



# Water Efficient Landscape (WEL) Gardens in the Sacramento Region

## **American River Water Education Center**

7785 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom  
(916) 989-7100

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/arwec/index.html>

Garden has several areas emphasizing xeriscape landscaping with native and non-native species. Wheelchair access is available to portions of the garden and the Education Center exhibits. The garden is located at the American River Water Education Center which has numerous water use and conservation displays. Open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **American River Parkway Foundation**

5700 Arden Way, Carmichael  
(916) 486-2773

Carmichael Water District - (916) 483-2452  
Sacramento Suburban WD - (916) 972-7171

<http://www.arpf.org/native.shtml>

The American River Parkway Native Plant Demonstration Garden is a joint partnership between the American River Parkway Foundation, Carmichael Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District focused on educating the public about plant species native to the greater Sacramento region and the conservation benefits of utilizing native plants. The garden planted in 2007 sits on half and acre of land adjacent to the Strain Volunteer Center in the William B. Pond Recreation Area, and consists entirely of plants native to the American River Parkway.

## **Arboretum Headquarters**

LaRue Rd. University of California, Davis  
(530) 752-4880

<http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/Default.htm>

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=19>

Paved walkways guide visitors through this large Arboretum which specializes in many identified plants adapted to a Mediterranean climate, with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Established in 1936, the Arboretum occupies about 100 acres along the banks of the old north channel of Putah Creek.

## **Antelope Gardens**

7800 Antelope North Road, Sacramento  
(916) 972-7171

[http://www.sswd.org/water/wel\\_gardens.html](http://www.sswd.org/water/wel_gardens.html)

[http://www.sswd.org/about\\_us/pdf\\_files/Antelope\\_Garden\\_Location\\_Map.pdf](http://www.sswd.org/about_us/pdf_files/Antelope_Garden_Location_Map.pdf)

The Water Efficient Landscape (WEL) garden, located at the district's Antelope reservoir site, is a botanical oasis filled with a variety of drought-tolerant plants, all identified. The two-acre garden was established in 1998 and contains hundreds of species, both native and non-native. The garden offers many ideas for home landscape plantings, plus innovative irrigation systems to reduce water use and wasteful run off. There's also a weather station, designed to collect data and program the irrigation system so it automatically responds to changing weather conditions.

## **Cameron Park Library Xeriscape Garden**

2500 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park  
(530) 295-5630

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=12>

Newly installed garden with small meandering dwarf fescue lawn irrigated with a subsurface drip system. Wheelchair access available and open daily during daylight hours.

## **Del Paso Manor Water District Office**

4268 Lusk Drive, Sacramento  
(916) 487-0419

The Water District created this garden around their own office to demonstrate what is possible for their customers' yards. The office and 600 square foot garden are in a residential neighborhood. Placards are not used, but viewers are encouraged to request information from the office, where diagrams of the garden are available.

## **El Dorado City Main Library**

345 Fair Lane, Placerville  
(530) 295-5630

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=50>

Recently renovated with new signs, the garden shows over 40 plant species. Wheelchair access.

### **Donna M. Dean Water Conservation Garden**

Waterman Road between Calvine and Vintage Park Drive  
(916) 875-4217

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=56>

<http://www.msa.sacounty.net/waterresources/water/Conservation/Conservation.asp?topic=0,1>

This garden design uses drought-tolerant plants in an attractive landscape setting that employs good water management and conservation measures. Tours are self-guided. Brochures are available on-site which outline the layout and describe the landscaping. Wheelchair access.

### **Elk Grove Water Service Railroad Water Treatment and Storage Facility**

9715 Railroad St, Elk Grove

The WEL garden has been landscaped with a variety of drought tolerant plants, mostly flowering shrubs such as roses, day lilies and lavenders. For security reasons, the facility is not open for tours, but the landscaping is easily visited from the front and parking is available.

### **Placer Nature Center**

3700 Christian Valley Road, Auburn  
(530) 878-6053

<http://www.placernaturecenter.org/>

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=5>

Native Plant Garden: Native grasses, wildflowers, herbs and trees are wonderfully adapted to the foothill environment. Discover the wonder of native plants and learn how to ensure their survival in your yard. Wheelchair access.

### **San Juan Water District WEL Garden**

9935 Auburn Folsom Road, Granite Bay  
(916) 791-2663

<http://www.sjwd.org/welgarden.htm>

Recently expanded, this WEL Garden features an inviting entry area, varieties of bright flowers, groundcovers, gazebos, parking lot landscaping, fire-resistant and deer-resistant plants and an oak tree-compatible and preservation garden that contains native plants and grasses that provide food for butterflies and hummingbirds. The WEL Garden is free to the public and open for self-guided tours Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Fair Oaks Horticulture Center**

Fair Oaks Park, 8100 Temple Park Rd, Fair Oaks  
(916) 875-6913

<http://cesacramento.ucdavis.edu/>

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=81>

The Fair Oaks Horticulture Center is a wonderful creation of the U.C. Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners. The water efficient landscape garden portion of the horticulture center is open to visitors every day. Four interconnected "backyard" landscapes display California native, Mediterranean, perennial/bunchgrass, and common variety gardens. Each landscape employs and demonstrates the fundamentals of a water efficient landscape, including: planning and design, soil and drainage improvement, efficient irrigation, low water-use plants, mulching, and appropriate maintenance. Signs provide a self-guided tour, and all 150 or so plant species are being labeled with common and botanical names.

### **(William) Land Park Rock Garden**

15th Avenue and Land Park Drive, Sacramento  
(916) 277-6159

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=55>

This garden includes raised beds, decomposed granite walks, rock-lined retainer walls, streams and a small pond developed during depression era WPA program. Since 1988, the plantings have been revived and are mostly Mediterranean, including California natives. Not all plants are drought tolerant. There is an emphasis on foliage, form and flowers that last. Many plants are attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

### **West Sacramento-Water Wise Demonstration Garden**

Bridgeway Lakes Drive across the street from the BL Boathouse

[http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/Demo\\_Garden.cfm](http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/Demo_Garden.cfm)

The two types of gardens represented are the Desert and the Mediterranean. Each has plants unique and easy to maintain and, most importantly, use a minimum amount of irrigation. The irrigation system is set up to water with the weather.

### **Xeriscape Garden at the Georgetown Divide PUD**

6425 Main Street, Georgetown  
(530) 295-5630, (530) 333-4356

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/resources/gardens/details.cfm?GardenID=80>

A small attractive garden with over 20 plant species in addition to a dozen native grasses.



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