Rochester, N.Y.’s fragrant legacy continues to bloom in the 21st century with a wealth of gardens throughout the Rochester area. With more than 70 active garden clubs and nearly 20 years of a city-sponsored gardening contest, the area has earned an international reputation for horticultural excellence as “The Flower City” for more than 160 years!

Enjoy abundant gardens, festivals and chances to learn how to make your own garden grow - indoors or out:

**Spring – Autumn**

- **The Lilac Festival at Highland Park** — More than 500 varieties bloom on more than 1,200 bushes in this Frederick Law Olmsted - designed park. The park also features one of the oldest public arboretums in the United States.

- **Ellwanger Garden** — Authentically maintained by the Landmark Society of Western New York as a living, horticultural “museum,” with more than 25 beds of peonies, other perennials and ancient pear trees.

- **Tours of private gardens** take place nearly every summer weekend.

- **Maplewood Park Rose Garden** — More than 5,000 plants and 300 varieties on two acres!
Kodak founder George Eastman kept meticulous records of each season’s garden plantings at his mansion on East Avenue, enabling the George Eastman House to replicate Eastman’s plantings of 100 years ago.

Genese Country Village & Museum — Stroll 13 heirloom gardens ranging from a dye garden and Shaker medicinal plot to the formal designs of Victorian times.

Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park features nine restored Edwardian gardens in beautiful Canandaigua, N.Y. For fans of the Jane Austen era, The Granger Homestead & Carriage Museum offers a look back to the Federalist era of great lawns and garden paths.

Warner Castle (with a “Sunken Garden” designed in 1930) is home to the Rochester Civic Garden Center and its impressive horticultural library — one of the largest in the Northeast.

The Discovery Garden at the National Museum of Play at The Strong is an urban oasis of plants and flowers known to attract butterflies and birds.

Look for the Fragrance Garden behind the Rochester Museum & Science Center.

**Winter**

Bausch & Lomb’s Winter Garden — An indoor haven of trees, shrubs and other plants, a small pool and cascading waterfall…right in the center of the city!

Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park - An Edwardian botanical treat with displays ranging from tropical forests to desert plants and exotic blooms.

In February, “The Dutch Connection” exhibit at George Eastman House features thousands of flowering bulbs — plus gardening lectures.

Hundreds of butterflies dart among tropical plants inside the Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden® at the National Museum of Play at The Strong.

The 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden Trail identifies historic sites, primarily battle sites, along the shores of Lake Ontario.

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