

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS

- Tram Route (1/3 mile)
- Brick or Cement Paths
- Gravel, Bark or Flagstone Paths*
- *these paths may be difficult for visitors in wheelchairs, scooters, or with other mobility challenges.

SCULPTURES

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Hosta
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Kaleidoscope
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Untitled
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Flame #1
- 5

Bud Forms
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Spring
- 7

Flame #2
- 8

Fiddleheads
- 9

Sundial
- 10

Thai Elephants
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Thai Lions
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Thai Tablets
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Thai Elephant
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Lion
- 15

Thai Naga
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Stone Obelisk
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Vertebrae

Royal Thai Pavilion & Garden

Olbrich's Thai Garden features the Royal Thai Pavilion, a gift from the government of Thailand and the Thai Chapter of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association. It's the only one in the continental United States, and the only one outside of Thailand surrounded by a garden. The garden portrays a tropical feel by using large-leafed and bright-flowered plants hardy in the Midwest. Closer to the Royal Pavilion, the design re-creates the serenity of a formal Thai-style garden.

Sunken Garden

The Sunken Garden enhances the original 1935 design, now renovated as a more formal English-style garden enclosed by a shrub hedge and regional limestone terraces, creating a colorful outdoor room. An elegant 80-foot long reflecting pool provides a visual connection with Lake Monona beyond. Bulbs, annuals, perennials, and shrubs in cool colors bloom spring through fall in this beautiful garden.

Tower Garden

This garden combines a variety of ornamental trees, shrubs, and vines with seasonal beauties for year-round interest. Spring bulbs, flowering perennials, hardy shrub and climbing roses, tropical plants, ornamental grasses, and colorful foliage make this a gorgeous garden in any season. A Prairie Style viewing tower and fountains constructed of native limestone unify the garden.

Herb Garden

The Herb Garden is a series of smaller gardens meant to delight the senses and illustrate the historic and contemporary importance of herbs. Specialty gardens within the Herb Garden include the English Courtyard, Tea, Touch and Smell, Knot, Sage and Thyme, Medicinal, Dye, Kitchen, and Sinister Gardens.

