GARDEN AREAS

1. Landscape Demonstration Garden
   A combined effort between MSU and local landscape businesses to include educational programming for the homeowner and professional alike, concerning plant ID, cultural practices and Integrated Pest Management.

2. Hosta Garden
   A collection of over 40 hostas and their garden companions.

3. Farmhouse Entrance
   This area has a variety of plants designed to beautify the farmhouse entrance throughout the year.

4. Heritage Garden
   The majority of varieties in this cottage garden/farmyard planting were in cultivation prior to the turn of the century.

5. Rock Ledge Garden
   A quiet grotto filled with a variety of plants to make for a peaceful moment.

6. Rose Garden
   A collection of over 200 roses including: Old Garden Roses, Shrub, Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Florabundas, Climbers and Miniature Roses.

7. Farmhouse - Private Residence
   This beautiful collection of perennials & annuals was created and is maintained by the Tollgate Farm Manager and his family.

8. Dry River Bed/Shade Garden
   Created as a respite for the eyes, falling between the intense hues of the Enabling Garden and the vibrant beginnings of the Rose Garden.

9. Enabling Garden
   This container garden is a colorful and functional display of alternate gardening methods for persons with special physical needs.

10. Entrance Beds
    An ongoing kaleidoscope of color greets the Tollgate visitor.

11. Office Beds
    A creative combination of perennials & annuals.

12. Rain Garden
    This garden is not only beautiful but also functional. It is designed to capture rain water and slowly release the moisture to the plants in the garden.

13. Xeriscape
    “Xera” Greek for “dry” Plants selected for this garden require minimal water once they are established.

14. Activity Center
    These raised beds provide a decorative entrance to the Activity Center.

15. Children’s Garden
    This garden features multiple child oriented themes.

16. High Density Demonstration Orchard
    Small scale apple orchard utilizing a variety of practices of staking & pruning to produce a higher yield of fruit on a more manageable sized tree.

17. Nursery
    A holding area for plant sales as well as propagation and stock.

18. Community Gardens and Plant A Row for the Hungry Garden
    These garden areas are available to the public for lease. This area also contains a large garden dedicated to producing food for the hungry.

19. Constructed Wetland
    This garden demonstrates the creative use of wet areas in the landscape while still maintaining a natural environmental balance.

20. Onsite Wastewater Training Area
    This site demonstrates a variety of methods for onsite wastewater disposal, including interactions between wastewater and soil type.

21. Arboretum
    This area consists of over 5 acres of tree and shrub species commonly found in Michigan Landscapes.

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Tollgate Gardens Public Hours
Monday through Saturday from 9:00a.m. to 8:00pm