



Clemson Botanical Gardens 5/10K Walk Y2067©2022

The Upstate Pathfinders Volksmarch Club of Greenville, SC., is the only South Carolina member of AVA, America’s Walking Club. We welcome you to our Clemson Botanical Gardens 5/10k Year-Round Event (YRE) and thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. This event is rated 2B with the starting/finishing in the large parking lot front of the Bob Campbell Geology Center.

Walk Registration

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Walk Completion and Walk Credit for AVA Book Participants

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Clemson Botanical Garden's History

From a humble beginning as a camellia collection in the 1950s, the South Carolina Botanical Garden (SCBG) has blossomed into a 295-acre sanctuary for diversity by re-engaging people in the living world. They strive to serve as an interdisciplinary resource focusing on teaching, research, and outreach that advances awareness and understanding of plants, animals, minerals, and our culture.

The South Carolina Botanical Garden is a 295-acre garden and natural area that is a refuge for life. They exist for enjoyment and education and are available and accessible to all people. Our grounds are open and free-of-charge 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset.

Clemson Botanical Gardens Driving Directions Start Point

140 Discovery Ln., Clemson, SC, 29634 at Bob Campbell Geology Museum. Parking lot at the end of Discovery Ln.

From the South on I-85

1. Take I-85 N (Crossing into **South Carolina**).
2. Take the **SC-187** exit, EXIT 14, toward **Pendleton/Clemson**.
3. Turn **left** onto Highway 187/SC-187.
4. Turn **left** onto Highway 76/US-76 W/SC-28. Continue to follow US-76 W/SC-28.

5. Turn **left** onto Perimeter Rd. Pass Fire Station.
6. Turn **left** onto Garden Trl.
7. Curve right to go onto Discovery Ln.
8. Destination at large lot on the right.

From **Greenville, SC**

1. Go to I-85 South toward Anderson/Atlanta.
2. Take exit 19B to merge onto SC-28 W/US76 W/Clemson Blvd toward Clemson
3. Turn right on 76 W/Clemson Blvd toward Clemson for 10 miles
4. Turn left onto Perimeter Rd. Pass Fire Station.
5. Turn left onto Garden Trail in 0.6 mi.
6. Curve right to go onto Discovery Ln.
7. Right at large parking lot. On the right.

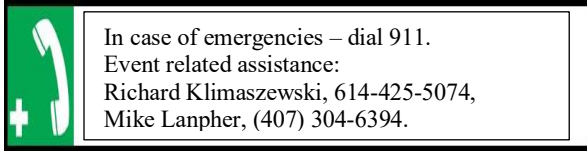
Take exit Restrooms

Public Restrooms available at the Carriage House at start. *Cross the wooden footbridge up the hill, bear left at cross paths, stay right at building, and left to the Carriage House restrooms, "2" on map. Return downhill to & left at cross paths. Go to instruction #3.*

Also available on route at President's Garden, Conference Center near Butterfly Garden, and Hanover House.

Note: Start/Finish in parking lot facing the Bob Campbell Museum. Grab a map from the kiosk

