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## **GARDEN JOURNEYS OPEN DAYS**

Celebrating Nature-First Gardens that Showcase Native Plants and Biodiversity

[HAMILTON, ON, July 17, 2023] — Garden Journeys Open Days, a unique and inspiring open-gardens event over two weekends in August, is set to captivate gardeners, aspiring gardeners, and garden lovers alike across the City of Hamilton. Organized under the Halton Region Master Gardeners, this inaugural event will showcase the ecological importance and beauty of gardens that put nature first.

“It's wonderful to see all the recent interest in native plants and other eco-friendly gardening practices,” says Allyn Walsh, co-organizer. “But gardeners can feel overwhelmed when getting started. To illustrate that every journey begins with a single step, Garden Journeys Open Days will show a range of gardens from those just beginning with a few native plants to those that are very eco-friendly.”

One of the unique aspects of Garden Journeys Open Days is its accessibility. There is no need for tickets or booking schedules; visitors are welcome to explore the gardens during all the open hours. An interactive online map will help visitors plan their itinerary. The map, which includes details about each garden's size and features, allows people to create a personalized journey through a variety of creative and inspiring spaces.

"Garden Journeys Open Days helps like-minded gardeners find each other," says Bev Wagar, co-organizer. "These informal networks of native plant enthusiasts share not only materials such as seeds and plants but also knowledge and experience. We're challenging entrenched ideas about the purpose of gardens."

Garden Journeys Open Days will take place August 10-12 and 17-20, 2023. For more information on this free event and the interactive map of participating gardens, visit [www.haltonmastergardeners.com/garden-journeys-open-days](http://www.haltonmastergardeners.com/garden-journeys-open-days).