



## The National Garden

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Leave plenty of time to stroll through our newest outdoor garden. A natural complement to the U.S. Botanic Garden, the National Garden highlights the American plants.

The three-acre National Garden draws inspiration from the environments of the Mid-Atlantic region. Conceived as an outdoor laboratory for gardening in ecosystems, the Garden opened in the fall of 2006.

The major features of the National Garden are:

- The **Regional Garden** features Mid-Atlantic native plants that highlight the beauty of the region's flora.
- The **Rose Garden** is an ongoing experiment, showcasing roses that thrive in the Mid-Atlantic when grown using organic methods.
- The **Butterfly Garden** demonstrates how gardens provide vital resources for pollinators.
- The **First Ladies Water Garden** honors the contribution of our nation's First Ladies.
- The **Lawn Terrace** functions as a welcoming area for outdoor tours, festivals and summer classes.
- The **Amphitheater** is an outdoor gathering place for educational programs. It also provides a spectacular view of the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory and the U.S. Capitol dome.

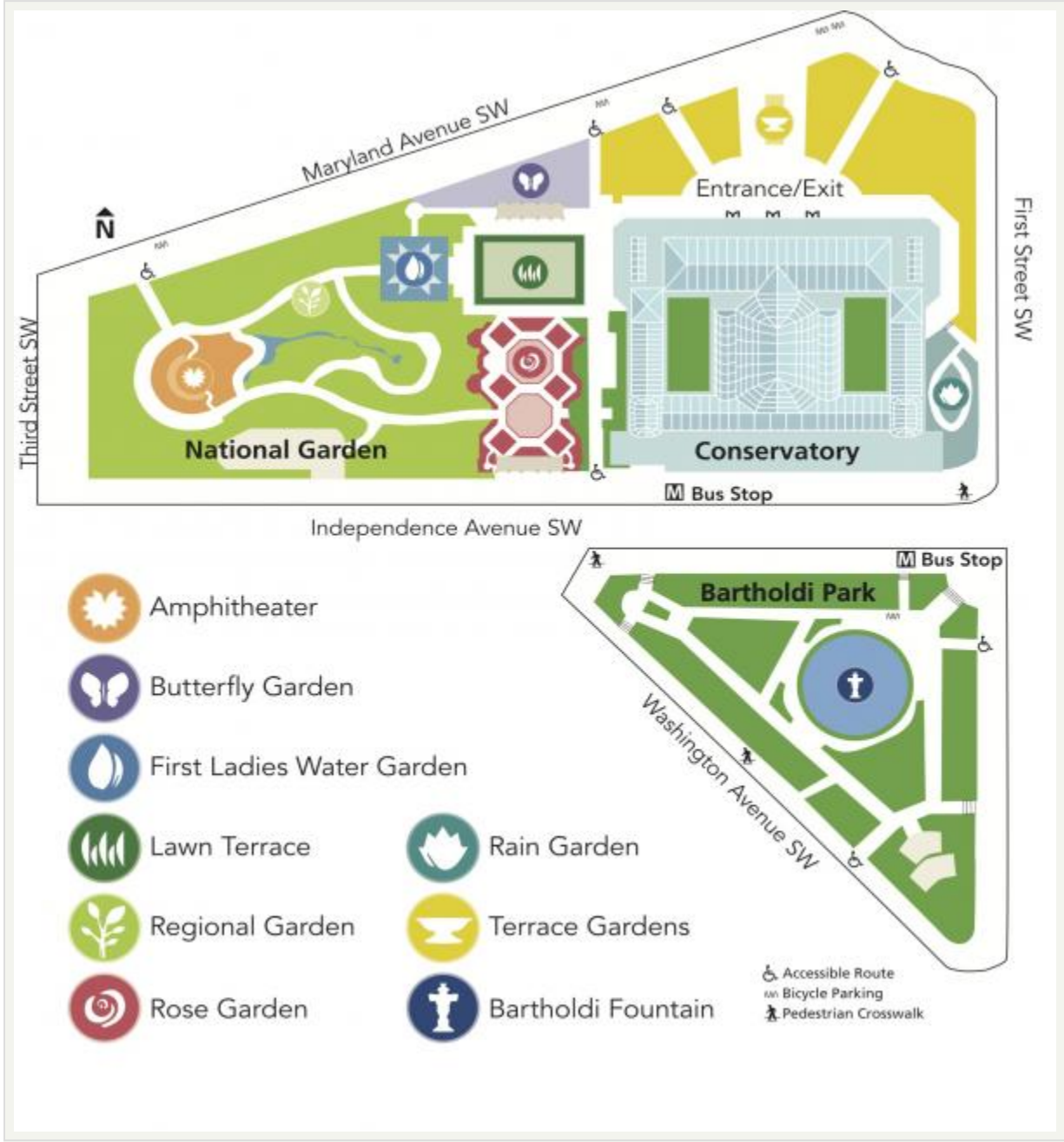
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The National Garden is designed to satisfy the gardener and the garden lover. As with any garden, over time it will e

compete for space and succumb or thrive in changing conditions. From this urban oasis, experience the beauty and power of nature, while enjoying the view of the U.S. Capitol Hill.

**EXPLORE THESE RELATED PAGES:**

- Explore the National Garden's history as we celebrate its 10th Anniversary in 2016!
- See our recommendations of native plants you can grow (wildflowers, wetland plants, plants for critters, shrubs, trees, and more!)



**Explore the birds of the National Garden!**

The native plants in the Regional Garden give birds food and shelter, as naturally occurring urban habitat recedes. These birds are an important part of the indicators of its health and vitality. See the list >>/a>



*Northern mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos) eating winterberry (Ilex verticillata) in the National Garden*

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