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Few cities can boast the rich history and diversity of gardens as the Nation's Capital. City of Gardens provides a guide to 30 public gardens in the Washington area - a look at the traditional and the contemporary; the manicured and the naturalized; the aesthetic and the practical; national treasures and national parks. These gardens range from kitchen garden to historic showplace, from arboretum to downtown pocket garden. This newest guide in Capital's popular Washington Weekends series offers natives and visitors a rich array of treks through DC's gardens, with up-close and in-depth looks at the plants, the plans, and the personalities that shape them. It is an insider's guide to these remarkable spaces, highlighting designs and designers, new cultivars and native species, garden ornament and sculpture, greenhouse and gift shop attractions, garden trivia and historic tidbits. Web sites and directions tell visitors exactly how and why to visit each. Illustrated with spectacular black-and-white photographs, "City of Gardens" is a regional travel guide written by a highly knowledgeable garden-lover for all who love plants and gardens, botany and horticulture, and landscape architecture in a city rich in all. Barbara Seeber captures the essence of each individual garden, and her enthusiasm shines through in each chapter, making this is a garden feast - much more than a guide book!

REVIEWS

"Planners hosting a group in Washington, D.C., can help attendees and their spouses explore the city's greener side with the book 'A City of Gardens: Glorious Public Gardens In and Around the Nation's Capital.' The book, written by a gardening expert and editorial manager for the National Geographic Society, Barbara Seeber, takes visitors on a tour of 30 of Washington, D.C.'s often overlooked public gardens, including historic estates, botanic gardens, contemplation gardens, and parks."

Meetings East, 2004/10

"This guide would be a welcome addition to any gardener's collection for it's fact-filled pages and historical data, whether or not you still have your own garden. It might foster a trip to our nation's capital to see all these wonders."

Marcella Gauthier, Escapes Magazine, 2004/12

"Seeber takes you for an in-depth tour of 23 estates, botanic and contemporary gardens, and parks. Each garden description is broken down into sections focused on the garden's history, a walking tour of the grounds, notes on interesting and unique plantings and off-the-beaten-path features. Also included are a bird's-eye view of the entire experience and directions on how to find the garden. The depth of description for each location is impressive."

Jim Wheeler, Lexington Herald-Leader, 2004/10/30

"Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, a 12-acre national park in Northeast devoted completely to water plants, is miles away from Washington's most popular tourist attractions. Nevertheless, it shouldn't be missed, says Barbara Seeber, author of 'A City of Gardens,' which includes a chapter on the Kenilworth gardens."

Gabriella Boston, The Washington Times, 2005/07/10

'A City of Gardens: Glorious Public Gardens In and Around the Nation's Capital,' by Barbara Seeber gets close to home with helpful references covering the gardens of Washington....This handbook outlines its many gardens and offers some excellent interpretation of their features and spaces. The author has included complete information about 23 of the more prominent historic estates, botanic gardens, contemplation gardens and parks in the region. Joel Lerner, The Washington Post, 2005/07/23

“Barbara Seeber, the D.C.-based author of ‘A City of Gardens,’ a guide to area gardens says home gardeners can cop ideas from the ‘Friendship Walk,’ a path linking the rose and Japanese gardens. ‘It has some of the most wonderful shrubs you can grow in this area, like azaleas and witch hazels,’ Seeber says. ‘Of course, they are shown off at their best here.’” Emily Heil, The Washington Post,

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Emily Heil, The Washington Post, 2006/05/21

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