

Road Trips for Garden Geeks

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Athens

Athens Area Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Clarke-County Extension office

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Gardens on main UGA Campus

UGA Trial Garden

Latin American Ethnobotanical Garden

Close to downtown

Founders Garden

Campus Arboretum

- <https://sustainability.uga.edu/community-engagement/campus-arboretum/>

Downtown Connect to Protect garden

Sandy Creek Nature Center

VisitAthensGA.com – includes <https://www.visitathensga.com/things-to-do/family-friendly/>

Athens is also known for music, food, pottery, bike trails, and a vibrant downtown

Shout out to local sponsoring garden centers –

Cofer's Home & Garden

Piccadilly Farms

Goodness Grows

Atlanta

Atlanta Botanical Garden

Atlanta History Center

Cyclorama

Goizueta Gardens

Smith Family Farm

Oakland Cemetery

Savannah

Historic District

Savannah Squares

William Scarborough Gardens at the Ships of the Sea Museum

E. Shaver Booksellers

Chocolat by Adam Turoni

Stump, just south of Forsyth Park

Savannah Botanical Gardens
Hester + Zipperer – family-owned landscape – almost 100 years
Herb Creek Landscape Supply
Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden (UGA)

Other ideas

Columbus, LaGrange – vibrant downtowns, Hills & Dales Estate, Callaway Gardens
Gainesville – Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville,
Hamilton Gardens – recently renovated, rhododendron collection
Waterfalls in Georgia and NC
Greenville, S.C. – vibrant downtown, waterfront includes plantings, seasonal farmers' market
Asheville – Biltmore, The North Carolina Arboretum, Botanical Gardens at Asheville
Charleston – Middleton Place, Magnolia Gardens, Drayton Hall on Ashley River
Inn at Middleton Place, includes admission to Middleton

About me

This summer I retired after sixteen years at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia and a lifetime career as a garden writer, municipal park and private garden designer, and event planner. My professional background, my love of travel and photography, and my deep desire to help people fall in love with gardens – public gardens and their own - are converging into a new career in garden/ travel writing and speaking. My weekly **Love Notes from the Garden** are informative, short, often humorous emails about garden plants and gardening tips. Sign up to receive these notes at conniecottingham.com

Find out more

Whew! - we've covered everything above in about a half hour. To find out more, I invite you to read my blog and follow me on Facebook and Instagram, where I talk about gardens, but also public spaces, garden events, garden centers, restaurants, shops, hotels and accessibility and, of course, gardening and plants.

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Thank you so much for your time!
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