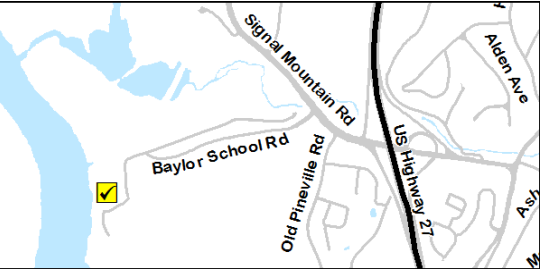
Looking Out for Pollinators

Bob & Deb Hulse's Garden
910 East Brow Road
Lookout Mountain TN 37350

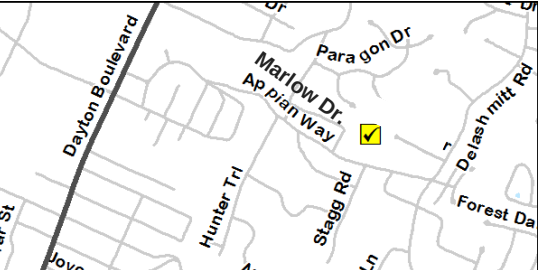


Perched on the brow of Lookout Mountain, this home is framed by a hedge of hydrangeas fronted with blazing stars, asters and black-eyed Susans. The beds around the formal lawn are rich with native perennials, shrubs and trees. Along the west, the homeowner planted a meadow on an adjacent lot acquired a couple of years ago featuring 5 different milkweeds (Monarch butterfly host plants) and several grasses that provide food and shelter to butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

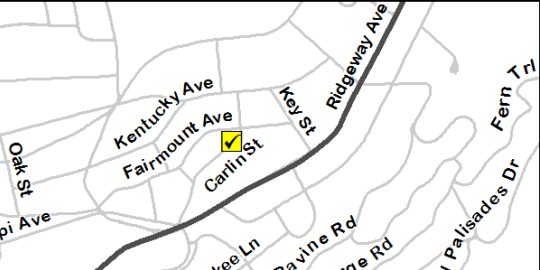
Visit five native plant gardens,
in any order between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm
on Saturday, September 8th.



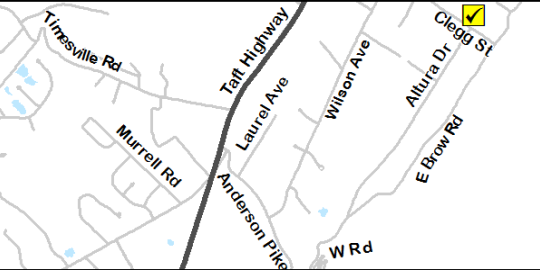
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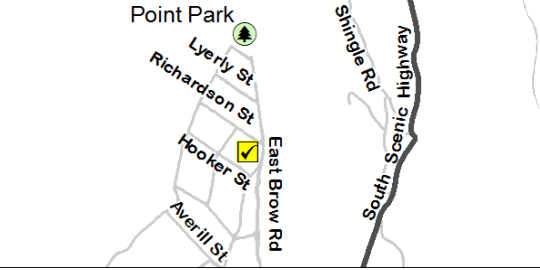
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Garden Tour Ticket Information:

All tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance at
tennesseevalley.wildones.org or at any one of the gardens.
Children under age 12 accompanied by an adult are free.

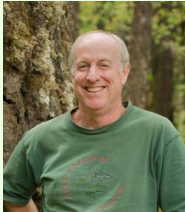
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Author of *Bringing Nature Home*
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author, speaker and advocate for healing the ecosystem by
using native plants in our garden. Dr. Tallamy will suggest
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Saturday, September 8, 2018
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Tour four native plant home gardens
and the Tennessee Aquarium
Conservation Institute garden**

For tickets:
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