SC Botanical Garden
5 & 10k Walks
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These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. **Facing the Museum, cross** the wooden footbridge on the right.
2. **Slight left** at white sign/"intersection into the "Jurassic Garden" continuing left at the "Y" through the "dinosaur bone Arbor" to the road."
POI: 1
3. **Left** at paved road (Restrooms available at the Carriage House).
4. **Left immediately** at sidewalk to Campbell Geology Museum entrance continuing uphill to the road.
POI: 2
5. **Left** at road (Discovery Ln – no sign); Visitors Center /Gift Shop on the left, "3" on Map. **POI: 3**
6. **Left** at road (Garden Tr.- no sign).
7. **Left** on "Quercetum" display dirt path between roads, "y" on map. **POI: 4**
8. **Right** at road, walk facing oncoming traffic.
9. **Right** before main entrance gates.
10. **Right** at red brick sidewalk keeping the President's Plaza "a" on the map and flagpole on your left.
POI:5, POI:6 (Restrooms/water building on right).
11. At the white sign intersection continue towards Heritage Pond and follow sidewalk as it curves to the left then up steps to the Bell Plaza and Cadet Life Garden "b" on the map.
12. At top of left steps work your way around the Bell Tower reading history of the cadets prior to WWII displayed on the metal plaques. **POI:7**
13. Continue through the right pergola towards the Red Caboose, "c" on map.
14. **Right** at caboose following outer sidewalk. **POI:8**
Notice names of class of 39 on the right of pathway.
15. **Right** exiting at the opposite end.
16. **Left** at 2nd split, white sign towards "Flower Display Gardens".
17. **Left** at wood footbridge to "Celtic Garden". "j" on the map. Continue uphill crossing 2 wood bridges.
18. **Left** at the end of the garden/wood bench. Follow brick path uphill to paved road. (Duck Pond Rd. no-sign).
19. **Left, then right** to the "Flower Display Garden" post, "l" on map following grassy path (bench on the left) towards and through a pergola in the middle of the field.
20. **Curve right**, then about 20 paces **bear left** with large tree on left.
21. **Right** at open space exiting at the "Flower Display Garden" post to road.
22. **Right** at paved road, (Loblolly Ln. no-sign), passing the lecture area post on the left side of road.
23. **Left** at gravel path/large rock (Jack Reuse Miller Memorial Garden/the "Dwarf Conifer Garden", "k" on map).
24. **Continue straight** until you reach steps (white gazebo on left) going down into the grassy courtyard.
25. **Cross gazebo courtyard** to steps going down to unpaved trail.
26. **Left** at unpaved trail at Camellia Garden post keeping pond on the right.
27. **Continue** past the 2nd Camellia Garden Post and go right on the path just before the hollow tree/sign.
28. **Follow the path** downhill toward the pond then curve to the left and cross a small stone bridge.
29. **Continue** through stone ruins and carefully up the steps.
30. **Right** at "T" and continue on the brick path to the right of tree, overlooking pond.
31. **Right** at "T" facing "F looking" wooden bench formation.
32. **Down steps** to paved road (Duck Pond Dr. (no-sign)
33. **Left** at paved road uphill to the Butterfly Garden. "
34. **Right** at the brick sidewalk to the Butterfly Garden entrance.
35. **Follow the sidewalk** counterclockwise back to paved road.
36. **Right** at paved road uphill towards Conference Center, "#6" on map. *Restrooms available on lower level.*
37. **Right** at sidewalk immediately past Conference Center following it through pergola to road.
38. **Cross road, up steps**, through a parking lot towards Hanover House, "#7" on map. **POI:9** (Restrooms available in small white building.).
39. **Left** past the restrooms; follow dirt path to the Hydrangea Garden.
40. **Cross** the road, enter the Hydrangea Garden, continue counterclockwise on outer loop and return to garden entrance.

41. **Exit Hydrangea Garden** and return to the restrooms/Hanover House/parking lot.
42. **Follow road/driveway** downhill from parking lot.
43. **Left** at road (Garden Tr.) continue to stop sign.
