



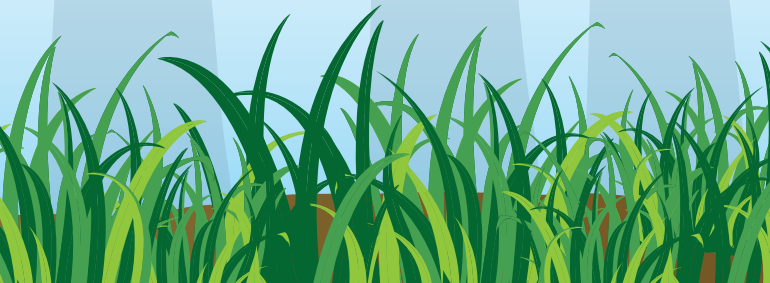
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Garden

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Greenspace Scavenger Hunt

Buzz around and explore ten Decatur community gardens, parks, and a woodland sanctuary.



Decatur garden keepers invite you to visit ten special places where people work hard to grow food and flowers, protect trees, and make the environment better.

About This Guide

Use this little “passport” to guide your visit to each garden. Hunt down the answers to all of the questions, make a beeline to the Decatur Recreation Center, 231 Sycamore St., and get a special prize. Bring your completed guide!

A Few Rules

Explore with your eyes but don't pluck or pinch the plants. Please be respectful of the gardens and all the hard work that makes them beautiful for the community.



The Gardens

1. Woodlands Garden

932 Scott Blvd.

2. Glenn Creek Nature Preserve

104 Fairview St.

3. Decatur Cemetery

299 Bell St.

4. Legacy Park Kitchen Garden and

5. Legacy Park Orchard

500 S. Columbia Dr.

6. Scott Park Community Garden

231 Sycamore St.

7. Parkwood Park

500 W. Parkwood Rd.

8. Agnes Scott College Campus

141 E. College Ave.

9. Oakhurst Community Garden

435 Oakview Rd.

10. Hidden Cove Park

758 Scott Blvd.



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Woodlands Garden

Preserving native woods

932 Scott Blvd. • woodlandsgarden.org

Woodlands showcases native plants that naturally thrive in this part of Georgia. Follow the Serpentine Sidewalk from the parking area into the garden. Start at the trailhead kiosk. Use the Student Guide, map and plant labels to help you explore and learn.

WOODLANDS



G A R D E N

Explore and Answer

Name three native plants you see.

Woodlands' champion trees are the largest of their species inside I-285.

Can you name all three?

What is the largest native tree on the property?





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Glenn Creek Nature Preserve

Preserving old-growth trees

104 Fairview St.

glenncreeknaturepreserve.org

This preserve is two acres of Piedmont forest, including large tulip poplars and pines, and Glenn Creek runs through it. The preserve is part of the Old-Growth Forest Network, a national network of protected, mature, publicly accessible, native forests.



GLENN CREEK NATURE PRESERVE



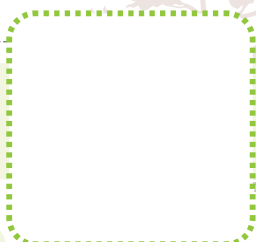
Explore and Answer

When did Glenn Creek Nature Preserve become part of the Old-Growth Forest Network?

Draw a picture of the Old Growth Forest Network emblem.

What birds do you see?

Draw a picture of a bird you spot.



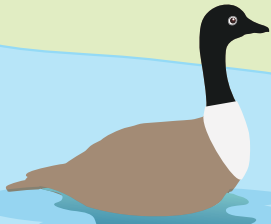
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Decatur Cemetery

How Decatur grew

299 Bell St. • decaturga.com/cemetery

Downtown Decatur's largest green space is 58 acres, nearly the size of 45 football fields, and is nearly 200 years old. Remember, each stone represents someone who was loved by somebody at some time.



Explore and Answer

Find a grave stone with your birthday on it.

What year was that person born?

What year were you born?

What is the oldest grave that you found today? *(Look for the second date on a marker.)*

Find a gravestone with the same name as a street or neighborhood around Decatur. Write it here:

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Legacy Park Kitchen Garden

Growing connections

500 S. Columbia Dr.

decaturplegacypark.com

The garden is behind the gymnasium.

Decatur's Kitchen Garden is a project of Global Growers, a not-for-profit organization offering a unique gardening space for refugees and immigrants.

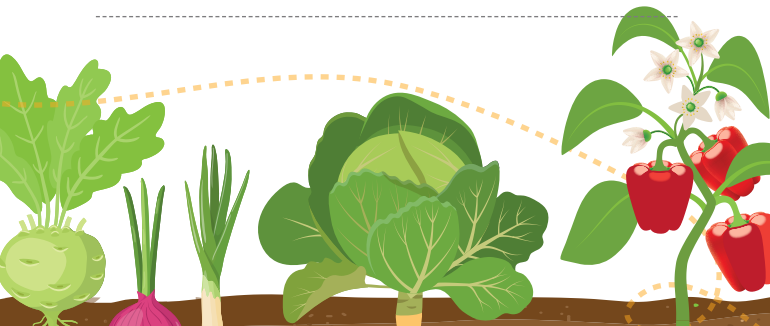


Explore and Answer

Describe the mural that is in the garden.

Name a vegetable you just learned about.

What country is it from?



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Legacy Park Orchard

Field of fruit-bearing trees

500 S. Columbia Dr.

decaturplegacypark.com

The orchard is left of the gymnasium.

The Decatur Youth Council planted the orchard to reintroduce the fruit trees that once provided for the Children's Home, and to honor the first children who lived on the property. The trees are young now, so put a yearly visit on your calendar to watch them grow.



