

experience COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS IN BLOOM

Experience the many flavors, aromas and colors of Columbus. Learn how to create your own butterfly garden and use fresh herbs to create culinary delights.

DAY ONE

Stroll through **Inniswood Metro Gardens** in suburban Westerville. Once the estate of sisters Grace and Mary Innis, the park contains miles of walking paths, well-manicured gardens and the Sisters' Garden, dedicated to the child in everyone.

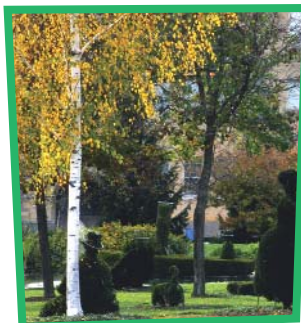
Discover why **Gahanna** is known as the Herb Capital of Ohio. Savor herb-infused foods and learn how to use herbs to do everything from creating one-of-a-kind herbal teas to culinary treats like herb-infused vinegar and pesto with fresh basil, parsley or marjoram.



Get creative with herbs in Gahanna

Explore the gardens and first floor of the **Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden**, open by appointment on Tuesdays. You'll see plants native to Ohio's diverse ecosystems including a cranberry bog and sand dunes.

Step inside a painting at the **Topiary Park**, the world's only painting re-created in topiary. Georges Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" is brought to life with 54 topiary people, eight boats, three dogs, a monkey and a cat.



Step inside a painting at the Topiary Park

Dine along the downtown riverfront at **Confluence Park**, which offers spectacular views of the city's skyline. Or head to the Short North Arts District for **Rigsby's Kitchen**, where chef/owner Kent Rigsby is known for using natural foods.

DAY TWO

Walk amid flying tropical butterflies and let a horticulturist teach you how to attract them to your yard all summer long on a behind-the-scenes tour of **Franklin Park Conservatory**.



Learn how to create a butterfly garden

Relax over lunch nearby at **The Bexley Monk**, a Central Ohio favorite since it opened in 1984. Afterward, explore Bexley's art galleries and unique boutiques.

Go inside a private garden on a guided tour of **German Village**, a charming restored neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Stroll along the cobblestone streets to Frank Fetch Park and Schiller Park, both filled with flowers.

Enjoy dinner in German Village at **Lindey's**, one of Columbus' "Top Ten" restaurants for nearly 20 years. It's run with a passion: Owner Sue Doody taught cooking classes from her home before opening Lindey's in 1981.

DAY THREE

See and smell thousands of varieties of roses at the **Park of Roses**, one of the country's largest metropolitan rose gardens.

Before heading out, eat lunch at **The Worthington Inn**, welcoming travelers since its early days as a stagecoach stop in the 1850s. Now serving only as a restaurant, the inn offers gourmet fare using fresh, locally grown ingredients.

Time your visit with one of these 2010 annual events:

- Central Ohio Home & Garden Show, Feb. 27-March 7
- May Herb Day in Gahanna, May 8
- German Village Haus und Garten Tour, June 27

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