



32nd Annual Pond Tour 2021

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The Pikes Peak Water Garden Society

Welcome to the 32nd annual city-wide water garden tour. This year the pond tour will be held on July 31st and August 1st, 2021. Yards will be available for viewing from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM unless otherwise specified. Please plan on attending only on the days specified during the time of the tour. This year there are 8 water gardens on display for your enjoyment. This self-guided tour is free and open to the general public. These free street maps, with a brief description of each location, are available for printing at www.ppwgs.org under the Pond Tour link.

Please respect the Pond Tour homeowners and do not ask to enter their houses. Some of the tour hosts will have cold drinks but some may not. Plan on just visiting the tour yards and take only pictures and ideas with you when you leave. Public restrooms are available throughout the city, restrooms will not be available at the pond tour homes.

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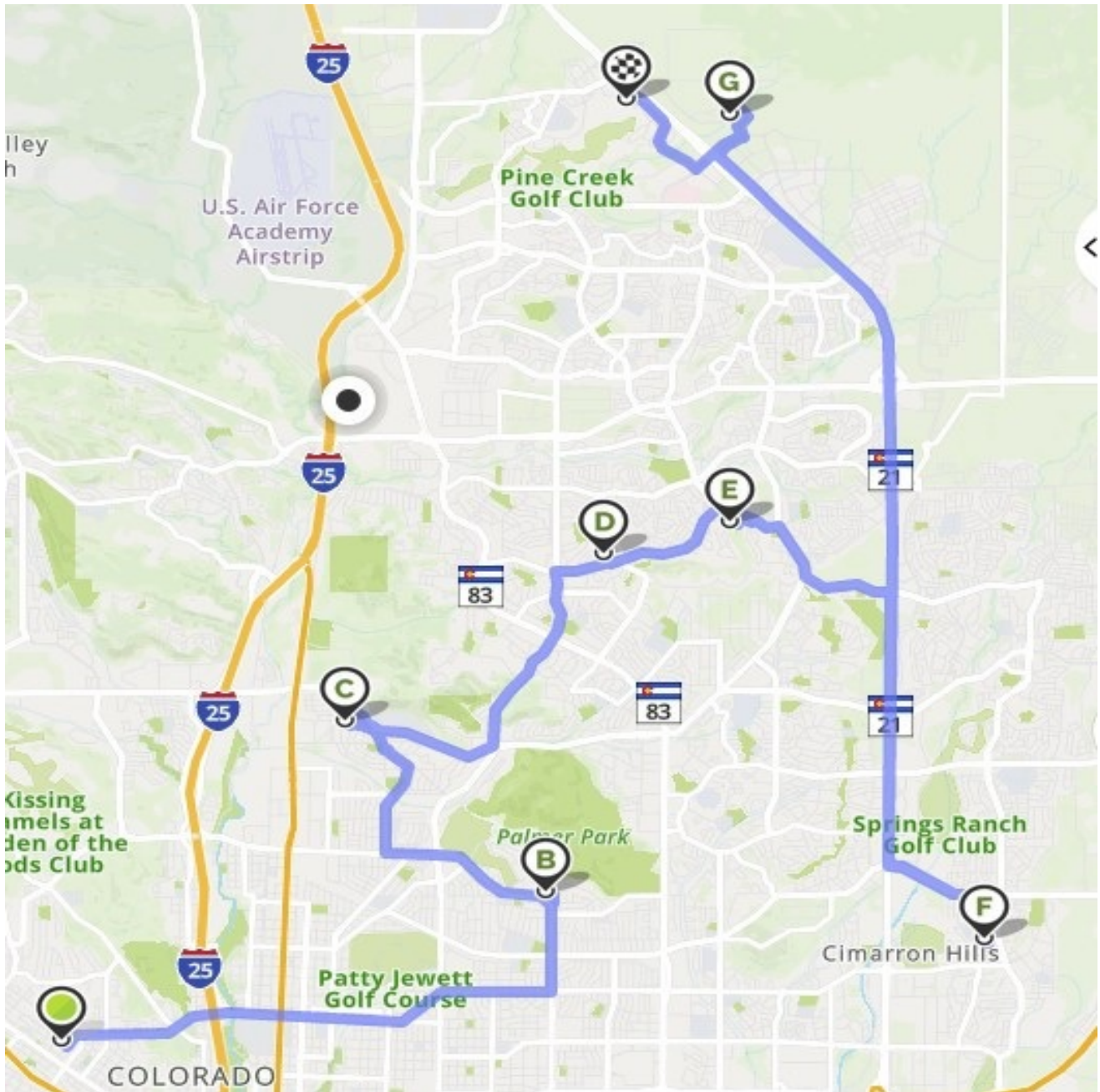
Enjoy The Tour!

