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The Elizabethan Gardens of Manteo

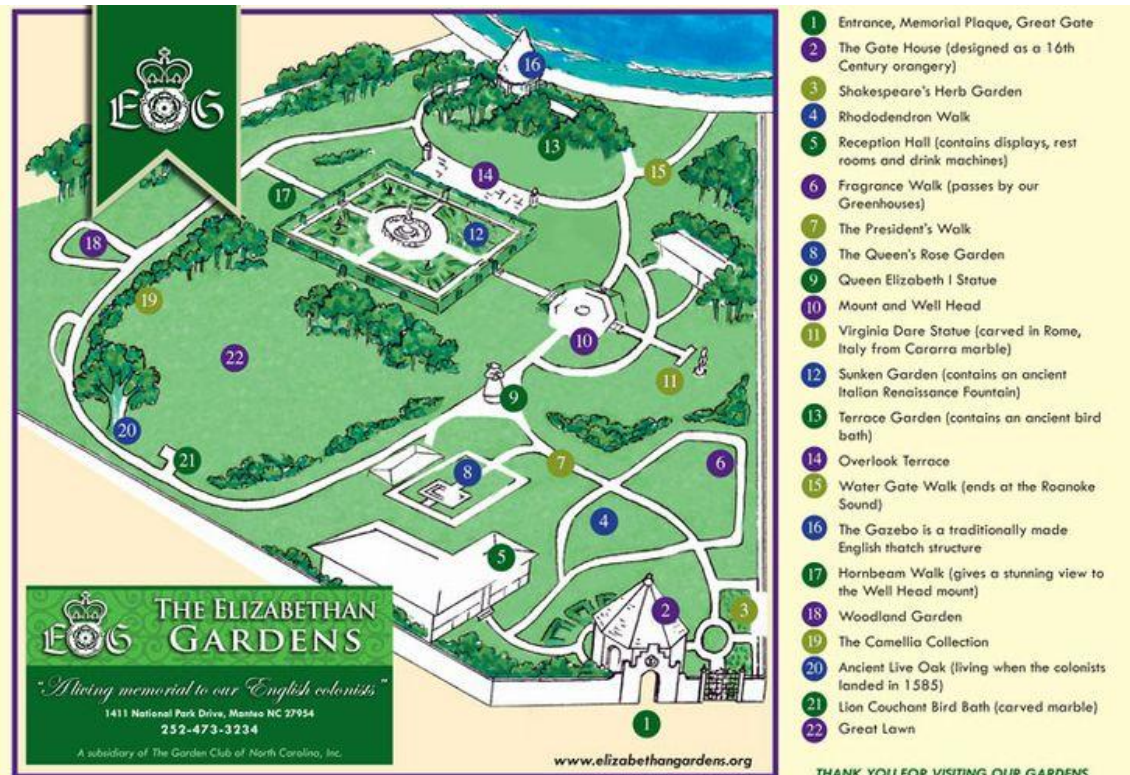
Down the centuries, English women have built gardens to the glory of God, the beauty of the countryside and the comfort of their souls.

The women of the Garden Club of North Carolina have planted this garden in memory of the valiant men and women who founded the first English Colony in America.

From this hallowed ground they walked away through the dark forest and into history. - Inglis Fletcher



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Origins of the Gardens



[Ruth Cannon](#)



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[Sir Evelyn Wrench and
Lady Hylda Wrench](#)

Origins of The Gardens



Simulating the Past



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Things to do when you visit The Elizabethan Gardens

- Gaze out at the lapping waves from the Overlook Terrace. Ponder if this same sight delighted the colonists who once stood upon these shores.
- At the Well-Head Mount notice the family crests, figures and wonder who came to drink at this refreshing well.

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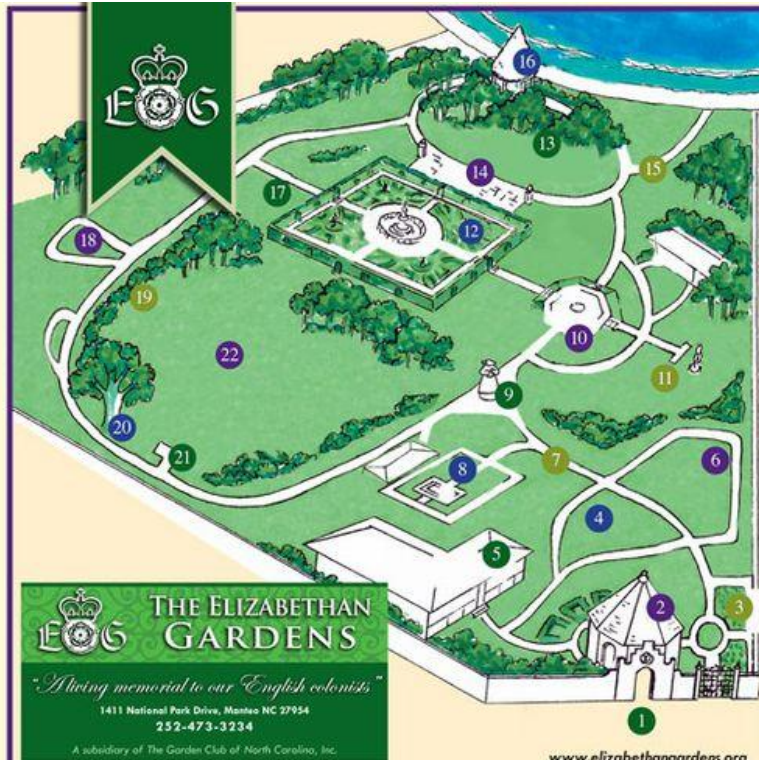


Fanciful Gendering

Things to do when you visit The Elizabethan Gardens

- Touch the lace details on Queen Elizabeth's gown.
- Visit the Virginia Dare statue. Perhaps she will tell you the mystery of the lost colony?
- Stand alongside the Ancient Live Oak tree and revel in her outstretched arms.

Fanciful Gendering



- 1 Entrance, Memorial Plaque, Great Gate
- 2 The Gate House (designed as a 16th Century orangery)
- 3 Shakespeare's Herb Garden
- 4 Rhododendron Walk
- 5 Reception Hall (contains displays, rest rooms and drink machines)
- 6 Fragrance Walk (passes by our Greenhouses)
- 7 The President's Walk
- 8 The Queen's Rose Garden
- 9 Queen Elizabeth I Statue
- 10 Mount and Well Head
- 11 Virginia Dare Statue (carved in Rome, Italy from Carrara marble)
- 12 Sunken Garden (contains an ancient Italian Renaissance Fountain)
- 13 Terrace Garden (contains an ancient bird bath)
- 14 Overlook Terrace
- 15 Water Gate Walk (ends at the Roanoke Sound)
- 16 The Gazebo is a traditionally made English thatch structure
- 17 Hornbeam Walk (gives a stunning view to the Well Head mount)
- 18 Woodland Garden
- 19 The Camellia Collection
- 20 Ancient Live Oak (living when the colonists landed in 1585)
- 21 Lion Couchant Bird Bath (carved marble)
- 22 Great Lawn



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