

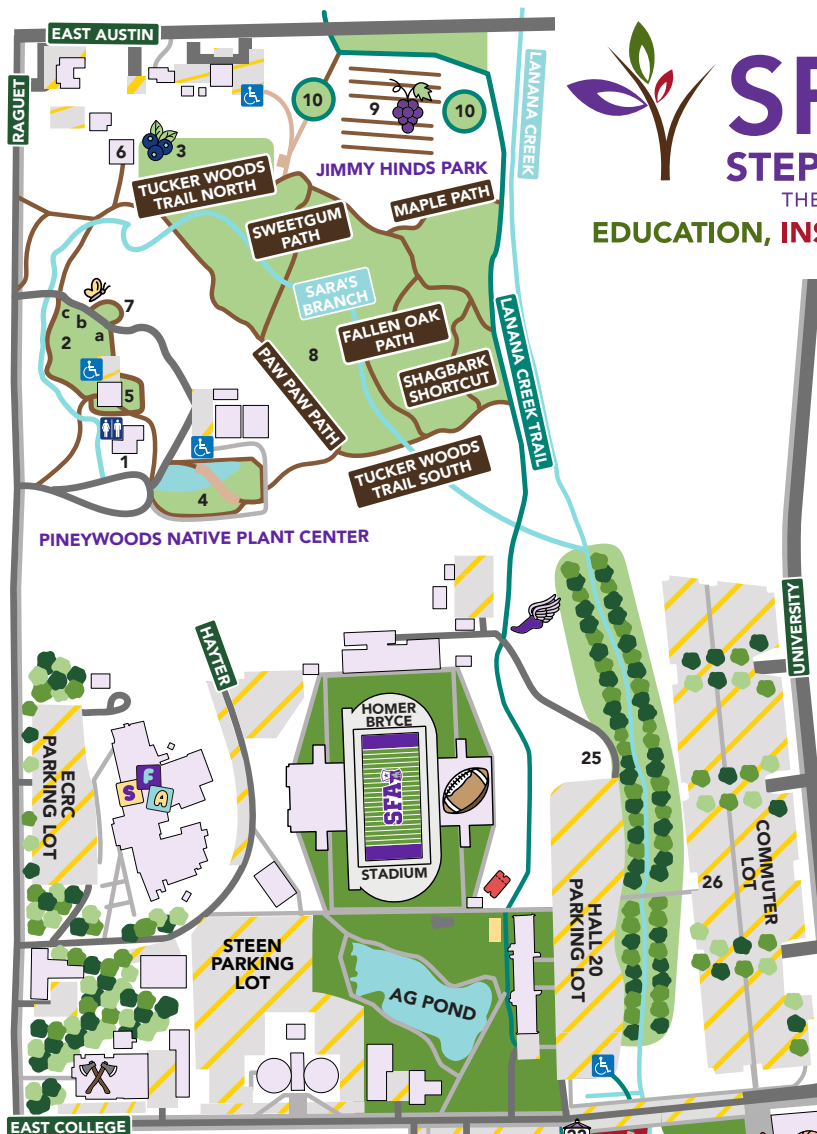


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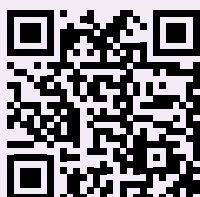
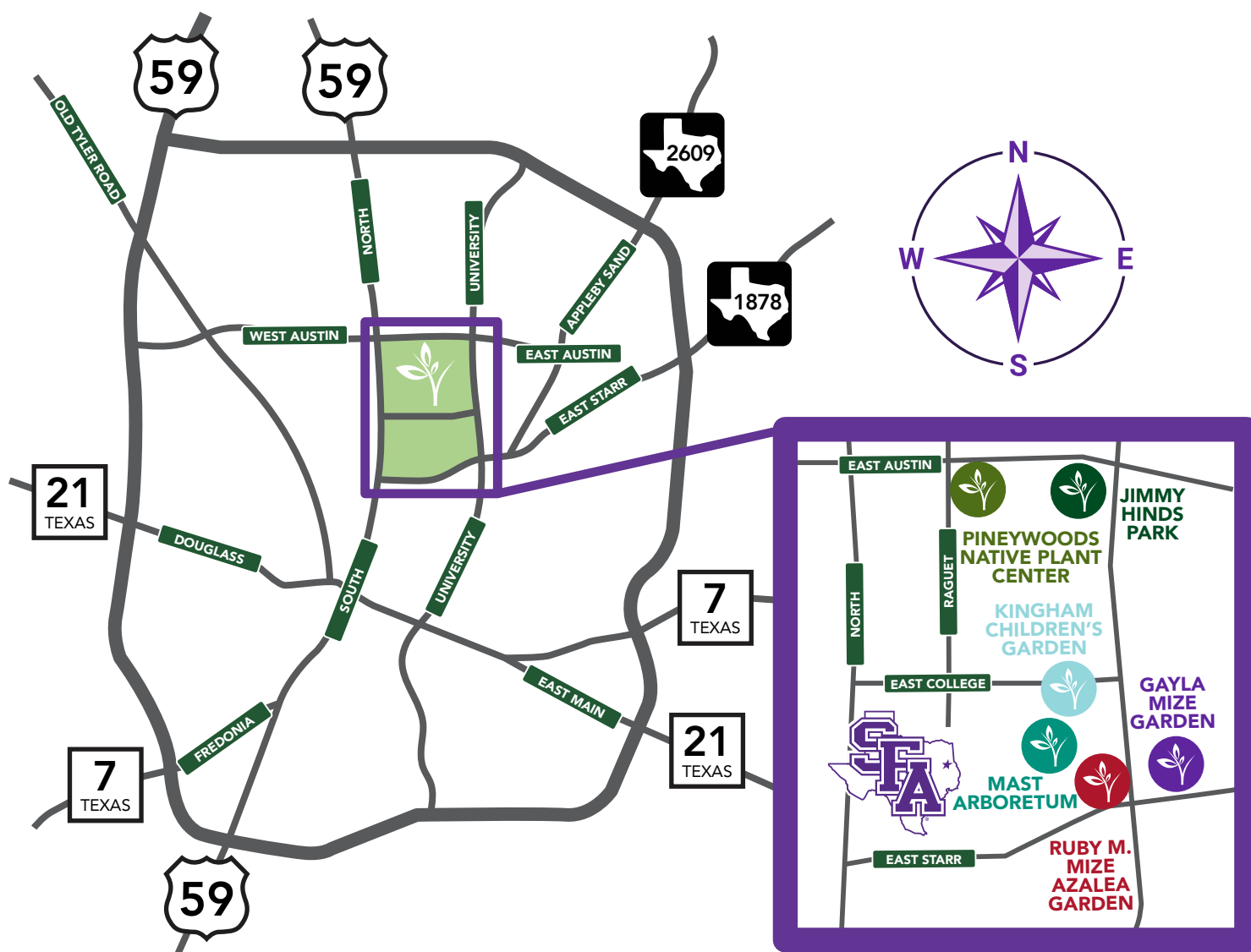


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## Pineywoods Native Plant Center

The Pineywoods Native Plant Center is a 40-acre living laboratory and is a wonderful recreational resource for the community and region.

### 1. Brundrett Conservation Education Building

Sustainably built and energy efficient, this building is a space for environmental programs year-round. Funded by private donations, it is named in honor of Tyler philanthropist Ina Brundrett.

### 2. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Demonstration Garden

Dedicated by Lady Bird Johnson during Pineywoods Native Plant Center's grand opening in 2000, this living classroom features many species of wildflowers, trees and shrubs native to Texas and the southeast.

