TORONTO

NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDENS

There's no better way to be inspired by the productive potential of our city than to explore the many and diverse gardens where countless community volunteers have nurtured and cultivated our shared urban landscape. **Dig in!**

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ALEXANDER MUIR MEMORIAL GARDENS

Park Name	Park Address/Contact	Grid Coordinates	Description
Alexander Muir Memorial Gardens	Between Yonge and Mount Pleasant south of Lawrence	K19	Features significant horticultural displays and formal gardens.
BCE Place Circle Garden	161–181 Bay St.	T18	Outdoor plaza, 500' long; trees, rocks and V-shaped granite benches.
Bessarion Parkette	Bayview and Sheppard	E22	Gardens and a seating area near the subway entrance.
Burrow's Hall Garden	1081 Progress Ave., Scarborough	E34	Scarborough's first town hall site with its surrounding gardens.
Campbell House	160 Queen St. W	S18	Conducted tours of the herb garden and grounds, explaining the use of herbs.
Casey House Garden	Casey House Hospice 9 Huntley St.	Q19	A quiet garden for the residents of Casey House, one of the world's first hospices for people with HIV/AIDS.
Cedar Ridge Creative Centre and Gardens	225 Confederation Dr. (at Sum-merbridge Rd.) Scarborough	K35-36	This historic mansion, built in 1912, is surrounded by lush gardens and scenic woods with a variety of walking trails.
Cenotaph Monument	Kingston Rd. and Danforth	Q30	Flower beds and a rockery around a war memorial.
Cloud Garden	14 Temperance St.	S18	Elevated glasshouse with tropical plants. A waterfall and water channel run through park with flower beds and benches.
CNE Rose Garden	Located near the bandshell and Shrine Peace Monument/fountain	T 14	This spectacular garden is situated immediately south of the CNE Bandshell.
Colborne Lodge Heritage Gardens	1 Colborne Lodge Drive (south end of High Park)	R12	Heritage gardens at Colborne Lodge (1837), home of John and Jemima Howard. A popular stop for the monarch butterfly in the fall.
Courthouse Garden	Court St. between Toronto St. and Church St.	S18	Charming rose arbours, fountains and sculptures surround the site of the last hanging in Toronto.
Dufferin Grove Park	875 Dufferin St.	Q14	Features over 14 acres that house a wide range of decorative, vegetable and sculpture gardens.
East York Civic Centre	850 Coxwell Ave.	P24	Flower beds at the entrance to the centre.
Ecology Park	10 Madison Ave.	Q17	At 38 meters long by 25 meters deep, Ecology Park is an oasis of green, mostly moisture tolerant plants.
Glendora	Sheppard and Kenneth Ave.	E20	Eye-catching plantings.
Harbourfront Ann Tindall Lawn	Queen's Quay W. and York	T17	Serene trees and lawn host the summer weekend International Marketplace.
Harbourfront Artists' Gardens	235 Queen's Quay W.	T17	24 diverse outdoor gardens that challenge traditional gardening ideas.
HTO Garden	Queen's Quay W. and Rees	T17	Year-round yellow umbrellas provide a brilliant, four-seasons reminder of summer.
Humber Arboretum	Humberwood Blvd. at Hullrick Dr. South	D3	A natural setting in the West Humber River Valley, offering trails and boardwalks through gardens, forests, meadows and wetlands.
James Gardens	99 Edenbridge Drive Etobicoke	M9	Spring-fed pools, rustic bridges, and varied floral plantings grace a former estate garden.
Kenaston Garden	Bayview and Sheppard	E21	A park beside a subway station.
Kew Gardens Park	2075 Queen St. E.	S25	This beautiful park in the heart of the Beach runs down to the boardwalk and the beach.
Maple Leaf Cottage	62 Laing St. (Queen E. and Leslie)	S23	Plantings at an historic cottage.
McCowan & Ellesmere	McCowan and Ellesmere	G32	Elegant entranceway.
Millikin Park	Steeles and McCowan	A33	Highlighted entrance to a large park.
Montgomery's Native Wildflower Meadow	Tom Riley Park (Dundas and Islington)	P7	Situated east of the bowling green in Tom Riley Park just down the hill from the historical Montgomery Inn.
Osgoode Hall	Queen and University	S18	Heritage building in 6 acres of park-like grounds with perennial gardens.
Queen's Park	University Ave. north of College St.	Q18	Established in1860 and one of the oldest urban parks in Canada. An English landscape style with abundant tree cover. Ontario Legislature Building, built in 1886-93 is at the south end.
Richmond Planters	Jarvis and Richmond	S19	Flower planters at the intersection.
St. Christopher House Garden	248 Dissington Ave. (NW corner of Dundas and Dissington) 416-532-4828	R15	This courtyard garden provides safety and solace to staff, visitors and those enrolled in programs at St Christopher House. Please call in advance to ensure the garden is open for viewing.
St. George the Martyr Close	197 John St.	S17	This walled garden offers respite from the bustling activity that surrounds it. Recipient of the City of Toronto Urban Spaces Award.
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Garden	151 Glenlake Ave.. (Bloor and Keele)	Q12	This walled, below-street-level garden is a large grassy expanse bordered by rockeries filled with perennials and annuals.
The Living Wall	215 Spadina Ave.	S17	Historic post and beam building with a living wall of green in the lobby.
Thompson Memorial Park ✻	Brimley Rd. north of Lawrence	J32	Site of the first settlement in Scarborough with historical museum, sport and picnic areas and children's wading pool.
Tommy Thompson Park	Bottom of Leslie St.	U23	A man-made peninsula extending into Lake Ontario. Wetlands, meadows and forests support many threatened species.
University Avenue Planters	University Ave. from College St. south to King St.	R-S18	Planters filled with annuals beautify the median the length of University Avenue.
Village of Yorkville Park	Cumberland and Bellair	Q18	Developed by the local business association to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Village of Yorkville. It is a series of theme gardens anchored by a massive piece of Canadian Shield granite.
Wychwood Barns ✻	601 Christie St. (1 block south of St. Clair Ave.)	N16	Artists' studios with surrounding park, picnic and children's play areas
York Mills Arena	Bayview and York Mills	G21	Colourful beds outside the arena.