44. **Right** at stop sign.
45. **Right** at “Keep Right” sign. Continue past the Sawmill on the right to the end of road/intersection with low stone walls on both sides. **POI: 10**
46. **Left** at paved road uphill.
47. **Right** at Gwen Heusel Nature Tr. (wood trail sign) and walk downhill in woods. Follow path uphill to open field. **POI: 11**
48. **Left** at open field on worker road keeping trees on the left. After 50 paces bear left back on the Heusel Tr.
49. **Right** at one-way road (Garden Tr. no sign); pass parking area continue to “Y” intersection.
50. **5K Walkers** enter the parking lot & exit on the opposite side. *Continue with step # 51.*
10K Walkers skip to step #54
51. **Left** at road (Garden Tr. – no sign) you were previously on, follow to the end of the road (stone walls both sides).
52. **Right** at “T” (Garden Tr. – no sign) continue through a white bar gate (usually closed).
53. **Left** to the parking lot.
5K Walkers this ends the walk
54. **10K Walkers. Left** at “Y” reversing 270 degrees at “Keep Right” sign facing away (Garden Tr – no sign) you were previously on.
55. **Right** at trail going downhill into open field.
56. **Left** at split/White sign Natural Dialogue, staying on lower trail until you reach road (Garden Tr. – no sign))
57. **Right** at road (Garden Tr.) continue on road to boardwalk on the right.
This area and items A-K on the map are South Carolina Habitats. Dogs are not allowed.
58. **Right** at boardwalk, (Nature Heritage Trail) immediately after pedestrian crossing sign. Pass marked posts at Coastal Shell, Maritime Forest, and the Bog.
59. **Continue** to the Carnivorous Plants, “D” on the map, walking clockwise on brick walkway observing carnivorous plants and other displays to the swings.
60. **Exit left** of the swings and follow path to the Piedmont Prairie, “G” on map.
61. **Right** after Nature Heritage Trail sign following path to the left along split-rail fence around the Carolina Bay Pond, “H” on map; go through wooden opening and notice rocks on hill on right.
62. **Right** at “T” split to stone chair facing away and follow path across footbridge to a stone formation.
63. **Turnaround** return to split after stone chair.
64. **Right** at “T”/split follow lower-level main trail passing Cove Forest & Basic Mesic posts until you reach the large stone crucible (high heat melting structure), “e” on map, opposite footbridge. **POI: 12**
65. **Right** at footbridge and follow path passing the open shelter on the right.
66. Follow the path up to the cabin. (Hunt’s Cabin), “5” on map. **POI: 13**
67. **Left** at gravel path to paved road.
68. **Left** at paved road (Duck Pond Dr-no sign), keeping pond on the right. The pond and Gazebo are the Aquatic Garden
69. **Left** at white sign that includes “Picnic Garden”.
70. **Right** at next sidewalk at Wildlife Habitat Garden post, “i” on map, to 4-way intersection near bridge.
71. **Bear right** downhill through 4-way keeping Heritage Pond,” g” on map, immediately on the right.
72. **Right** at “T” keeping Heritage Pond on the right.
73. **Left** at “T” on sidewalk passing stone table picnic area,” f” on map.
74. **Left** at “T” just before restrooms near “a” on map and follow downhill towards amphitheater entrance, then up the 2d banister set of steps.
75. Follow sidewalk uphill to Bell Tower in the Cadet Life Garden.
76. **Left** at Bell Tower and continue through pergola towards President’s Plaza (near flagpole)
77. **Exit** opposite end of plaza. (*restrooms/water available*).
78. **Right** at “T” towards road (Willow Oak Tr. – no sign)
79. **Left** at road (Willow Oak Tr no-sign)
80. **Left** at Garden Tr. (no-sign).
81. Follow road back facing oncoming traffic until you reach the path in the middle. **“Quercetum”** display
82. **Take “Quercetum”** display path in the middle back to opposite end of display/road
83. **Right** at road (Discovery Ln.) continue along lower road past the Visitor Center, “3” on map.
84. **Right** at Nature Heritage Trail opposite boardwalk.
85. **Left** at sidewalk towards wooden footbridge. finish at parking lot.

