



Florida State Parks

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JUNIOR RANGER

# GRAND GARDENS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Park \_\_\_\_\_



People grow gardens for a variety of reasons. The earliest gardens were grown for food and medicine. As these items became easier to get, people started growing gardens for their enjoyment. Whether it is a simple window box or acres of formal plantings, gardens relieve stress, create beauty and act as a form of self-expression. Florida State Parks have many historic gardens. You can visit them and relax in the variety of sights, sounds and smells of these unique spaces.

Who founded the gardens you are visiting today?

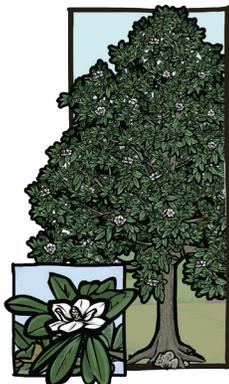
When did they start planting the garden?

Flowers can grow in trees, on bushes or near the ground. Some examples of native flowers are shown here. As you explore the park, write the number of flowers you see blooming on the different types of plants.

1. On a Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

2. In a Bush: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Near the Ground: \_\_\_\_\_



Southern Magnolia



Firebush



Coreopsis





## CULTURAL RESOURCES ACTIVITY

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Look around. Plaques, tree ID tags and Park Rangers can help identify the plants around you.

List or describe three plants you found in the garden and then draw your favorite.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Favorite Plant:

List or describe three features (plaques, statues, fountains, gazebos, benches, etc.) you found in the garden and then draw your favorite.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Favorite Feature:

Fill in the blanks below to make a funny story about your visit.

Today we arrived at \_\_\_\_\_ State Park  
(Name of Park)

to see the garden. We got to the park by riding a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Mode of Transportation)

It was fun to see all of the plants, including the \_\_\_\_\_ lily  
(Name of Your Best Friend)

and the \_\_\_\_\_ rose. We were surprised to see a(n) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Favorite Animal) (Object)

come to life, however it was friendly and liked the plants as much as we did.

It felt as if we walked for \_\_\_\_\_ miles, however I enjoyed all \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of it.  
(Number) (Number)

But seriously, my favorite plant was the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Plant You Saw)

and I hope we visit again soon.