✻ Gardens with facilities for children
♿ All neighbourhood gardens are wheelchair accessible

The following gardens have facilities for children:
Allan Gardens Children's Learning Conservatory, Don Valley/ Evergreen Brick Works Children's Nature Playground, Downsview Park, Franklin Children's Garden, Heathercrest Park Community Garden, High Park Children's Garden, Riverdale Farm, Thompson Memorial Park, Todmordon Mills, Toronto Botanical Garden Children's Garden and Wychwood Barns.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE PLANTERS

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TORONTO MUSIC GARDEN

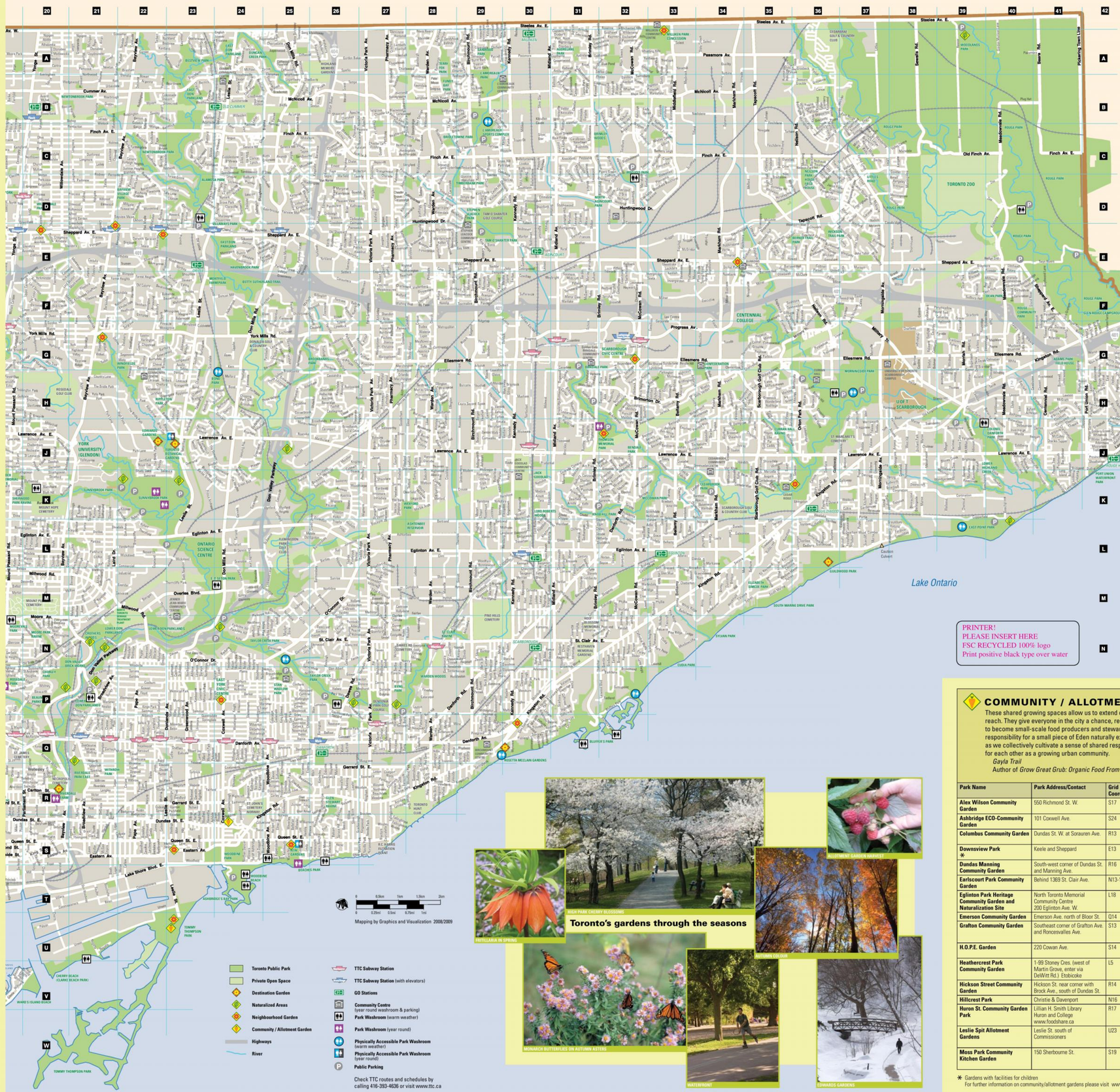
A SELECTION OF GARDEN SOCIETIES IN THE METROPOLITAN TORONTO AREA

- **Agincourt Garden Club** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/agincourt
- **Beach Garden and Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/beach
- **East York Garden Club** www.eygc.ca
- **Etobicoke Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/etobicoke
- **Greater Toronto Rose and Garden Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/rosegarden
- **Leaside Garden Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/leaside
- **North Toronto Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/northtoronto
- **North York Garden Club** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/northyork
- **Parkdale & Toronto Horticultural Societies** www.parkdaletorontohort.com
- **Rhododendron Horticultural Society-Toronto** www.onrhodos.com
- **Riverdale Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/riverdale
- **Roselands Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/rose
- **Scarborough Garden and Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/scarborough
- **Swansea Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/swan
