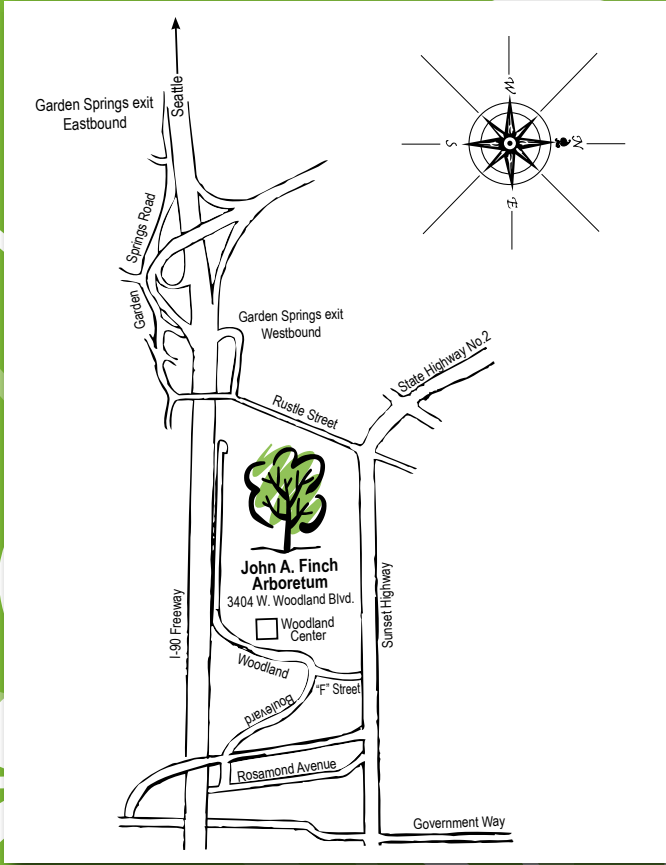


General Information

The Finch Arboretum is free and open to the public year round from dawn until dark. Restrooms are open from May 1 through October 31, weather permitting. The gate to access parking for Lilac Lane and Corey Glen is unlocked weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from April 1 through October 31. For more information call (509) 624-4832.



Directions to Finch Arboretum

Approaching from the East (downtown Spokane), go West on Second Avenue to Sunset Highway. Continue West on Sunset Highway past Government Way to just before 'F' Street. The sign and entrance to the Arboretum are located on the left-hand (South) side of Sunset Highway.

Approaching from the West, exit I-90 at Garden Springs. Head East down the Sunset Highway to the intersection with 'F' Street. Just past 'F' Street is the entrance to the Arboretum. The entrance sign is on the right-hand (South) side of Sunset Highway.

John A. Finch Arboretum

A Walking Guide



3404 West Woodland Boulevard
Spokane, Washington 99224

The Finch Arboretum

The Finch Arboretum occupies about 65 acres of beautiful tree covered land along Garden Springs Creek in the southwest part of Spokane. The collections of trees and shrubs in the Arboretum, which include inland northwest natives as well as plants from many parts of the world, are educationally useful, scientifically important and aesthetically attractive. The Arboretum is used as an "outdoor classroom" by naturalists, horticulturists, students, gardeners and photographers. Those interested in home landscaping find the Arboretum to be a valuable source of information on plant material capable of growing in the Spokane area. The Arboretum's educational and scientific value are enhanced by seasonal programs and public activities throughout the year. The park-like character and natural charm is appreciated by all who enjoy the beauty of nature.

Historical Sketch

The John A. Finch Arboretum had its inception in 1907 when the Spokane Board of Park Commissioners, as part of an overall master plan, marked off a mile long strip along Garden Springs Creek for future acquisition. This land, came largely from John A. Finch, a pioneer mining investor and D. H. Dwight whose summer cottage, "Brookside", was a delightful retreat from the hectic life of a rapidly growing city. Some of the oldest trees still standing in the Arboretum were planted by D.H. Dwight.

Planting officially began at the Arboretum in 1949 with 49 specimens comprising 10 genera and 23 species. Currently, the Arboretum houses over 2,000 labeled trees and shrubs representing over 600 species and varieties including 120 genera.

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Seasonal Highlights

Flowering Display

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| Winter | |
| December | Vernal witchhazel, daphne |
| Spring | |
| March | Chinese witchhazel, dogwood, serviceberry, forsythia, spice bush, viburnum, maple, barberry, cherry, pear, plum, horsechestnut, magnolia, pearl bush, lilac, chokeberry, deutzia, spirea, crabapple, rhododendron, laburnum, hawthorn, mock orange, honeysuckle |
| April-May | |
| Summer | |
| June | Locust, beauty bush, catalpa, rhododendron, tulip tree, viburnum, spirea, azalea, |
| July | Hibiscus, hydrangea, |
| August | stewartia, pea shrub |

Color Display Fruit and Fall/Winter

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| July | Cornelian cherry, mountain |
| August | ash, crabapple, rose, |
| September | winged euonymous |
| October | Azalea, crabapple, maple, |
| November | hawthorn, oak, viburnum |
| December | Hawthorn, Japanese |
| January | barberry, pyracantha, snowberry, red osier dogwood |

Visitor Guidelines

To preserve the beauty of the Arboretum and to make your visit pleasant, please observe the following guidelines:

- Please follow park rules and regulations posted.
- No pets allowed at anytime.
- Bicycles only on roads and trails.
- Do not harm trees or shrubs.
- Gather only material fallen from plants.

This concludes the self guided walking tour. You may continue on to the Street Tree Exhibit located across Woodland Boulevard on the north bank of the creek. The Street Tree Exhibit begins at the intersection of Woodland Boulevard and 'F' Street.

