

# Azalea Path

Arboretum & Botanical Gardens



**The Hidden Gem of  
Southwestern Indiana!**



**A**zalea Path Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, a nonprofit and privately-owned facility, is nestled on the Gibson/Pike County border in southwestern Indiana. What began with 15 acres and a few azaleas and perennials in 1979 has grown to include over 50 acres and more than 2,000 azaleas plus a large variety of unusual plants and native Indiana trees. Two spring-fed lakes, a waterfall, a koi pond and several unique chainsaw sculptures complement the beautifully landscaped trails which wind throughout the grounds.

Beverly Knight, along with her husband Steve, became inspired by the gardens she encountered as a driver for UPS and eventually began collecting starts of plants and trees from customers on her

routes. She became acquainted with noted azalea hybridizer, Dr. Henry Schroeder, and thus began what is now one of the largest collections of azaleas in the Midwest. The Azalea Path now hosts 37 out of the 38 hybrids of Schroeder Azaleas plus the complete collection of Buddy Lee's Encore Azaleas.

**"The Azalea Path has one of the largest collections of azaleas in the Midwest, if not the largest."**

– **Robert E. "Buddy" Lee**,  
Past President of the Azalea Society of America and a leading hybridizer of Encore Azaleas

**Peak bloom time for the azaleas is typically the end of April through the first two weeks of May.**

# An Oasis of beauty...

awaits you at the Azalea Path.



- 300 varieties of azaleas
- Variety of unusual trees and shrubs from Europe and Asia
- Native and exotic shade and flowering trees, dogwoods, redbuds, rhododendron and lilacs
- Two spring-fed lakes, a rushing waterfall, koi pond and several fountains, numerous sculptures, statuary and arbors are also featured.

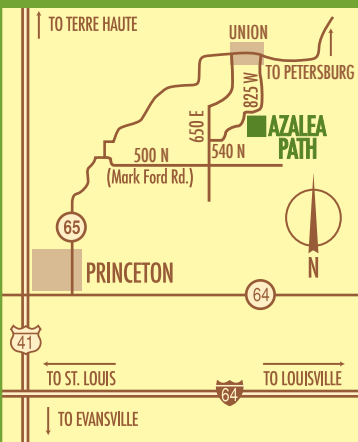


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- No pets allowed except for service animals. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- Wood carvings resulted from trees damaged by straight-line winds in 2004; chainsaw carvings done by Bear Hollow, St. Croix, IN
- Please avoid entering garden beds and planted areas.
- No cuttings without permission
- The Azalea Path Arboretum & Botanical Gardens is a smoke-free environment.
- Group tours scheduled by appointment. Bus parking available.
- Free admission; donations accepted
- Volunteer opportunities at the Azalea Path are available. No experience necessary. Call 812-354-3039



## Hours:

- Open April-May - 7 days a week from sunrise to sunset
- Open June-October - Wednesday - Saturday; Closed Sun, Mon, Tue
- Closed - November-March

## Driving directions:

From IN S.R. 64 in Princeton, turn north onto IN S.R. 65 traveling approximately 7 miles. Bear right onto Mark Ford Road to left on Co. Rd. 650 East then right onto Co. Rd. 540 North. Azalea Path will be on the right.

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