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The National Garden

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Leave plenty of time to stroll through our newest outdoor garden. A natural complement to the U.S. Botanic Garden, the National Garden highlights the amazing diversity of American plants.

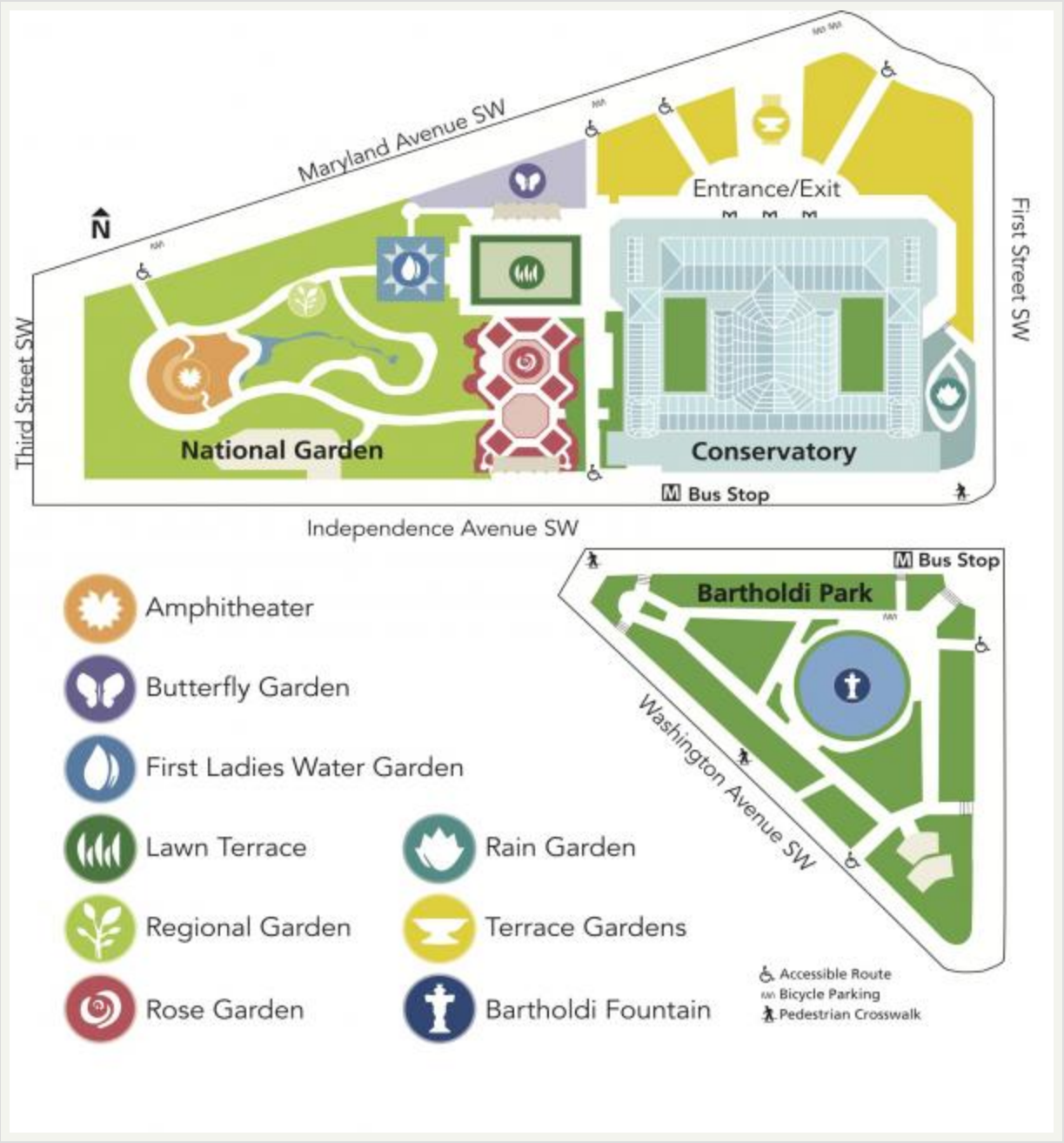
The three-acre National Garden draws inspiration from the environments of the Mid-Atlantic region. Conceived as an outdoor laboratory for gardening in harmony with natural ecosystems, the Garden opened in the fall of 2006.

The major features of the National Garden are:

- The **Regional Garden** features Mid-Atlantic native plants that highlight the beauty of the region's flora.
- The **Rose Garden** is an ongoing experiment, showcasing roses that thrive in the Mid-Atlantic when grown using organic methods.
- The **Butterfly Garden** demonstrates how gardens provide vital resources for pollinators.
- The **First Ladies Water Garden** honors the contribution of our nation's First Ladies.
- The **Lawn Terrace** functions as a welcoming area for outdoor tours, festivals and summer classes.
- The **Amphitheater** is an outdoor gathering place for educational programs. It also provides a spectacular view of the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory and the U.S. Capitol dome.

The National Garden is designed to satisfy the gardener and the garden lover. As with any garden, over time it will evolve as plants mature, compete for space and succumb or thrive in changing conditions.

From this urban oasis, experience the beauty and power of nature, while enjoying the inspiring vistas of Capitol Hill.



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