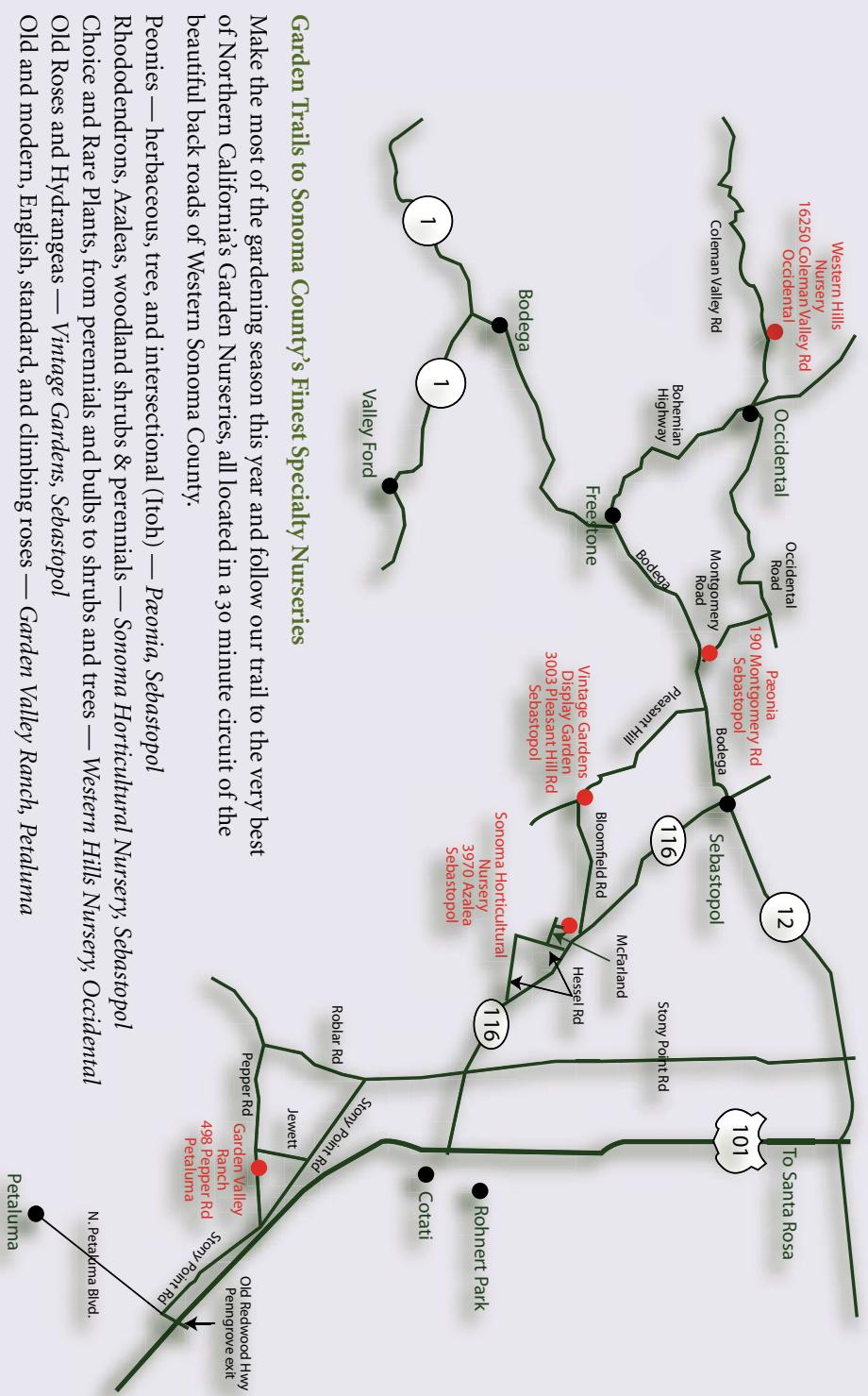


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## Garden Nurseries of Sonoma

### VERY SPECIAL GUIDED TOURS OF FIVE GREAT NURSERY GARDENS

This year the Garden Nurseries of Sonoma County offer special tours by their owners. Each garden has its own tale to tell, and there is no better way to learn and enjoy than to wander through with the people who create and tend them.

**Paeonia** A unique Oriental-inspired garden with Peonies as centerpiece provides a tranquil and joyful experience. Learn from owner Paul Campion how this misunderstood flower can thrive and bloom in our mild-winter climate, and select some of the finest examples to add to your garden. The garden & nursery benefit the San Francisco Botanical Gardens.

**Western Hills Nursery** A garden of botanical excellence that offers a lesson in how our gardens can be beautiful and fascinating at any season of the year. Robert Stansel and Joseph Gatta have revived this great nursery and re-opened this garden full of rare plants ideal for Northern California. Open garden benefits the Garden Conservancy.

**Sonoma Horticultural Nursery** It is a rare opportunity to visit this woodland masterpiece under the guidance of owner Polo de Lorenzo. Seven acres of mature rhododendrons, azaleas, and wood and water plants will inspire and teach you how to achieve a tranquil corner in your garden. Benefits SF Botanic and UC Berkeley Botanic.

**Vintage Gardens** Take a stroll through the history of roses with owner Gregg Lowery, and emerge with a renewed love for roses, old and modern, and a designer's vision for how roses can play in the landscape. Open garden through May benefits the Heritage Rose Foundation.

**Garden Valley Ranch** A masterwork of garden design, this ten-acre cut-flower farm is also a superb rose nursery with a fragrance garden, a white garden, an old rose garden, and climbing roses displayed to perfection. Join Ron Robertson for a complete tour including the mysteries of outdoor cut-flower production. Open garden benefits the Heritage Rose Foundation.

## Western Hills Nursery

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Occidental, CA 95465  
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[www.westernhillsnursery.com](http://www.westernhillsnursery.com)  
Open Saturday and Sunday,  
10AM to 5PM.  
Call for additional open hours.



The three gently rolling acres of Western Hills Nursery and Gardens have over a period of 40-some years been developed into a landscape incorporating many hundreds of varieties of perennials, ground covers, vines, shrubs, and trees, most highly unusual or difficult to procure and many seen nowhere else in cultivation. The garden delights through color, texture, fragrance, and the play of light and shadow throughout every season. From several foot-bridges that cross the streams, paths converge on a large pond of waterlilies. These water features inspire visitors even during the winter rains.

Everyone appreciates the experience of being in a garden of such beauty, but those with knowledge realize the significance of this garden in its scope of seasonal interest, integration to site, incorporation of rare plants, and maturity where trees in particular have had decades to reach their potential. This garden, which enjoys local and international acclaim, is a rare botanical gem. We propagate and offer as many of the plants seen in the garden as we can.

Robert Stansel and Joseph Gatta are committed to preserving this horticultural treasure and continuing its legacy as a rare plant center. We will soon launch our mail order nursery, and hope to have a full availability list as well as an inventory of plants in the garden this summer.

Robert will guide a tour of Western Hills to a limited group on Monday, May 5th at 11AM. Spaces may be reserved for \$25.