

# World Botanical Gardens & Umauma Falls



## GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

Spectacular,  
Triple-Tiered  
Waterfall

Pristine Rainforest  
along a  
Babbling Stream

More than  
2,000 Species

Fragrant Flowers

Exotic  
Fruit and  
Nut Trees

Labyrinthine  
Children's  
Maze

Arboretum

Hiking Trails

Picnic Areas

Umbrellas  
Available

Gift Shop

One of the largest and most beautiful botanical gardens in Hawai'i, with more than 2,000 species, World Botanical Gardens reveals nature at its most spectacular.

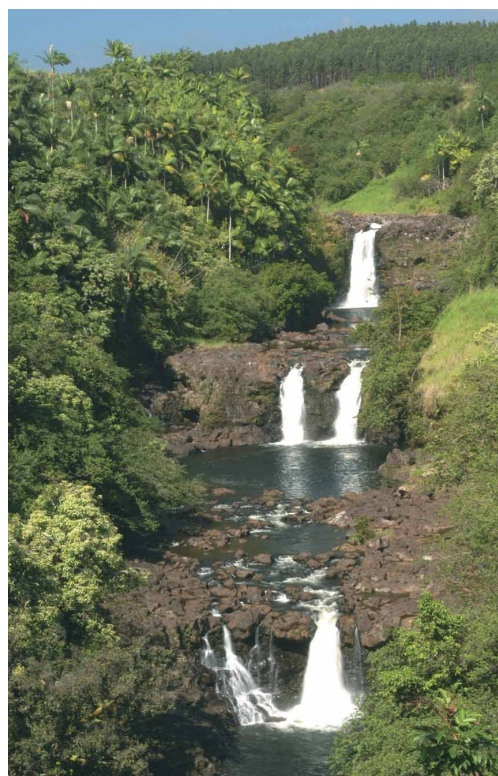
Visitors to the Gardens may conduct their own self-guided tour with a colorful map or take a guided tour with Garden Director Dr. Lanny Neel, a horticultural and botanical expert and long-time professor. The director's tours typically run for two hours and include lunch. Call the Gardens a day or so in advance for reservations.

A highlight of the Gardens is the breathtaking three-tiered Umauma Falls, thought by many to be the most beautiful waterfalls anywhere on the islands, and viewable from a landscaped overlook complete with parking.

The Gardens' Rainforest Walk is a stroll through a natural jungle that hugs the babbling Honopueo stream, where heliconia, varieties of ginger, green jade vine, palms and bromeliads abound. Beyond the formal walk are hiking trails for the more adventurous who want to experience the rustic side of the Gardens.

Lovers of plants and trees will love the Rainbow Walk, a network of pathways through a botanical garden brimming with exotics like the Pencil Tree, tropical rhododendrons, the fragrant osmanthus, orchids, crotons and flowering vines. The walk is spiced up by exotic trees such as chocolate, cola nut, coffee, cinnamon and allspice, and features a large bromeliad patch.

Designed to amuse the youngsters is a large, labyrinthine Children's Maze that never fails to please and challenge not only the youthful but the young-at-heart. Beyond it is a 10-acre Arboretum to explore.



Wildlife abounds, and creatures range from cardinals and tropical birds to mongoose and the occasional feral pig.

Paved, nearly level pathways run throughout the Gardens. Umbrellas, ponchos and mosquito repellent are available for free use. In season, visitors (with coupons) are treated to free chilled juices and tropical fruit. Be sure to visit the gift shop.

*Highway 19 at Mile Marker 16 (north of Hilo);*

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*Open daily, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

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