



Berkeley Lake Garden Tour

Seven Neighborhood Gardens Revealed



May 18, 2019 --- 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. --- Tickets purchased at First Stop

Neighbors of Berkeley Lake have created a tapestry of gardens and seven will be open and on the tour, Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 to 4:00, rain or shine. If it looks like rain, plan accordingly.

The seven locations will introduce you to a variety of suburban gardens, designed, planted, and maintained *EXCLUSIVELY* by homeowners or volunteers. No landscape services for these folks, their green thumbs and creative planning have done it all!

Featured will be a small urban lot, a woodland oasis, an acre lot, and sizes in-between. From vegetables, flowers, and butterflies there will be a diverse mix of plants and ideas to stimulate the senses. From recent plantings to established gardens, there will be many layers of interest to stimulate your imagination and plan for your own garden.

First Stop – Purchase tickets in the “**CELEBRATION GARDEN**” on the Lake Berkeley Chapel property near the lakeside gazebo at **4043 South Berkeley Lake Rd, Berkeley Lake 30096**.

This garden is maintained by ‘Gardeneers’ (volunteers) and was established in 2018 by donations.

Tickets can be purchased in the Celebration Garden from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 pm for \$20.

Payment can be made only in cash or by check (we will not be able to accept payment by credit card).

Tax deductible checks can be made out to *Lake Berkeley Chapel*, a 501 c (3) organization.

The \$20, tax deductible payment, for this fundraising event will benefit the Lake Berkeley Chapel’s “**Legacy Expansion Project**”, the updating of the 60-year old chapel.

Locations 2-7 can be found on the map provided at First Stop. You don’t need to follow numerically.

Since these are private gardens, wheelchair accessibility is not available at any location as many gardens have steep, uneven terrains. A liability waiver must be signed by ALL participants.

Street Parking at all locations – look for signs at each location!

Location 2 – River Mansions (Peachtree Corners section), Master Gardener Hilary Wilson. Waiting for you is a visual treat! From a 40-foot long glass bottle garden wall, to beautiful plants, sculptures, and fountains – you will love it!

Location 3 – Fowler’s Mill Natural Garden, Berkeley Lake Estates. Maintained by the Berkeley Lake Conservancy Volunteers. Non-native plants have been removed to create a woodland oasis of native plants used by the birds, bees, and butterflies, and for our eyes to enjoy! Located by the renovated water wheel, this special garden is often missed by car and foot traffic but is full of woodland treasures.

Location 4 – Hermitage Plantation, Master Gardener, Jane Burke. This half acre garden started out as weedy fescue and heavy Georgia clay 17 years ago. It has steadily been transformed into an organic vegetable and flower oasis that now thrives on wood chips, collected fall leaves, and coffee ground and no synthetic chemicals.

Location 5- Miramont, Jill Gorman. Butterflies!! This garden contains a wide variety of host and nectar plants to support a wide range of butterfly species. The gardener says, “this entire garden is of my own design and about 95% of the plants were started from seed by me. The hardscape includes a waterfall, stone stairway with bridge and patio with a firepit that was also designed and built by my husband and me.”

Location 6 – Berkeley Lake Estates, Laraine & Bill Downey. A small lot transformed into a wonderland of flowers, vegetables, and intimate conversation areas.

Location 7 – Berkeley Lake Estates, Sandy & Bill Lacy, “The Outback”. Original owners welcome you to their 40-year old, one-acre, hidden property, transformed over the years into a mix of woodland, flowers living with minimal sun, mixed shrubs, and sculptures. NOTE: Steep driveway, if not able to walk up or down, shuttle will be provided.