

GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS | UP TO TWO HOURS

With 55 acres to explore it is hard to see the entire estate in under two hours. Once the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, this extraordinary 1930s estate, with its historic mansion, cultivated gardens and expansive vistas, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and museum. The options below will give you a taste of the beauty of Cheekwood.

- ❖ Start with the **Bradford Robertson Color Garden**. This garden reflects the universal love of color as a design element in flowers and foliage, and the displays change seasonally.
- ❖ Enjoy quiet contemplation in the **Blevins Japanese Garden (Shōmu-en)**. *Shōmu-en* translates to “pine-mist forest.” This garden transcends cultures by connecting Eastern garden design with the native Tennessee landscape.
- ❖ Enjoy the sound of cascading water as you walk along a rocky stream examining the fern collection, hellebores, hostas and heucheras in the **Robinson Family Water Garden**.
- ❖ The **Wills Perennial Garden** is dedicated to iris breeder and author, Jesse Wills, and displays both new and traditional perennials and many bearded irises. The **Sigourney Cheek Literary Garden** pays tribute to the late Sigourney Cheek, a lifelong learner, author, and avid gardener. The spaces are designed to promote mindfulness and encourage visitors to linger with nature.
- ❖ The **Martin Boxwood Gardens** were designed in the late 1920s by Bryant Fleming, the architect who also designed the elegant mansion. The terraced gardens with extensive plantings of boxwood transport visitors to another time and place. These original Cheek gardens include a wooded stream, reflecting pool, fountains, and a stone grotto.
- ❖ Not to be missed, the iconic **Wisteria Arbor** is celebrated for its breathtaking views of the **Reflecting Pool** and the surrounding Warner Parks. The terraced gardens with extensive plantings of boxwood transport you to another time and place.



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