Please visit these additional Garden sites that are accessible from inside the Center:

5. Ceremonial Court Yard - plants of interest are Morning Cloud Chitalpa, Agaves, Cacti, and perennials that include Mist Flower, Texas Betony, Copper Canyon Daisy.

6. Rose Garden - entrance from the Oval Office provides a quiet walk among Southern Magnolias, Natchez Crape Myrtle, Chaste Trees, Texas Mountain Laurel, ferns, sages, perennials, annuals, aquatics, vines and four rose varieties: Cecile Brunner Rose, Gruss and Aachen Rose, Perle d’Or Rose and Winchester Cathedral Rose.

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GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

Self-Guided Tour Native Texas Park

Welcome to the George W. Bush Presidential Center with a native Texas landscape in a 15-acre urban park. The Bush Center grounds reflect President and Mrs. Bush’s longstanding commitment to environmental conservation and restoration. The Native Texas Park features:

- Native Blackland Prairie grasses
- Seasonal wildflowers
- Clearings that provide native habitats for butterflies, birds, and other species
- Tree-shaded lawns
- Amphitheater

A one mile network of paths will take you through native Texas environments such as Blackland Prairie, Post Oak Savannah and Cross Timbers Forest.

The Bush Center from the south, overlooking the Native Texas Park.
Cross over the wood bridge. The park bridges highlight the beauty and sustainability of Black Locust wood. It is resistant to rot and extremely hard, making it an excellent and sustainable alternative to tropical hardwoods.

11. The Wildflower Meadow brings the spectacular, early springtime, Central Texas event — the blooming Bluebonnets — into the city for all to see. Accompanying the Bluebonnets, are Pink Evening Primrose, Texas Paintbrush and Scrambled Eggs.

10. The Wet Prairie: Rainwater from the parking areas, paths and planted zones travels to the Wet Prairie through a series of overland bioswales and underground pipes. Because of the moisture fluctuations, the plant life here also includes moisture-adapted plants such as Green Sprangletop and Maximillian Sunflower. Grasses include Little Bluestem and Bushy Bluestem. Some sedges to look for are Cherokee Sedge and Inland Sea Oats.

Pause here at the top of the hill in the southern-most edge of the property and enjoy Laura Bush’s favorite view of the grounds. Take in a 360 degree panorama of Dallas’ skyline, SMU’s Georgian campus and the Bush Center.

9. The Forebay: This man-made pool allows water from the paved service area and the building to filter here before being released into the park, temporarily detaining the water, slowing down the velocity and allowing sediment to further settle prior to it flowing into the Wet Prairie and cistern.

13. The East Prairie and Amphitheater: The Amphitheater is situated in one of the Post Oak Savannahs. Some of the trees and bushes here are: Bur Oak, Eastern Red Cedar, Pecan, Possumhaw, Eve’s Necklace, Beautyberry and Flameleaf Sumac. The indigenous limestone used here, and throughout the park, is Leuders Limestone from Abilene.

4/8. North Lawns/Great Lawn: The grass consists of a mix of five types of native grasses: Buffalo Grass, Blue Grama, Texas Grama, Poverty Drop Seed and Curly Mesquite (a similar mix called Habiturf may be purchased from the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center website) This grass mixture requires less mowing (3-4 times a year), watering (1/2" of water every 2 weeks in drought), weeding and feeding than other traditional lawns. It is not good for athletic fields or high traffic areas. Once established, it can be mowed to a height of three to four inches for a more traditional look.