This garden includes the [Xeric Bed \(2a\)](#), characterized by deep sandy or clay soil and drought-tolerant plants; the [Mesic Bed \(2b\)](#), slopes that are well drained but still have sufficient soil moisture most of the year; the [Riparian Zone \(2c\)](#) located near the edge of streams and rivers.

### 3. Blueberry Hill

This blueberry patch has over 60 varieties and selections of blueberries used for research and evaluation.

### 4. Wetland

Wetlands absorb excess water, slow flooding, strain debris from water and provide wildlife habitat. Look for cattail, bald cypress, pickerel weed and Louisiana iris growing here.

### 5. Firewise Landscape

This garden demonstrates how homeowners can make their property less vulnerable to wildfire by selecting, placing and maintaining appropriate plants.

### 6. Green Roof Pavilion

Plantings on rooftops increase efficiency of heating and air conditioning. This grant-funded project researched strategies to improve efficiency of conventional green roofs.

### 7. Healing Garden

The butterfly bench, placed in memory of Ila Coble, is a peaceful spot to rest and reflect amongst flowers.

### 8. Tucker Woods Trails

Walk the peaceful trails in the Tucker Woods where the natural vegetation communities found in East Texas can be experienced.

## Jimmy Hinds Park

Jimmy Hinds Park is named after SFA's first agriculture professor and is located on the property where he lived and farmed. Work began in 2014, and what was once a privet-infested forest is now a sunlit patch of creek bottomland. This area is home to muscadine grape trials and two circles of bald cypresses, affectionately called "Treehenge."

### 9. Muscadine Vineyard

**Peak Fruiting Season: September**

The vineyard features more than 75 varieties of muscadines.

### 10. Baldcypress Treehenge

Take a break and find some peace sitting in the middle of these 'No. 502 Hybrid baldcypresses' and 'Cascade Falls' baldcypresses.

## SFA Mast Arboretum

The Mast Arboretum is a 10-acre garden along Lanana Creek on the SFA campus. The garden started in 1985 as a small project on the south side of the agriculture building and is the oldest university arboretum in Texas. The garden has expanded into one of the most diverse collections of plants in the South, hosting more than 7,500 different plants. This original garden bears the name of Adlai T. Mast Jr. and Patricia Mast, both passionate supporters of SFA, generous donors to the garden and strong proponents for community beautification.

### 11. Alternative Fruit Plots

Dedicated to figs, jujubes, persimmons and other fruits not found at the grocery store.

### 12. Asian Valley

SFA Gardens' goal is to find climate-resilient ornamentals from around the globe that grow in southeastern United

States. This collection has been home to azaleas, Japanese maples and other plants native to China.

### 13. Bamboo and Ginger Collection

Clumping bamboo and sun-loving butterfly and hidden gingers are being tested here.



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#### 14. Challenger Monument

Trees were planted in memory of the seven Space Shuttle Challenger astronauts who gave their lives on Jan. 28, 1986. Telephone Pioneers of America donated a monument to serve as a memorial to the crew.

#### 15. Conifer Collection

Luscious evergreen trees blend the Pacific Northwest, Asia and South America with East Texas.

#### 16. Daffodil Hill

**Peak bloom season: February to May**

This cheerful floral display blooms each spring and features Campenelle jonquils and southern heirloom narcissus varieties.

#### 17. Dry Garden

Agave are planted by other woody lilies and drought-tolerant shrubs and trees.

#### 18. Fern Gully

This area is purposefully designed without color to emphasize the importance of foliage size, shape, form and texture.

#### 19. Holly Row

This staple in the arboretum includes evergreen specimens of American holly selections and hybrids.

#### 20. Shade Garden

Towering oaks and pines provide a shady oasis for midstory Japanese maples, camellias and other flowering shrubs and trees.

#### 21. Wisely Gazebo

Surrounding the gazebo, plantings echo the spirit of SFA with purple foliage and flowers.

