

Take a Garden Trip Down 99E



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May is a wonderful time to venture out in search of new exciting plants for your garden. If you have an open day to fill with gardening exploits, a drive down 99E, or up depending on where you are coming from, is a wonderful gardening adventure. Included are Google Map links so you can plot out your complete course.

Destination 1:

Schreiner's Iris Gardens ([Map It!](#))



Beginning May 8th and continuing until the first weekend in June, Schreiner's Iris Gardens open their display gardens free to the public. These gardens are beautifully displayed with not only award winning Iris, but with many of their spring blooming companion plants.



Don't forget your camera! The garden is a catalog come to life. The fragrance is amazing. Once you've picked out your favorite Iris you can head to the gift shop and purchase them to be delivered to your home this Fall, just in time to plant. They also have many other plants available for purchase; fresh cut Iris stems every day, and a fantastic gift shop filled with Iris delights. During their bloom season, Schreiner's has many special events happening every weekend, so check out their website for more details:

www.schreinersirisgardens.com



Destination 2:

Adelman's Peony Gardens (Map It!)

Head north on 99E and your next destination is Adelman's Peony Gardens. From May 1 through June 15th Adelman's opens their Peony fields to the public. They have over 200 varieties of Peonies, including pinks, blushes, reds, bi-colors and whites. The fields look like puffs of cotton candy as far as the eye can see. You can purchase cut flowers to take home and order Peony roots for fall delivery to your home. Learn more about Adelman's Peony Gardens at: www.peonyparadise.com.



Destination 3:

Sebright Gardens (Map It!)

Can you say lots of Hostas? Sebright Nursery is the place to go to find that rare and hard to find Hosta. From giant leaf Hostas to the tiniest groundcover Hostas, you will find hundreds of Hostas



to choose from. You can also find a selection of other shade loving gems. Save time to wander through Sebright's beautiful display garden. Free and open to the public, the garden is just beautiful. See their online catalogue at www.sebrightgardens.com



Destination 4:
Al's Garden Center-Woodburn
(Map It!)

Last stop – Al's Garden Center in Woodburn. This landmark location started out as a fruit stand made from an abandoned chicken coop back in 1948. Over 60 years later, the Bigej family has been keeping it filled with the most amazing selection of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals. Al's is a gardener's delight. The impact of color when you first walk in will take your breath away. Al's friendly staff of garden experts, nicknamed the Purple People for their purple uniforms can help you find the plants to fill that last bit of space left in your car. www.als-gardencenter.com