



TURTLE BAY

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McConnell Arboretum & Gardens Fact Sheet

The **McConnell Arboretum & Gardens** is the newest addition to Turtle Bay Exploration Park.

Turtle Bay Exploration Park is a 300-acre campus along the **Sacramento River** in Redding, California with educational and entertaining activities and experiences that interpret the relationship between humans and nature.

The new Gardens comprise **20 acres** of mediterranean-climate display gardens, a children's garden, a medicinal garden, and two beautiful and unique water features. The Arboretum extends over **200 acres** with direct links to the award-winning Sacramento River Trail.

Grand Opening: May 30, 2005

Cost to build: \$8.6 million

Sources of funding: Redding Redevelopment Agency Funds
California Prop. 40 Funds
The McConnell Foundation
Private Donors

Directions: Take Interstate 5 to Hwy 44/Eureka Exit (678 from south and 678B from north). Take Hwy 44 west to Auditorium Drive (exit 1). Turn right to Turtle Bay Exploration Park, McConnell Arboretum & Gardens, and the Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay. The main entrance to the Gardens is across the Sacramento using the pedestrian Sundial Bridge.

Amenities: Gift kiosks, vending machines, shaded picnic areas, restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, shade structures.

Parking capacity: 400

Number of plants: Over 700 species of plants
65,000 plants with approximately 30,000 herbaceous plants and 35,000 shrubs, grasses, trees, and other plants.

Project Team

Landscape Design Consultant: Mark Holland, Garden Designer
General Contractor: Gallino Construction
Major Contractors: Trilogy Architecture, site and structures architect
Cima's Landscaping, Plant installation & irrigation

Nursery Hours: Open Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Days of Operation: 7 days March – October
Closed Tuesdays November – February

Admission price: Turtle Bay Exploration Park Adult: \$12, senior \$10,
children \$7. Garden only: Adult \$6, children and seniors
\$4, members and children under 3 are free.
Family Membership: \$75