DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS MOST VISITED NORTH AMERICAN PUBLIC GARDEN
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'TOP 10 NORTH AMERICAN GARDENS WORTH TRAVELLING FOR' AWARD

Denver Botanic Gardens announces the distinction of being the most visited public garden in North America with 1,411,116 visitors in 2014. The major increase in attendance is attributed in large part to the hugely successful Chihuly exhibition that attracted visitors from around the globe, but the addition of two new structures (the Science Pyramid and the outdoor Hive Garden Bistro) as well as the opening of the Ellipse garden contributed as significant draws. The popular Summer Concert Series, Blossoms of Light, Trail of Lights, Pumpkin Festival, Corn Maze and Plant Sales also spurred attendance.

In addition to the attendance record, the Gardens is honored to be included in the North American Garden Tourism Conference’s ‘Top 10 North American Gardens Worth Traveling For’ 2015 Awards. The Garden Tourism Awards are presented to gardens that have distinguished themselves in the development and promotion of the garden experience as a tourism attraction. Now presented annually, the inaugural Garden Tourism Awards were bestowed at the 2011 North American Garden Tourism Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Full recipient list (in alphabetical order):
1. The Butchart Gardens. Brentwood Bay, B.C.
2. Chanticleer Garden. Wayne, PA
3. Denver Botanic Gardens. Denver, CO
4. Desert Botanical Garden. Phoenix, AZ
5. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Miami, FL
6. Huntington Botanical Gardens. San Marino, CA
8. Longwood Gardens. Kennett Square, PA
9. Montréal Botanical Garden. Montréal, QC
10. Vallarta Botanical Gardens. Puerto Vallarta, MX

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About Denver Botanic Gardens
Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens began in 1951 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Gardens’ living collections encompass specimens from the tropics to the tundra, showcasing a plant palette chosen to thrive in Colorado’s semi-arid climate. The Gardens is a dynamic, 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences for the whole family – as well as world-class education and plant conservation research programs. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range: Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield is a 750-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Evans Scenic Byway. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org.