

Talk a Walk through a Garden  
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It is time of the year when we like to take walks in our favorite garden. Maybe alone or with a special someone, but what do you do if you don't have a garden of your own? Many cities have public areas where you can walk or your community might have a public garden or botanical garden to walk around and enjoy. Rapid City offers many public areas that boast public gardens but what if you want to sneak in to someone personal garden space?

The Pennington County Master Gardeners and the Rapid City Garden Club have teamed up again this year to provide a unique opportunity to visit several gardens in a single day. The Rapid City Garden Walk is scheduled for Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. with a reception planned that afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. This year's garden walk promises to be a spectacular showing of several gardens.

We will start by visiting gardens in Rapid City and then out to Black Hawk's Ridgeview Drive and commencing on Amber Lane for the reception and gift drawings. You can purchase tickets at any garden stops for only \$5 per person or in advance at Black Hills Piano at Tuscan Square, Black Hills Bagels, Jolly Lane Greenhouse, and Family Thrift at Baken Park. The fee includes admission to all garden sites.

The newly developed Garden Club Educational Nature Walk will be showcased as a stop during the garden walk this year. I would encourage you to support your local master gardeners and garden club and enjoy the day visiting gardens and meeting new people.

You can start your tour at any of the following addresses:

1501 Summit Boulevard, 2900 Canyon Lake Drive, or 2513 Judy Avenue in Rapid City  
7004, 6815, or 6814 Ridgeview Drive or 11003 Amber Lane in Black Hawk

If you are interested in getting involved with either the Pennington County Master Gardeners or the Rapid City Garden Club you can call the SDSU Extension office in Rapid City at 605-394-2188. SDSU Master Gardeners are a trained educational component of the SDSU Extension service; individuals receive formal training in horticulture and must provide volunteer service back to the community.

If you need additional information on the garden walk or if you have horticultural questions you can reach me at that phone number or email to [ricky.abrahamson@sdstate.edu](mailto:ricky.abrahamson@sdstate.edu).