Thank you for your interest in our walk. Please contact raklimaszewski@aol.com and tell us about our walk or to find out information on any of our other walks.

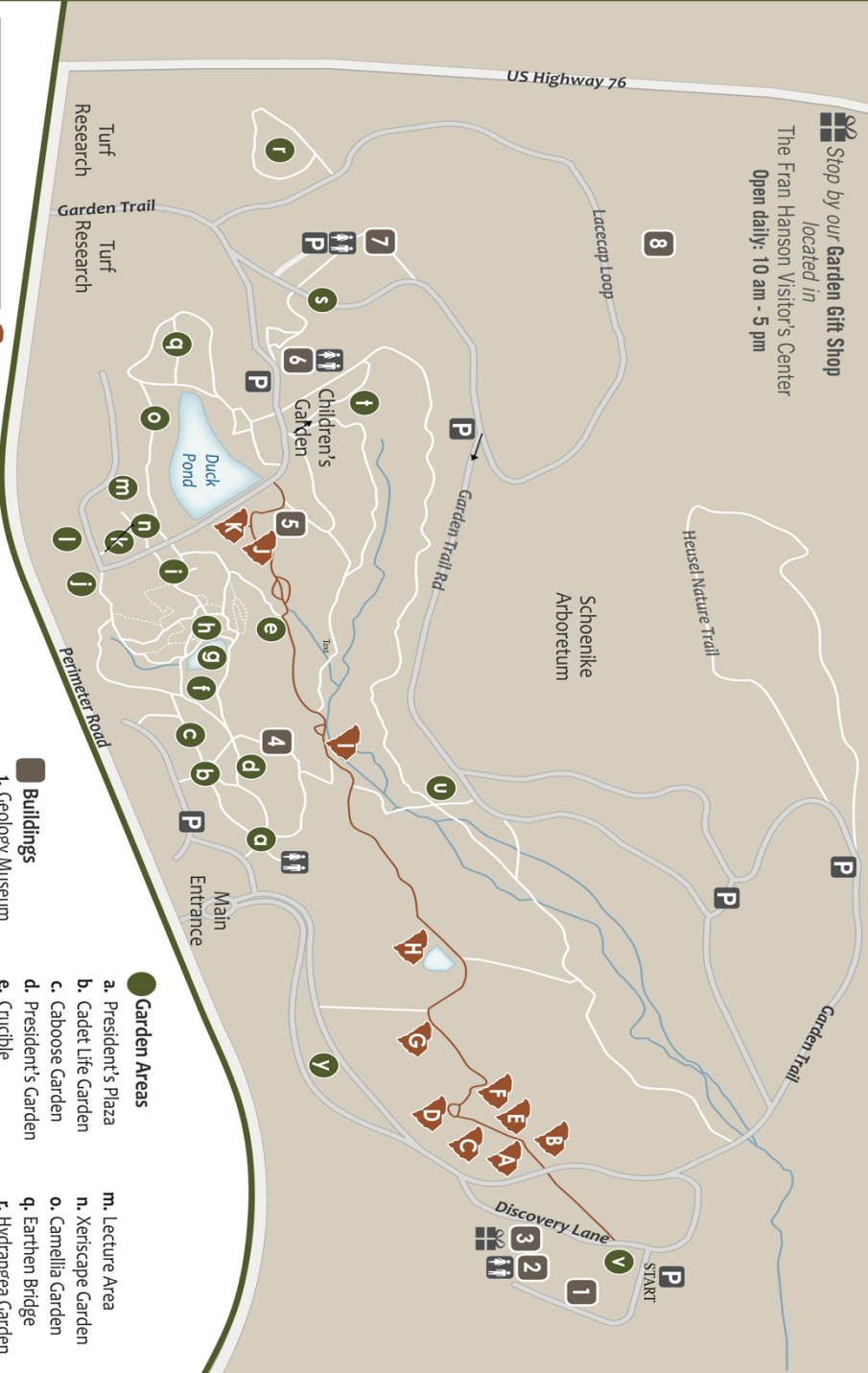
Garden and Trail Map

LEGEND

- Paved Road
- Trail
- Natural Heritage Trail (NHT)
- Stream
- Parking
- Restrooms

Scale: 0 100 200 300 400
Approximate distance in feet

- SC Habitats**
- A. Coastal Shell Ring
 - B. Maritime Forest
 - C. Bog
 - D. Carnivorous Plants
 - E. Longleaf Pine Savanna
 - F. Pocosin
 - G. Piedmont Prairie
 - H. Carolina Bay
 - I. Piedmont Woodlands
 - J. Cove Habitats
 - K. Mountain Bog
- Buildings**
- 1. Geology Museum
 - 2. Carriage House
 - 3. Visitor's Center
 - 4. Amphitheater
 - 5. Hunt Cabin
 - 6. Conference Center
 - 7. Hanover House
 - 8. Garden Operations
- Garden Areas**
- a. President's Plaza
 - b. Cadet Life Garden
 - c. Caboose Garden
 - d. President's Garden
 - e. Crucible
 - f. Picnic Garden
 - g. Heritage Pond
 - h. Hosta Garden
 - i. Wildlife Habitat Garden
 - j. Celtic Garden
 - k. Dwarf Conifer Garden
 - l. Flower Display Garden
 - m. Lecture Area
 - n. Xeriscape Garden
 - o. Camellia Garden
 - q. Earthen Bridge
 - r. Hydrangea Garden
 - s. Perennial Garden
 - t. Butterfly Garden
 - u. Natural Dialogue
 - v. Desert Garden
 - y. Quercetum



Stop by our **Garden Gift Shop**
located in
The Fran Hanson Visitor's Center
Open daily: 10 am - 5 pm

Thank you for your interest in our walk. For more information about other Upstate Pathfinders walks select the link <https://mlanpher5.wixsite.com/upstatepathfinders>