*** This map package has been organized by location. ***

*** You will need to plan your own route. ***

*** Visit all of the water gardens at your own pace. ***

Overview



A - Dean & Zac Beukema's Pond	2208 W. Bijou St., Colorado Springs, CO 80904	Saturday & Sunday
B - Katie Patchin's Pond	2508 Sturgis Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80909	Saturday
C - Malissa Jackson & Fred Ramirez's Pond	3960 Mariposa Street, Colorado Springs, CO, 80907	Saturday & Sunday
D - Lee Martin's Pond	5744 Red Onion Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80918	Saturday & Sunday
E - Tadd & Julie Wermers Pond	5718 Creekwood Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80918	Saturday & Sunday
F - Wade Antener's Pond	2035 Leoti Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80915	Saturday & Sunday
G - Misty & Chris Rigdon's Pond	10110 Coyote Gulch Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80924	Saturday & Sunday
H - Jodi & LC Coffey's Pond	3465 Limber Pine Ct, Colorado Springs, CO 80920	Saturday & Sunday

A - Dean & Zac Beukema's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

The pot lady will greet you as you enter the front yard. Proceed to the east side gate and follow the path past the butterfly garden. Beware the dragon that guards Muggly's tree house. This 4425-gallon pond is home to 22 colorful Koi and new babies from last year's spawn. There are yellow, pink, and white water lilies, and a family of 5 raccoons. Walk around the pond and smell the roses. See if the old prospector has any gold in his pan. The pond is fed by a waterfall coming out of the old mining shack that houses two biological filters. A bog also serves as a filter fed by the skimmer. The pond is 15 by 20 feet and 3 to 3 1/2 feet deep. Please enjoy and see if you can spot the Koi with the skeleton face.

Pond Address

2208 W. Bijou St., Colorado Springs, CO 80904

- Pond Gallons: 4425
- Handicap Accessible: No

Directions

From I-25 turn west on Uintah and proceed to 22nd Street. Turn left (south) on 22nd Street and go two blocks to Bijou Street then turn right. We are the 2nd House from the corner. From West Colorado Avenue and 22nd Street, turn north onto 22nd Street and go three blocks to Bijou Street, then turn left.

B - Katie Patchin's Pond - Saturday

Pond Description

Unbeknownst to us when we bought this house 2 yrs ago, there was a filled in pond in the back yard. Cleaning out the rocks and dirt and eventually being able to fill it with water, has been an exciting and truly worthwhile adventure. Though small, this part of the yard fills us with peace and joy. The sound of the waterfall, the inhabitant fish, and the plants that are thriving in the rocks, make the arrival of spring and the ensuing months a very special part of our lives.

Pond Address

2508 Sturgis Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

- Pond Gallons: 700
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Directions

Sturgis Rd is located between Circle and Chelton, one block N of Maizeland . Please enter on the LEFT side of the house.

C - Malissa Jackson & Fred Ramirez's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

Hello everyone, welcome to the "Vintage Poppy Funny Farm". Not only do we have a beautiful 2,500-gallon Koi Pond. We also have a small water garden next to our crazy chickens... yes chickens. Our beautiful Koi Pond, water garden and a sneak peek to our chickens can be easily accessed from our alley on the left side of our home. Please come and enjoy our raised garden beds that contain out of control pumpkins and our vintage greenhouse made entirely out of 100-year-old windows. Please don't be alarmed with our two honey bee hives, unfortunately both hives are non-active due to Pesticides being sprayed.

Pond Address

3960 Mariposa Street, Colorado Springs, CO, 80907

- Pond Gallons: 2500
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Directions

Our house is across from UCCS college, on Austin bluffs and Nevada. Heading west on Austin Bluffs turn left on Mallow go all the way down until Cragmor turn left on Cragmor than turn right on Mariopsa. Please follow signs to the alley for access to the ponds.

