

Nanaimo Horticultural Society (NHS)
Free Garden Tour
Sunday, July 16, 2017
11:00am to 3:00pm

Six gardens belonging to members of the Nanaimo Horticultural Society will open to the public this year. This is a self-guided tour for which there is no fee. We hope you will enjoy strolling around these gardens, finding inspiration for your own.

The open gardens are at the following locations (all are in Nanaimo except the last):

511 Rosehill Street (off Terminal Drive in central Nanaimo, on the inland side).

This is a lovely house and garden on a regular city lot. The entire property around the house is filled with plants, including lots of bulbs, perennials and many beautiful varieties of both bush and climbing roses. Vegetables are grown in raised beds.

2830 Fandell Street (a few blocks above Departure Bay).

This is a small garden on a city lot but is crammed with glorious variety: a shade garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, ferns and hostas, a Japanese mini-garden, a pond, and a tropical niche with palms, bamboo, banana trees, and a Wollemi Pine.

130 Stamp Way (off Stephenson Point Rd, which is off Hammond Bay Rd on the other side of Departure Bay from the ferry).

This is a half-acre woodland property along a small creek, surrounded by tall Douglas Firs. There are many shade-loving perennials and Rhododendrons, glorious begonias and annuals grown from seed.

2875 Shady Mile Way (off Jingle Pot Rd on inland side of Nanaimo Parkway).

This property is about 2 acres with many trees, bushes and perennials. There is a pond and a meandering stream with a bridge over it. The gravel pathways are flat so it's easy to get around on the property.

5771 Broadway Road (off Parkway Drive, off Hammond Bay Rd).

This is a corner city lot with flower beds containing lots of unusual plants, a unique vegetable garden and strawberries and raspberries. There is a fish pond and several seating areas. The garden in front of the house is lovely and everything is at least deer resistant.

Nanoose Edibles 1960 Stewart Road, Nanoose (turn onto Northwest Bay Rd at gas station & right onto Stewart Rd).

This is an organic farm growing fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. There is a section containing bee/butterfly friendly plantings and they occasionally have speakers. Details, pictures and a map are available at their website, www.nanooseediblesfarm.com.