- **Westway Horticultural Society** www.gardenontario.org/site.php/westw

In addition, the following gardens are supported by the Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto: Casey House Garden, Colborne Lodge Heritage Garden, Davenport Area Schools Tree Planting , Dundas & Manning Community Garden, Emerson Community Garden, Garden of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Grafton Community Garden, St. Christopher House Garden and St. George the Martyr Close.

OTHER SOCIETIES

- **Davenport Area Schools Tree Planting** www.greenhere.ca A not-for-profit which aims to increase the local tree canopy.
- **North American Native Plant Society** www.nanps.org Formerly the Canadian Wildflower Society
- **Ontario Rock Garden & Hardy Plant Society** www.onrockgarden.com
- **Toronto Community Gardens Network** www.tcgn.ca; Website lists 21 gardens which show their commitment to greening and organic methods and which can be visited.
- **Toronto Tree Tours** www.yourleaf.org/toronto-tree-tours or www.treetours.to Tel: 416-413-9244: Provides guided walks that highlight trees of interest in various neighbourhoods.



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Toronto's gardens through the seasons

ALLOTMENT GARDEN HARVEST

AUTUMN COLOUR

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES ON AUTUMN ASTERS

WATERFRONT

EDWARDS GARDENS

TORONTO
Parks, Forestry & Recreation

Our Mission

Our City, Our Parks, Our Playground – to provide world-class parks, a healthy urban forest and a wide variety of leisure opportunities and recreation experiences to Toronto's diverse communities. This will be done within the context of stewarding the environment, supporting lifelong active living and contributing to child and youth development.