D - Lee Martin's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

A stream cascades fourteen feet from under a bridge and ends peacefully in a pond surrounded by lush flowers and greenery. The surrounding landscape is a haven for native birds and butterflies. Water lilies and forget-me-nots enhance the surface of the ten-foot pond. Its three-foot depth and is home to Koi, goldfish, and frogs that entertain those who relax on the park bench nearby. Another bubble pot is tucked under a nearby maple tree to add to the serenity of the yard. For a warm glow at night, the yard and all water features are lit with LED lights. Our 1500-gallon pond and waterfall are filtered by an eco-friendly bio-filter system. The water is filtered by use of mats in a skimmer box and lava rock. The falls and plants also help to provide for the crystal-clear water. Our falls run continuously year around and the water temperature is monitored electronically by in water sensors. Since 1973, our peaceful little backyard has been a work in progress with the waterfall being added in 1998. We love to change or add something new every year. We would enjoy having you visit and relax by our pond while we answer any questions you might have about our water features!

Pond Address

5744 Red Onion Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

- Pond Gallons: 1500
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Directions

From Academy and Flintridge, turn north on Flintridge. Turn left (west) on Vickers and then right (north) on Red Onion Way. You can visit this back yard paradise at 5744 Red Onion Way.

E - Tadd & Julie Wermers Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

Tadd and Julie first started their water feature in the summer of 2005 and it has been an ever changing, work in progress since that time. In the summer of 2020, Tadd and several recruited friends and family members embarked on an entire backyard overhaul. Our 2000-gallon pond with a continuous 75 foot stream was upgraded to two water features. The upper water fall is a 600-gallon pond-less water feature with a stream starting in our front yard. The second water feature is a shorter stream that drops into our large pool-like pond. Both water features were designed to look like one continuous stream flowing into the large pond. We also converted our skimmer filtration system into the intake bay filtration system. As you meander down beside the stream, you cross two natural stone bridges, multiple waterfalls, 3 pools of water and many natural plants of the Colorado Region. Should you get weary on your way, you can make a stop at our several sitting areas. We hope you enjoy our water feature as much as we do.

Pond Address

5718 Creekwood Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80918

- Pond Gallons: 8000
- Handicap Accessible: No

Directions

From I-25, take the Woodmen exit East to Rangewood; turn RIGHT on Rangewood; Turn RIGHT on Saddlerock; turn RIGHT Seton; Turn LEFT on Creekwood Court,

F - Wade Antener's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

My beautiful pond consists of a natural looking waterfall and pond with several young Koi. The waterfall is 6' high and the pond is 5' wide by 12' long. The remainder of my backyard is an elevated landscape with multiple tiers that mostly consist of xeriscape landscaping, and a water dripline network that minimizes water usage.

Pond Address

2035 Leoti Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

- Pond Gallons: 1000
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Directions

From the intersection N. Powers Blvd. and Constitution head East on Constitution for 1 mile then turn right on Peterson Rd. Take the 3rd right onto Piros Drive. Take the second right onto Leoti Drive. My house is the 3rd from the corner on the right.

The entrance to my backyard is on the left side of my home next to my trailers.

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G - Misty & Chris Rigdon's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

The Rigdon pond is a brand new pond, opened in May 2021. Chris began building the pond on Mother's Day 2020 after asking Misty if there was a project she would like him to work on as a Mother's Day gift. Misty requested a 'small, container water garden for the patio' where she could have some water lilies, water hyacinth and maybe some Japanese Trapdoor Snails. Chris clearly needed a distraction from Covid lock-down boredom because the project snowballed significantly. Misty is a gardener and loves to grow things so she wanted a water garden. Chris was interested in koi and having a pond which could also support a good amount of healthy, happy koi.

The end result is approximately 4000 gallons and employs a Helix Life Support surface skimmer, PVC under gravel filter, and Life Support 8200 pump as well as a 50 sq ft bog/bio filter, Aqua Ultraviolet Ultima II 6000 filter, Aqua Ultraviolet 120Watt UV Sterilizer, and a Helix Bio-mechanical Reactor waterfall basin.

The water garden features as many plants as they could get their hands on to try out and they are still learning what plants work well in different areas of the pond. Nearly all of the current plants were purchased at the Water Garden Society Plant Sale on June 6, 2021 and planted that weekend. It was exciting for Misty to finally be able to have water lilies and hyacinth in the pond and the first few weeks were educational--no plants were harmed in the making of the pond--but things really started flourishing and spreading out shortly after 15 koi were added to the ecosystem on July 4, 2021. Each day brings newly surfaced lily pads and new blooms somewhere in or around the pond and watching the koi has become a daily meditation practice. The pond also inspired a new zen meditation--or Japanese raking garden--which Chris built adjacent to the pond.

