The MSU Tollgate Gardens are part of a facility supported by the Tollgate Volunteers, MSU Extension and the College of Agriculture.
GARDEN AREAS

1. **LANDSCAPE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**
   A combined effort between MSU and local landscape businesses to include educational programming for the homeowner and professional alike, concerning plant ID, cultural practices and Integrated Pest Management.

2. **HOSTA GARDEN**
   A collection of over 40 hostas and their garden companions.

3. **FARMHOUSE ENTRANCE**
   This area has a variety of plants designed to beautify the farmhouse entrance throughout the year.

4. **HERITAGE GARDEN**
   The majority of varieties in this cottage garden/farmyard planting were in cultivation prior to the turn of the century.

5. **ROCK LEDGE GARDEN**
   A quiet grotto filled with a variety of plants to make for a peaceful moment.

6. **ROSE GARDEN**
   A collection of over 200 roses including: Old Garden Roses, Shrub, Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Florabundas, Climbers and Miniature Roses.

7. **FARMHOUSE - PRIVATE RESIDENCE**
   This beautiful collection of perennials & annuals was created and is maintained by the Tollgate Farm Manager and his family.

8. **DRY RIVER BED / SHADE GARDEN**
   Created as a respite for the eyes, falling between the intense hues of the Enabling Garden and the vibrant beginnings of the Rose Garden.

9. **ENABLING GARDEN**
   This container garden is a colorful and functional display of alternate gardening methods for persons with special physical needs.

10. **ENTRANCE BEDS**
    An ongoing kaleidoscope of color greets the Tollgate visitor.

11. **OFFICE BEDS**
    A creative combination of perennials & annuals.

12. **RAIN GARDEN**
    This garden is not only beautiful but also functional. It is designed to capture rain water and slowly release the moisture to the plants in the garden.

13. **XERASCAPE**
    “Xera” Greek for “dry”
    Plants selected for this garden require minimal water once they are established.

14. **ACTIVITY CENTER**
    These raised beds provide a decorative entrance to the Activity Center.

15. **CHILDREN’S GARDEN**
    This garden features multiple child oriented themes.

16. **NURSERY**
    A holding area for plant sales as well as propagation and stock.

17. **COMMUNITY GARDENS AND PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY GARDEN**
    These garden areas are available to the public for lease. This area also contains a large garden dedicated to producing food for the hungry.

18. **CONSTRUCTED WETLAND**
    This garden demonstrates the creative use of wet areas in the landscape while still maintaining a natural environmental balance.

19. **ARBORETUM**
    This area consists of over 5 acres of tree and shrub species commonly found in Michigan Landscapes.

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Tollgate Gardens Public Hours
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