

Sensing Nature

Deepen your connection to the natural world and awaken your senses with the plants found in the Sensory Garden, located near the Smokestack in the Museum Park. Each plant on this list is either fragrant or produces edible fruit. Plant identification labels in the garden help guide you on an exploration of the senses.



American Hazelnut

Corylus americana

Sensory information:

Edible nut

Nut/fruit/seed:

Late summer,
early fall



Chives

Allium schoenoprasum

Sensory information:

Edible flowers
and leaves

Season of bloom:

Spring, summer



American Persimmon

Diospyros virginiana

Sensory information:

Edible fruit

Nut/fruit/seed:

Fall, winter



Common Lavender

Lavandula angustifolia

Sensory information:

Fragrant

Season of bloom:

Summer



Creeping Thyme

Thymus serpyllum

Sensory information:

Fragrant

Season of bloom:

Summer



Gray Lavender Cotton

Santolina incana 'Nana'

Sensory information:

Fragrant

Season of bloom:

Spring



Dwarf Chinquapin

Castanea pumila

Sensory information:

Edible nut

Nut/fruit/seed:

Fall, winter



Highbush Blueberry

Various cultivars

Vaccinium corymbosum

Sensory information:

Edible berry

Nut/fruit/seed:

Summer



Edible Fig

Ficus carica

Sensory information:

Edible fruit

Nut/fruit/seed:

Summer, fall



Oregano

Origanum vulgare

Sensory information:

Edible, fragrant

Nut/fruit/seed:

Summer, fall



Pawpaw
Asimina triloba

Sensory information:
Edible fruit
Nut/fruit/seed:
Summer, fall



Rosemary
Salvia rosmarinus

Sensory information:
Edible, fragrant
Nut/fruit/seed:
Spring, summer



Pecan
Carya illinoensis

Sensory information:
Edible nut
Nut/fruit/seed:
Summer, fall



Thyme
Thymus vulgaris

Sensory information:
Edible, fragrant
Nut/fruit/seed:
Spring, summer



Rabbiteye Blueberry
Various cultivars
Vaccinium virgatum

Sensory information:
Edible fruit
Nut/fruit/seed:
Spring, summer