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**State Botanical Garden of Georgia**
The 313-acre State Botanical Garden of Georgia is home to numerous themed display gardens, including the Flower Garden, the International Garden and the Heritage Gardens. This Garden contains local varieties of camellias in one of seven sections, mirroring the seven districts of the Garden Club of Georgia. Visitors can enjoy viewing the camellias strolling along the wandering paths, or while resting and birdwatching in the district plaza.

**City Hall of Marshallville**
Marshallville is a small rural agrarian town, home to numerous themed display gardens. This Garden contains local varieties of camellias in one of seven sections, mirroring the seven districts of the Garden Club of Georgia. Visitors can enjoy observing the camellias strolling along the wandering paths, or while resting and birdwatching in the district plaza.

**Ashley-Slater House**
The Ashley-Slater House is a turn of the century Italianate mansion that serves as office space for the Ashley-Slater House, a non-profit organization that preserves and interprets the Ashley-Slate House. The Ashley-Slater House is a historic home that was built in 1850 and is located in the Ashley-Slate Historic District. It is a two-story brick building with a gable roof and is located on South Court Street. The Ashley-Slater House is open to the public on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit the Ashley-Slater House website at www.ashley-slaterrhouse.org.

**Whitehead Camellia Trail**
Located in the northwest corner of the Valdosta State University main campus, this paved trail winds 600 feet through a forested area of coastal plain natives, a diverse collection of camellias, and other flowering plants. The trail is open every day from dawn to dusk. For more information, visit the Valdosta State University website at www.valdosta.edu.

**Hills and Dales Estate**
Hills and Dales Estate is the former home of Betty and Charles D. D. Martin. The estate contains a 20,000-square-foot plantation house, a large greenhouse, and a 40,000-square-foot garden. The estate is located at 401 W. Screven St., Quitman, GA 31643. For more information, visit the Hills and Dales Estate website at www.hillsanddalesestate.org.

**Magnolia Midlands**
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**Botanic Garden at Georgia Southern University**
Located in Statesboro, the Botanic Garden at Georgia Southern University features approximately 75 varieties of Camellia japonica and C. sasanqua. The garden is open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk. For more information, visit the Botanic Garden at Georgia Southern University website at www.gsu.edu/botanicgarden.
**State Botanical Garden of Georgia**
The 315-acre State Botanical Garden of Georgia is home to numerous themed display gardens, including the Flower Garden, the International Garden and the Herb Garden. The garden contains local varieties of camellias in one of seven sections, mirroring the seven districts of the Garden Club of Georgia. Visitors can enjoy viewing the camellias blooming along the walking paths, or while resting and birdwatching in the district plaza.

**Garden Hours:** Monday – Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**State Botanical Garden of Georgia**
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**Old Governor’s Mansion**
Georgians Old Governor’s Mansion, now preserved by the American Alliance of Museums, completed in 1883. It is one of the finest examples of High Crest Revival architecture in the nation. The Mansion grounds feature over twenty cultivars of Camellia japonica and C. sasanqua that were established in 2005 when the gardens were restored.

**Garden Hours:** Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., except holidays, the week before Thanksgiving and the week after Christmas.

**Old Governor’s Mansion**
Georgia College
501 E 12th St
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061
(478) 445-4645
GCsu/Mansion

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**Pebble Hill Plantation**
Pebble Hill Plantation is a 100-acre estate located on the outskirts of Macon. The estate was built in 1825 and is now owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The estate features a variety of camellias and azaleas, as well as gardens designed by landscape architect Thomas M. Kiplinger.

**Garden Hours:** Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Hills & Dales Estate**
Hills & Dales Estate encompasses the house and garden of textile magnate Fuller E. Callaway and his wife Edna. The gardens are a stunning example of a garden designed by renowned architects Neel Reid and Howard Adams, who worked closely with Callaway on the layout and design of the gardens.

**Garden Hours:** Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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**City of Marshallville**
Marshallville is a small rural agrarian town with a big reputation for camellias. Located just off Highway 49 about four miles from the headquarters of the American Camellia Society at Messie Lane Gardens, the town was the inspiration for the camellia gardens created by David C. Strother of Fort Valley, who had admired the camellias in Marshallville when he first acquired the land and started his gardens. There are still many camellias planted in the tree lawn along the east and west Main Street Historic Districts of Marshallville and around some of the historic homes.

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**Plantation Tract**
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**Camellia Garden, Coastal Plain Research Arboretum, University of Georgia – Tifton Campus**
Planted as a fast garden in the early 1950s, the collection includes historical and antique varieties. In 1986, the arboretum was dedicated to Dr. W.T. Brightwell, well known for blueberry research, cooperated with other camellia enthusiasts. The Arboretum of Fort Valley and Arthur Solomon of Savannah, to build the collection at the Coastal Plain Research Station. Under Brightwell’s leadership over 400 varieties of camellias were planted in a two-acre area. The collection is maintained by the university and offers self-guided tours of the grounds. Two of the largest collections are conifers and camellias; the camellia collection has over 100 specimens of Camellia japonica and C. sasanqua.

**Garden Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. / Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Lockyer Arboretum**
The garden at Lockyer Arboretum contains a diverse collection of plants from around the world, as well as a large collection of plants native to Georgia and the southeastern U.S. Plants are displayed in a 50-acre park-like setting that is open to the public year-round. The Arboretum is open 6 days a week at no charge for self-guided tours of the grounds. Two of the largest collections are conifers and camellias; the camellia collection has over 100 specimens of Camellia japonica and C. sasanqua.

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**Magnolia Midlands**
Ashley-Slater House
The Ashley-Slater House is a turn of the century Italianate mansion that serves as office space for the Douglas Visitor Information Center, City of Douglas Public Information Center, and Main Street. Built in 1914 by Mr. John Marshall Ashley as a wedding present for his wife, the Ashley-Slater House is complete with moldings, beauty, and haughtiness. The grounds feature heritage camellia species planted in 1862, and were planted by Mr. Ashley.

**Garden Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Bonaventure Cemetery**
Though not Savannah’s oldest cemetery, Bonaventure is certainly its most famous. Drawn to the region in search of drawings and unknown plants, English plant collector “The Judge” Arthur Solomon Camellia Trail comprises over 25 different camellia species and is reputed to be one of the most diverse collections outside of China. Over 1000 camellia plants are nestled beside pipes and Japanese evergreen oaks and share space with woodland.

**Garden Hours:** Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. / Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.