### Jim and Beth Kingham Children's Garden

The Jim and Beth Kingham Children's Garden was established with community support to create a tranquil and beautiful outdoor space for learning. There are many facets within this garden, but the crown jewel is the Timber Frame Pavilion built in 1998 by the Timber Framers Guild of North America. The Jim and Beth Kingham Children's Garden is a popular place on campus for picnics and studying, and it welcomes many each April for the Bugs, Bees, Butterflies and Blossoms Festival. This garden is named in honor of Jim and Beth Kingham, enthusiastic supporters of SFA and the Nacogdoches community.

#### 22. Timber Frame Pavilion

##### ● Monarch Waystation and Pollinator Garden

Pollinator-friendly plants provide color for the garden

and habitat for bees, butterflies, birds, beetles and bats. This area is a certified monarch waystation, providing an important respite for butterflies on their annual migration.

### Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden

The Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden was developed as a project of the SFA Mast Arboretum and construction began in an overgrown loblolly pine forest in winter of 1997. Dottie Wisely established the endowment that made this garden possible, and it is named after her mother, an avid gardener and lover of the beauty of nature. The garden was created with assistance from students, community members, nursery professionals across the South and the City of Nacogdoches. The garden was dedicated in April 2000.

##### ● Azalea Cultivar Evaluations

**Peak bloom season: March to May**

Beds 29 through 33

##### ● Native Azaleas

**Peak bloom season: March to May**

Beds 25 through 28

##### ● Camellia Trail

**Peak bloom season: October to February**

Beds 18-19 and 21-22

##### ● Color Display Beds, Flowering Shrubs and Trees

**Peak bloom season: March to May**

Beds 1-17, 20, 23-24, and 34-35

##### ● Council Ring

Featuring colorful azaleas and *Acer palmatum* 'Oto hime,' dwarf Japanese maples grafted on to taller trunks, made to look like whimsical toad stools.

##### Japanese Maples

**Peak color season: October to December**

Distributed throughout the garden and campus.

##### Magnolias

**Peak bloom season: spring**

Distributed throughout the garden and campus.

##### Unique Trees

Distributed throughout the gardens.

Pawpaw, ginkgo and Japanese plum yew.

##### Hydrangeas and Gardenias

**Peak bloom season: May to August**

Distributed throughout the garden.

#### 23. Cascade Falls Baldcypress Tunnel

The cascading weeping baldcypress tunnel paired with the bridge over Lanana Creek is a favorite for all who visit the gardens.

## Gayla Mize Garden

Work on the Gayla Mize Garden began in 2011 and it was officially dedicated with a ceremony on April 16, 2012. This garden honors the legacy of Gayla Mize, a longtime friend of the SFA Gardens and one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Nacogdoches Azalea Trail.

### Camellias

Peak bloom season: October to February  
Distributed throughout the gardens.

### Rhododendrons

Peak bloom season: March to May  
Distributed throughout the gardens.

● Deciduous azaleas

● Evergreen azaleas

● Reblooming azaleas

### ● Hydrangeas

Peak bloom season: May to August  
Beds 20A-20D

### Gardenias

Peak bloom season: May to August  
Distributed throughout the gardens.

### Native Trees

Distributed throughout the gardens.  
Pine, dogwood, redbud, magnolia, sweetgum, baldcypress and more.

### Unique Trees

Distributed throughout the gardens.  
Chinese dogwoods, Japanese maples, 'Little Jim' magnolia, 'Cascade Falls' baldcypress.

### 24. Labyrinth

Peak bloom season: May to August  
'Slender Silhouette' sweetgum and 'Cherry Bomb' holly.

## Other attractions

### 25. Baldcypress Collection

The finest collection of baldcypress species, genotypes and cultivars in the U.S. is located along Lanana Creek behind the Hall 20 parking lot.

### 26. Crape myrtle Collection

This popular small flowering tree in the South is located throughout the SFA commuter lot.

### 27. The Plantery

The Plantery is SFA's student botanic garden where we cultivate passionate students who grow and celebrate incredible plants that elevate and inspire our community. Come see what our students are growing during open house events.