

The Gardens of Airlie...

In 1901, Airlie Gardens was transformed into a spectacular garden estate by Sarah and Pembroke Jones, later to be purchased and maintained by two generations of the Corbett family. In 1999, New Hanover County purchased the 67-acre property, opened the historic gardens to the general public and created the Airlie Gardens Foundation. This acquisition was made possible by a commitment of the New Hanover County Commissioners, a grant from the NC Land and Water Fund (formerly known as the Clean Water Management Trust Fund) and the support of local residents.

Today, Airlie continues to amaze visitors with its breathtaking combination of wildlife, formal gardens, historic structures, sculptures, views of Bradley Creek and the gentle shade of ancient live oaks.

The gardens are known for their grand announcement of spring, with a collection of over 75,000 azaleas and thousands of tulips. Countless camellia cultivars bloom throughout late fall and early spring and formal display areas bloom with continuous color year-round.

In addition to the preservation of this unique property, Airlie is dedicated to environmental education. As one of the last undeveloped tracts along Bradley Creek, Airlie is one of the few places in this mostly urban county where one can witness the dynamics of a tidal creek ecosystem. Airlie's Environmental Education Program seeks to educate youth and adults about flora, fauna and environmental topics affecting our coastal area.

Become A Member!

A membership to Airlie Gardens brings insider perks and rewards; including advance member-only ticket offers and year-round fun! Your support as a member helps the garden continue to be a valued local attraction and allows us to provide public programs, education and special events to our community. Join online or in the gift shop!

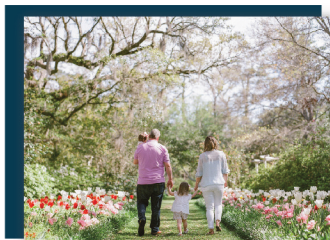


Photo by Leanne Haskins

A Garden for all Seasons

Open 7 days a week
(closed Mondays, Jan & Feb)



Spring Bloom:

During late March and into mid-April, the gardens are at peak bloom. Daffodils and tulips flourish first, followed by over 75,000 stunning azaleas. Peak bloom is weather dependent.

Birding & Butterflies:

Airlie hosts monthly Bird Walks and seasonal Butterfly Releases. A kaleidoscope of butterflies call the Butterfly House home May-October.

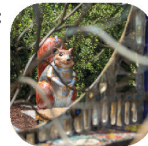


Signature Events:

Airlie hosts three signature events each year: Summer Concert Series, Oyster Roast and Enchanted Airlie. Advance tickets are required and tickets sell out quickly.

Annual Art Exhibit:

A new exhibit brings extra life to the gardens July-December and showcases a variety of whimsical sculptures placed throughout the grounds.



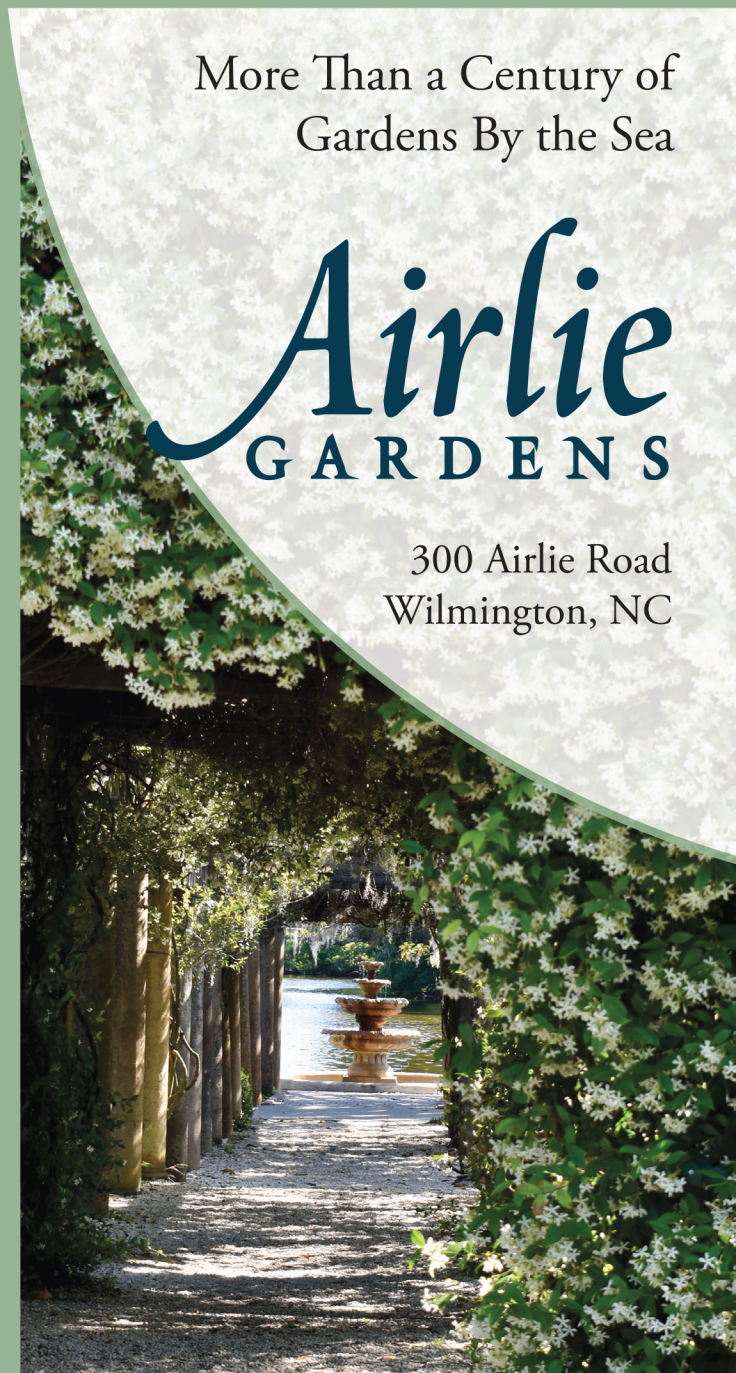
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AIRLIE OAK: A North Carolina state champion Live Oak, one of the largest of its kind, dates back to the 1500s.

SPRING GARDEN: Designed in the early 1900s, this garden features a tranquil fountain, stone pergola structure and a natural walkway adorned by summer wildflowers that leads to the original site of the Airlie home.

CAMELLIA GARDEN: Vast collection of antique camellias scattered throughout a grove of old live oaks. Home to a 150-foot rose trellis.

LEBANON CHAPEL: Built in 1835 and deeded to St. James Episcopal church in downtown Wilmington.

MYSTERY GRAVE: Burial location of an 18th century man named "John Hill" who was a tutor for the Bradley children. Legend states he might have been a marshal of Napoleon.

PERGOLA GARDEN: Designed in the early 1900s, the pergola is built of tabby and covered in jasmine. It features a tiered fountain with steps leading into the lake.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE: Seasonal home to native butterflies and plants. Butterflies can be found here May through October.

BOTTLE CHAPEL: A beautiful sculpture of over 2,800 colored bottles, celebrating the spirit of Minnie Evans. This garden also features sculptures and mosaics created by local artists.