

# gardens OF THE HERITAGE CORRIDOR

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**f**ew places in America are endowed with a gardening heritage as enchanting and diverse as those found along the South Carolina Heritage Corridor. This 240-mile route travels through 14 counties along the state's western border linking heritage, history, lifestyles and more. Bound at one end by massive Palmetto Trees dotting the Carolina coast and the other by whispering pines lining mountainsides, the corridor is the perfect setting for exploring the state's rich gardening tradition.

There are currently 16 beautiful partner gardens located within the Heritage Corridor. From roses, azaleas, camellias and jasmine to peaceful parkways and prayer gardens, each site bears distinctive hallmarks and creates wonderful memories. Here is a sprinkling of the gardens you will find.

## JOE AND MAGGIE RAMPEY NATIVE PLANT GARDENS

307 Johnson St., Pickens, SC 29671  
864-898-5963

Located just outside the Pickens County Museum of Art and History, these gardens were created to tell the story of local history, geology and plant communities of Upstate South Carolina. The gardens include interpretive trails highlighting the flora native to local forests, rivers, grasslands and bogs. The garden is open daily dawn to dusk.

## PARK SEED COMPANY

1 Parkton Ave., Greenwood, SC 29647  
864-223-8555 or 800-213-0076

This nine-acre Trial Garden displays more than 2,000 varieties of plants in landscaped settings. Visitors enjoy themed areas, a container garden, a rose garden, and the prestigious All-American Selections trials. Don't miss the unique products available in the Park Seed Garden Center. Park Seed is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## EDISTO MEMORIAL GARDENS

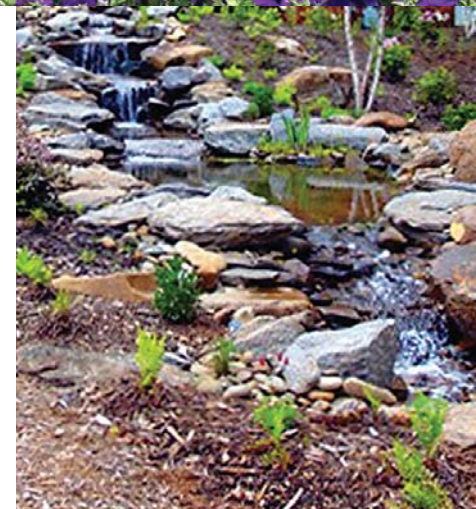
US 301 South, Orangeburg, SC 29115  
803-533-6020 or 800-545-6153

Edisto Memorial Gardens combines natural beauty with fun activities, making them a place for the entire family. The 150 acres of azaleas, camellias, roses and other flowers are spaced among giant oaks and century-old cypress, cherry and dogwood trees. Visitors are allowed to "Stop and Smell the Roses!" daily from dawn to dusk.

## BOONE HALL PLANTATION

1235 Long Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
843-884-4371

Begun as a rice plantation (c. 1681) and later converted to raise cotton, this property features a plantation house and gardens, the famous avenue of oaks and nine original brick slave cabins, all prominently featured in several TV mini-series. Don't miss the butterfly garden, and in season, visitors can pick their own fruits and vegetables.



Top Left: Summerville Azalea Park, Summerville, SC  
Top Right: Edisto Memorial Gardens, Orangeburg, SC

Bottom Left: Joe and Maggie Rampey Native Plant Gardens, Pickens, SC  
Bottom Right: Park Seed Company, Greenwood, SC

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