Our Vision

Toronto is known as "The City within a Park" as the urban forest envelops the city. Residents of all ages will have a healthy lifestyle that includes participating in physical activity every day. Parks, Forestry and Recreation will bring all of Toronto's diverse communities together on our common grounds.

Our Values

Inclusion, respect, diversity, health, environmental stewardship, innovation, openness, excellence.

Toronto boasts close to 1,500 named parks and more than 7,300 hectares of greenspace under the stewardship of Parks, Forestry and Recreation. Larger parks such as Centennial Park, High Park and Toronto Islands Park have an extensive network of recreational trails. Other parks, including the Toronto Music Garden and L'Amoreaux Park have shorter paths for less demanding walks or strolls.

In the winter, you can walk through Allan Gardens or Centennial Park Conservatories and experience nature from the inside.

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COMMUNITY / ALLOTMENT GARDENS

These shared growing spaces allow us to extend our growing potential and reach. They give everyone in the city a chance, regardless of where they live, to become small-scale food producers and stewards of the land. Sharing responsibility for a small piece of Eden naturally extends beyond the garden as we collectively cultivate a sense of shared responsibility and compassion for each other as a growing urban community.

Gayla Trail
Author of *Grow Great Grub: Organic Food From Small Spaces*

GRAFTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Park Name	Park Address/Contact	Grid Coordinates	Description
Alex Wilson Community Garden	550 Richmond St. W.	S17	The garden consists of native plants and is maintained by the local residents in that area. 40 community plots are available for the growing of food.
Ashbridge ECO-Community Garden	101 Coxwell Ave.	S24	Community-based initiative started and maintained by residents. One plot is used to grow food for the local food bank.
Columbus Community Garden	Dundas St. W. at Sorauren Ave.	R13	This once run down parkette has been transformed into an important gateway to the community.
Downsview Park ✻	Keele and Sheppard	E13	A variety of environments, including community gardens, tree nursery, greenhouses and children's programs.
Dundas Manning Community Garden	South-west corner of Dundas St. and Manning Ave.	R16	A shady corner garden maintained by local residents.
Earlscourt Park Community Garden	Behind 1369 St. Clair Ave.	N13-14	Operated by The Stop Community Food Centre; organic vegetables and a native plant garden.
Eglinton Park Heritage Community Garden and Naturalization Site	North Toronto Memorial Community Centre 200 Eglinton Ave. W.	L18	A delightful garden thriving with heritage flowers and vegetables, as well as native plants. For urban dwellers, it is a place to garden, learn, share and appreciate nature in the city.
Emerson Community Garden	Emerson Ave. north of Bloor St.	Q14	A 'West End Flower Fairy' community garden.
Grafton Community Garden	Southeast corner of Grafton Ave. and Roncesvalles Ave.	S13	The community and 'West End Flower Fairies' have transformed this neglected corner into an open, lush, growing place for food, flowers and people.
H.O.P.E. Garden	220 Cowan Ave.	S14	Community focus on youth and community outreach, organic produce, and individual plots.
Heathercrest Park Community Garden	1-99 Stoney Cres. (west of Martin Grove, enter via DeWitt Rd.) Etobicoke	L5	6 acres of woodlot, play area, community gardens and swale to Mimico Creek.
Hickson Street Community Garden	Hickson St. near corner with Brock Ave., south of Dundas St.	R14	A 'Duchy of Dun Duff' community garden.
Hillcrest Park	Christie & Davenport	N16	Organic, sustainable food plots in a community garden.
Huron St. Community Garden Park	Lillian H. Smith Library Huron and College www.foodshare.ca	R17	Since 1997, providing individual plots, a perennial border, and a lily pond.
Leslie Spit Allotment Gardens	Leslie St. south of Commissioners	U23	240 individual plots where apartment dwellers and health food enthusiasts can grow their own vegetables, plant wildflowers, or just spend a day with their fingers in the dirt.
Moss Park Community Kitchen Garden	150 Sherbourne St.	S19	Garden started by numerous community organizations with plots gardened by individuals, school groups, seniors and organizations including the Fred Victor Centre.

✻ Gardens with facilities for children
For further information on community/allotment gardens please visit www.toronto.ca/parks/permits/