

Weekend in Norfolk

Five Garden Tours

Sunday, August 2, 2026



Formal Borders, 152 Litchfield Road, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Behind the border of flowering shrubs and trees that lines the roadside, lies an Arts and Crafts-style house and garden built in 1908. With a few liberties, the owners have recreated the original garden designed by Marian Coffin, restoring the small, formal parterre extending south from the house and executing the large double border below the west side of the house with the help of an early working plan. Park on the road and walk down the driveway to the house. Some steps.

Woodland Pathways, 290 Bruey Road, 11:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

When the owners, both garden designers, acquired the house and garden next door, they decided to use the intervening woodland to link the two. Large shrubs and a lawn form a transition from the mature garden surrounding their original house into the woods beyond, where an artful network of pathways and

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shade plantings leads to the second property or allows the visitor to explore. Park on the road and walk up the driveway to take the loop from the first garden through the woods to the second garden, and down its driveway to the road again. Some steps.

Feeding Body and Soul, 84 Maple Avenue, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“Our garden’s focus is to feed us, our chickens, our bees and our souls,” say the owners. They practice organic methods, remove invasives and embrace a natural feel. At its heart is the kitchen garden they have been developing behind their house, coping with a slope, wet soil and Connecticut’s many stones. There are cold frames along the retaining wall, raised beds surrounded by gravel and espaliered apples and pears on the fence. In front of the house, the mood is different. Here native plants have been allowed to naturalize into a meadow. Green and white dominate, with some soft color in season. Park on the street.

Connections, 76 Maple Avenue, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The owners of this mature garden cooperate with their neighbors next door to manage the woodland between them. They have all worked to eliminate invasives, encourage natives and create a series of meandering pathways to connect their spaces. The main garden behind the house features a lawn bordered by an array of shrubs and perennials in curving, stone-edged beds. Park on the street. Sloping ground between the two gardens.

Community Garden, 128 Greenwoods Road East, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come and visit the Norfolk Community Garden and meet some of the gardeners. You will see the beds in full summer bloom: children from the Summer Gardening Club have their own two beds where they grow pumpkins, tomatoes, peas, lettuce, kale and more, and some beds are kept for Norfolk’s Food Pantry. The Community Garden, sponsored by the town Recreation Committee, is located on the grounds of Botelle Elementary School. In the fall the fifth and sixth graders will get involved in an after school program to continue this exciting adventure.



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