

# About The Garden



## Get To Know BGO

BGO is a **member-supported public garden** connecting people with nature and one another. We proudly offer year-round educational programming and signature events **to over 100,000 guests annually**. As a **USDA People's Garden**, we are dedicated to promoting sustainability, fostering community engagement, and inspiring a deeper appreciation for nature.

## Help Us Grow

**Public support helps us care for the Garden**, offer educational programs, and connect our community with nature. Every gift you give, big or small, makes a meaningful difference in preserving this special place for generations to come.

Help support our mission by donating today at [www.bgozarks.org/donate](http://www.bgozarks.org/donate) or by connecting with a member of our team during your visit. Thank you for helping us grow!

## Stay In The Loop

Want to be the first to know about upcoming events, seasonal highlights, and exciting news from the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks?

Visit our website at [www.bgozarks.org](http://www.bgozarks.org) to subscribe to our newsletter! It's the best way to stay informed and get inspired by what's happening in the Garden.



## Members Get More

A Botanical Garden of the Ozarks membership is the easiest way to enjoy **unlimited year-round access** to the Garden. **Member benefits include:**

- Free daily admission to the Garden
- Discounts on select special events and educational programs
- Priority access to popular events
- Invitations to member-only events
- Free admission to over 345 gardens in North America via the American Horticultural Society

**Students, educators, veterans and service members, and patrons 65+ receive a \$10 annual discount on all membership levels.**

**Instant Membership Offer:** Becomes a Member during your visit and apply your admission fee toward a new membership! Visit the Admissions Office for details.

## Volunteer With Us

**Did you know that more than 400 volunteers help the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks thrive?**

As a member-supported public garden, we focus on education, conservation, and creating memorable nature experiences. Volunteering with us offers the opportunity to connect with nature, develop new skills, support sustainability, and build lasting friendships. **Join us and become a part of something truly special!**



**Scan here to visit our website for more information**  
Or visit our website at [bgozarks.org](http://bgozarks.org)



## Hours

**Open Year-Round**  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
**Closed Thursdays**

*Final admission is 45 minutes before the Garden closes*

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# Botanical Garden of the Ozarks VISITORS GUIDE

Connecting people with nature and one another.





# Welcome to the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks!

The Botanical Garden of the Ozarks (aka. BGO) was founded in 1994 **by a passionate group of volunteers and supporters**. Their vision of a space where nature, education, and community thrive became a reality in 2007 when the Garden officially opened to the public. **Today, BGO features twelve themed gardens, the Klingaman Arboretum, and Arkansas' only native Butterfly House**, all designed to provide inspiration and practical ideas for home gardens of any size.

Beyond its natural beauty, the Garden also serves as a hub for learning and connection, offering educational programs, hands-on workshops, and signature events year-round. **We are delighted to have you here—enjoy your visit, and we hope to see you again soon!**

## Garden Guidelines

To keep the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks beautiful and welcoming, **we kindly ask that keep these guidelines in mind.**

- For your safety, please stay on designated paths and turf areas
- Please remember to leave plants, flowers, insects and other natural wonders in the Garden undisturbed
- Service animals are welcome, but other pets should stay home
- Picnics are encouraged and trash cans are available in the parking lot for clean-up
- Bicycle parking is available at the front gate
- Professional photographers are invited to visit the Admissions Office for photo permit information
- For everyone's safety, smoking, vaping, and firearms are not allowed
- Paved trails are wheelchair and stroller friendly

**Thank you for helping us keep BGO a beautiful and welcoming space for all!**

## Butterfly House

BGO is home to Arkansas' only Butterfly House, **where guests can observe native butterflies from May to October**. As the centerpiece of our annual Butterfly Camp, the space gives students a unique chance to study pollinators and their crucial role in the ecosystem.

## Vegetable Garden

With support from the **Urban Agriculture Resilience Program, awarded by the U.S. Botanic Garden and American Public Gardens Association**, BGO has introduced raised beds to the Vegetable Garden to enhance accessibility and boost yield. Each year, this garden produces **over a ton of fresh, organic produce** for our Northwest Arkansas neighbors in need.

## Bird Feeding Station

BGO provides a thriving habitat for native pollinators, with vibrant landscapes that attract **butterflies, bees, and other essential species** to the garden that support our ecosystem. The bird feeding station supports our local bird populations, **providing our guests with a chance to observe and appreciate birds up close.**

## How to Read a Plant Label at BGO

- 1 **PAW PAW**
- 2 *Asimina triloba*
- 3 Annonaceae
- 4 Eastern North America

1. **COMMON NAME**—The everyday name most people recognize for the plant
2. **BOTANICAL NAME**—The official scientific name, written in Latin
3. **PLANT FAMILY**—A classification of plants with shared characteristics
4. **ORIGIN**—The geographic region where the plant naturally thrives