For walks in other states go to <https://my.ava.org/find-an-event.php>

Points Of Interest

1. **“Jurassic Garden”** - represents plant groups that trace their lineage back to at least the late Jurassic/early Cretaceous --- a place where dinosaur tracks, fossil casts and the plants that these species walked among become an exhibit that we can visit.
2. **Bob Campbell Geology Museum (BCGM)** – has a collection of more than 10,000 minerals, rocks, and fossils from locations in South Carolina and across the globe. The BCGM features a wide variety of geological and paleontological exhibits and is an invaluable resource for science students, teachers, researchers, and anybody interested in exploring Earth history. The Campbell Geology Museum is open Monday - Sunday from 10am-5pm (closed on Clemson University official holidays). Opening delayed until 10:30 on Fridays this semester (through April) admission is FREE - Donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.
3. **Fran Hanson Visitor’s Center** – The Fuller Gallery at the Fran Hanson Visitor's Center houses a permanent collection of paintings by South Carolina native Elizabeth Belser Fuller; painting profits she sold were donated to the Garden.
4. **Quercetum** - (a wood or plantation of oak trees) enjoy the many different oak trees from around the world.
5. **Heritage Garden** – Which consist of three elements – The Caboose Garden, the Cadet Life Garden, and the Founders (President’s) Plaza. This project, initiated by the Class of 1939. It is probably the most ambitious project begun by any class in Clemson's history. Its purpose is to present, in the garden setting of the South Carolina Botanical Garden, a visual display of some of the important aspects of Clemson's history and traditions. To do so, it was necessary to enlist the support of many groups and organizations, both within and outside the University family.
6. **Founder’s Plaza** – Perhaps the centerpiece of the Heritage Gardens is the President’s Gardens - an initial group of 13 interconnected gardens honoring each of Clemson's presidents and presenting the important events that took place during each of their regencies.
7. **Cadet Life Garden** - The second major element is the Cadet Life Garden, which presents depictions of those features of Cadet Life – metal plaques depicting cadet life before WW II. This garden has been funded by three groups; Clemson's Golden Tigers (all those alumni who finished fifty or more years ago), the Class of 1942 with its contribution of a class fund **Caboose Garden** - The plan for the Heritage Gardens contained several discrete elements. It began with the Caboose Garden, which is not only important in the traditions of the Class of '39, but which provides one of the few areas of interest to the thousands of children who visit the Botanical Garden each year. This garden was completed in 1996 with funds and gifts in kind from the class members. The class also provided the funds for the grant entrance to the Heritage Gardens, completed in 1997. *See names of class of 39 on your right on pathway*
8. **Hanover House**, with over 300 years of history, built in 1716 for French Huguenot Paul de St. Julien in Berkeley County, S.C. likely by enslaved African laborers, was primarily a rice plantation named by the St. Julien family to honor George I, Elector of Hanover, for his assistance to French Huguenots in fleeing France after the 1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. In the mortar of one of the chimneys, Paul de St Julien inscribed, “Peu a Peu,” from the French proverb, “Little by little the bird builds its nest
9. On the left up in the field on the left just before the intersection is a plaque honoring the professor who supported and grew large number of plants in this abortorium you are walking through.
10. **Gwen Heusel Nature Trail** – *Notice the plaque honoring Ms. Heusel opposite the Oak Hickory panel.* The trail winds past the nature-based sculpture, "The Spaces In Between." The Heusel trail offers a wonderful place to walk and escape into nature.
11. **Crucible structure** – Did you know? Crucible looks like it should be closely related to the Latin combining form cruc ("cross"), but it isn't. It was forged from the Medieval Latin crucibulum, a noun for an earthen pot used to melt metals, and in English it first referred to a vessel made of a very heat-resistant material (such as porcelain) used for melting a substance that requires a high degree of heat. But the resemblance between cruc- and crucible probably encouraged people to start using crucible to mean "a severe trial." That sense is synonymous with one meaning of cross, a word that is related to cruc-. The newest sense of crucible ("a situation in which great changes take place"—as in "forged in the crucible of war") recalls the fire and heat that would be encountered in the original heat-resistant pot.
12. **Hunt Cabin**-The restored Hunt Cabin was built around 1826 by Charles Hunt Jr. Mr. Hunt married Martha Dalton in 1825. As a wedding present, Martha's father, Solomon Dalton, gave Charles 2,300 acres of land. The Hunt Cabin was built on this tract of land in Seneca, South Carolina. The Cabin was scheduled to be torn down but was purchased by the Clemson Class of 1915 for \$35 and moved to Clemson College in 1955.

**The UpState PathFinders
South Carolina/Clemson Botanical Gardens
2024 Special Programs**

Walking With American Veterans	Cadet Life Garden, Garden Area Map “b”
Step to the Beat	Amphitheater, Buildings Map #4
Walking the USA: A - Z	C - Clemson
Walking the United States (50 States)	S - South Carolina

**Listing and Links to Upstate Pathfinders’
YREs**

Historic Greenville - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2062	Historic Anderson - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2919
Greenville City Parks - 5/10k YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0232	Clemson Botanical Garden - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2067
Greenville-Alta Vista - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529	Historic Greer - 6/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2530
Greenville’s Conestee Nature Preserve - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2342	Historic Simpsonville - 5/10K YRE OSB https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2920
Greenville’s Furman University - 5/10k YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0688	Greenville/Travelers Rest Swamp Rabbit Trail 5K-50K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=2531
Travelers Rest - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0578	AMERICA’S WALKING CLUB has 2000 permanent walks annually with over 1100 on line to walk for very reasonable fees, \$2 or \$4 (w/Record Books)
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