Explore and Answer

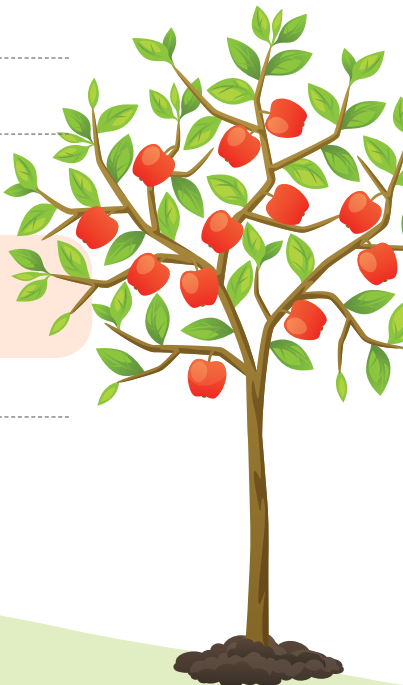
Name two types of fruit trees found in the orchard.

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What type of berry is found on a thornless bush?

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Scott Park Growing community

231 Sycamore St.

decaturga.com/activeliving/page/scott-park

The garden is behind the Decatur Recreation Center and adjacent to the Decatur Library.

Scott Park is 4 acres surrounded by plantings, with garden plots in the lower portion where garden club members grow flowers, vegetables, and herbs.



Explore and Answer

Spot the different types of plants and draw a picture of each.

Remember, no picking!

A flower

A vegetable

A herb



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Parkwood Park

Land of giants

500 W. Parkwood Rd.

parkwoodgardenclub.com/trails

The park is between East and West Parkwood roads. Street parking is available.

Peavine Creek runs the length of this neighborhood park. Giant tulip trees, many of them more than 100 years old, grow beside the creek. The water in this creek runs all the way to the Gulf of Mexico!



**PARKWOOD
GARDEN CLUB**



Explore and Answer



What kind of bird is on the Parkwood Park sign?

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Our champion tree is marked with a granite stone at its base.

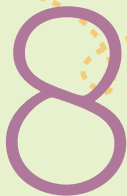
What kind of tree is it?

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How many trails are there in the park?
Did you walk them all?

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Agnes Scott College

A tree-filled sanctuary

141 E. College Ave.

arboretum.agnesscott.edu

Park in the deck at S. McDonough Street and College Avenue.

There are 19 arboretum markers around the campus. To begin the tree walk, head toward the Main Hall to find a campus map on the Main Loop. Each marker has a QR code. Scan them with a smart phone to find the answers to these questions.



Explore and Answer

Which evergreen tree is one of the most common trees on campus?

Make sure you feel its leathery leaves!

Name three good things that trees provide:

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2

3

Look for the sculpture of a famous poet near the alumnae house garden and its crabapple trees. Who is it?



9 Oakhurst Garden

A garden of goodies
435 Oakview Rd.
wyldecenter.org/oakhurst-garden

This garden started when Sally Wylde couldn't keep children from trampling her neighbor Louise Jackson's plants on their way home from school. Instead of calling the police, she invited the children to help in the garden so that they could learn to care about it. Now it has woodland paths, a pond, a cob house, community member garden plots, a mini-farm, hydrangea forest, chickens, bees, and a cat named Cardoon.

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CENTER
Cultivating environmental stewardship

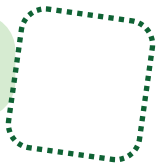


Explore and Answer

What material is the greenhouse made of?

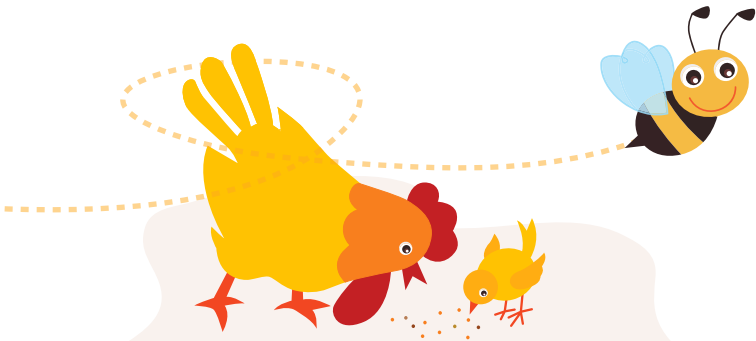
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How many chickens are there in the chicken coop?



What is the name of the cob house?

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Hidden Cove Park

A Hidden Gem

758 Scott Blvd.

decaturga.com/activeliving/page/hidden-cove-park

Located behind Westchester Elementary School

The park is 3 acres of urban green space offering a perfect place for a walk or some quiet time on a sunny day. The Westchester community has worked hard to preserve and beautify the park with native plants and a nature trail along the creek.



Explore and Answer

Name a type of migrating bird that uses the park.

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What watershed is Peavine Creek a part of?

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What type of forest is Hidden Cove Park?

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Done Exploring?

After you visit all 10 greenspaces, take this guide to the Decatur Recreation Center and claim your prize!

Name:

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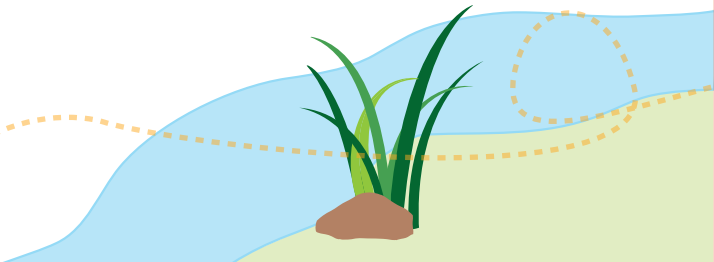
What was your favorite greenspace?

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Did you go somewhere new?

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