Some other things to explore on this stop include: raised bed vegetable gardens, a strawberry patch, a raspberry patch, grapes, apple trees, a butterfly/pollinator garden, and an alpine rock garden.

Pond Address

10110 Coyote Gulch Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80924

- Pond Gallons: 4000
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Directions

From Union and Powers go east on Union and take a left at the roundabout on Cordera Crest. At the next roundabout go right on Outlook Ridge Trail. Take the first left on New Santa Fe Trail and then the first left on Coyote Gulch Court. The pond is location at the end of the cul-de-sac at 10110 Coyote Gulch Ct.

H - Jodi & LC Coffey's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

We purchased our home, with its barely viable pond, 15 years ago. The pond was advertised at 5000 gallons...and employed just about every feature “not recommended” by local pond experts. Over the years we've mitigated, resolved, and made-do with most of the issues. Today, the 2500 gallon (12'x 25'x 4') plant-friendly pond and 4 foot waterfall is surrounded by five large planters, is home to both 6-12 inch koi and the original 15 y/o feeder goldfish. The rock lined pond has a walk-in bog and a small stream. Our pond adds peace to our neighborly backyard, and compliments the berry patches, fruit trees, flower & vegetable gardens, and a fire pit area.

We're happy to share our well-shaded retreat. Feel welcome to stop by.

Pond Address

3465 Limber Pine Ct, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

- Pond Gallons: 2500
- Handicap Accessible: No

Directions

From the intersection of Union and Powers Blvd, head south on Union and take your first right on Royal Pine Drive. Follow Royal Pine Drive thru the roundabout for 1.1 miles then turn left on Pine Glade Drive. Take your first left on Limber Pine Ct. and our house will be in the cul-de-sac at the end.

*To ensure emergency vehicle access around the cul-de-sac, please park along the island or further down the street.

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The PPWGS society was formed in 1989 with several of the original members still active today. Originating in Colorado Springs, Colorado, much of the membership is based in and around the Colorado Springs area. Membership is open to the public and interested water gardeners are invited to attend a meeting. Meetings are held monthly from April to September, on the second Thursday of each the month starting at 7:00 PM. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Once the pandemic has passed, we will continue meeting at the Mountain View Church of Christ located at 1080 East La Salle Street. This is at the west end of La Salle, on the south/west corner. Membership is open to anyone that has an interest in water gardening. Dues are paid annually and are currently \$10.00 for a single and \$15.00 for a family membership. New members that join this year after the pond tour will be paid in full for the following year.

"A Peak At Ponds" is our monthly newsletter, it is posted to our website around the first of each month. This newsletter informs members of upcoming meetings, member articles, past months events and other articles that may be of interest to the readers. Meeting guest speakers will be featured along with "The President's Ponderings" and other member written articles.

The first Saturday in June is the annual Plant Sale held at the Union Printers Home in Colorado Springs. This sale features plants purchased from suppliers and plants donated by PPWGS members. The sale starts at 9:30 AM for PPWGS members with a current year membership card. The sale is open to the general public starting at 10:00 AM and runs until 2:00 PM or until supplies are exhausted. If you have a water garden you should not miss this once a year sale.

The second Thursday in July is our annual Koi Auction. Fish of all sizes are acquired from suppliers. Then the fun begins! The night of the meeting you can review all of the Koi and make your selections. After the guest speaker finishes the presentation, the Koi auction will begin. You can actively bid on the Koi of your choice and depending on how much you want to pay, that Koi will have a chance to go home with you. The bidding is a lot of fun and the Koi will make great new additions to any water garden.

The last full weekend in July is the annual Pond Tour. This tour features PPWGS member's water gardens and yards. The tour is open to the general public at no cost. You will see small water features that will compliment a small area or yard. You can also see large ponds that are home to large fish and big plant collections. There will be many average size ponds designed to fit the space available. Make a trip for a first hand visit and talk to the pond owners, ask as many questions as you want.

In 2002 a website was established to provide additional information. Go to the website to find out information about the meetings. Past meetings have information about what went on including pictures. A calendar of events is available to help you keep track of what is going on. PPWGS members can put pictures of their ponds on the website and you can view these digital water gardens. Members with an eMail address are informed of upcoming events days before each event takes place. Check it out at;

www.PPWGS.org