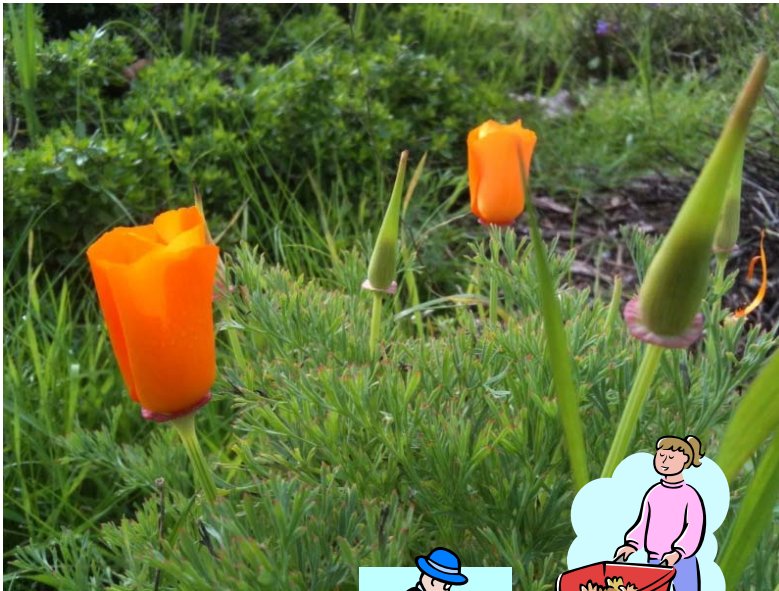




## The 10x10 Program: Training & Orientation



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# The 10x10 Program



The Forest Deaner Native Plant Botanic Garden is an all-volunteer community project of the Benicia State Parks Association and CA State Parks.

The 10x10 Program began as a compliment to the Garden work day and focuses on maintaining (weeding and tending) the areas of the Garden that have already been planted. 10x10 volunteers select an area to keep weed free by working at least 1 hour per month. The 10x10 website shows individuals and teams signed up for tending and weeding. Following this training and a mentoring period, you will be free to care for your area at your own convenience.

Check out our website at [bsragarden.org](http://bsragarden.org) for updates on up coming events

Gloves on!            Happy Weeding!

# Purpose and Expectations

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The 10x10 Training Course was developed to help new Garden participants get started. After reading this training material you should be able to:

1. Increased safety awareness
2. Become familiar with general areas of the Garden
3. Become familiar with typical tending tasks
4. Identify Invasive Weeds
5. Increase Awareness of other Resources



# The Forrest Deaner Native Plant Botanic Garden





# A Demonstration Garden

The Garden is a Demonstration Garden, which means each area is planted with specific native plants to represent a geographic region of California habitat or to attract specific wild animals and birds to show plant-wildlife relationships. Here is a quick list of Garden Areas:



1. Memorial Garden
2. Residential/Sensory
3. Butterfly/Hummingbird/Native American
4. Wildflower Meadow/Riparian
5. Valley Grassland
6. Coastal Prairie
7. Foothill Woodland
8. Chaparral
9. Coastal Sage Scrub



# Getting Started / Supply List

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Before starting, here are a few tips to make your experience more enjoyable:

1. Safety First (Cell Phone, Notepad, Sun Screen, Small First-Aid Kit)
2. Long Sleeve Shirt if skin sensitive
3. Good Wide-Brim Hat – It is always sunny in the Garden
4. Garden Gloves
5. Tools: Trawl, Weed Puller (tools are provided during community gathering scheduled times)
6. Water – The Garden has a water fountain if you forget to bring water
7. Remember to take pictures before and after you weed an area, and post to the website to share. Also take pictures of new flowers and wild life.

# Safety



The Forrest Deaner Botanic Garden is in the Benicia State Park Recreation Area which is relatively a safe location with State Park Rangers making routine rounds. However, there is still a need for safety awareness. Here are some tips:

1. Fill out the State Parks Volunteer Safety Form (online or contact the 10x10 volunteer coordinator at 707.980.4416).
2. Grass Fire, Call 911,
3. Water Leaks/Broken Irrigation, Put a red flag at the location, and email/text <10x10-report a problem>
4. Injury, Call 911 if life threatening, Use your First Aid Kit
5. Suspicious Behavior, Take note and email/text <10x10-report a problem>
6. Snakes and Other Wildlife – Did someone say snakes? This is CA so there are snakes, although not many have been seen in the Garden area.



# Parking

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Info on the Parking Program:

Annual Pass

Volunteer Parking Pass

Free Parking Locations, Schedules

Parking is Free on Saturday Volunteer Days, Tell the Gate Attendant that you are going into the Park to work at the Garden

# Resources

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Garden Volunteer Website:

[bsragarden.org](http://bsragarden.org)

CNPS Website

<http://www.cnps.org/>

Willis Jepson (Solano County) Chapter Website:

[Cnpsjepson.org](http://Cnpsjepson.org)