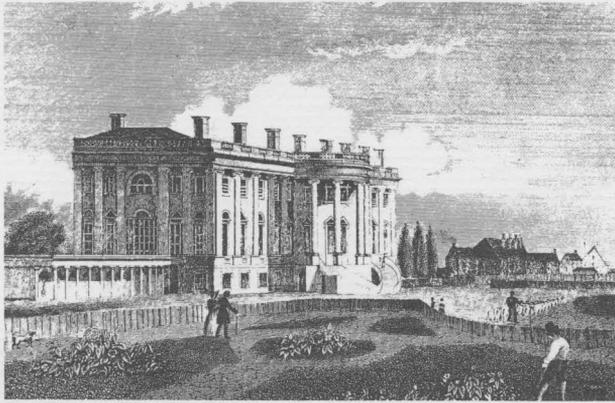


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*The White House  
Gardens and Grounds*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

One of the things the President and I have enjoyed most about the White House are its beautiful grounds and foliage. And because we've had such enjoyment from them, we're especially happy to be able to share them with you.

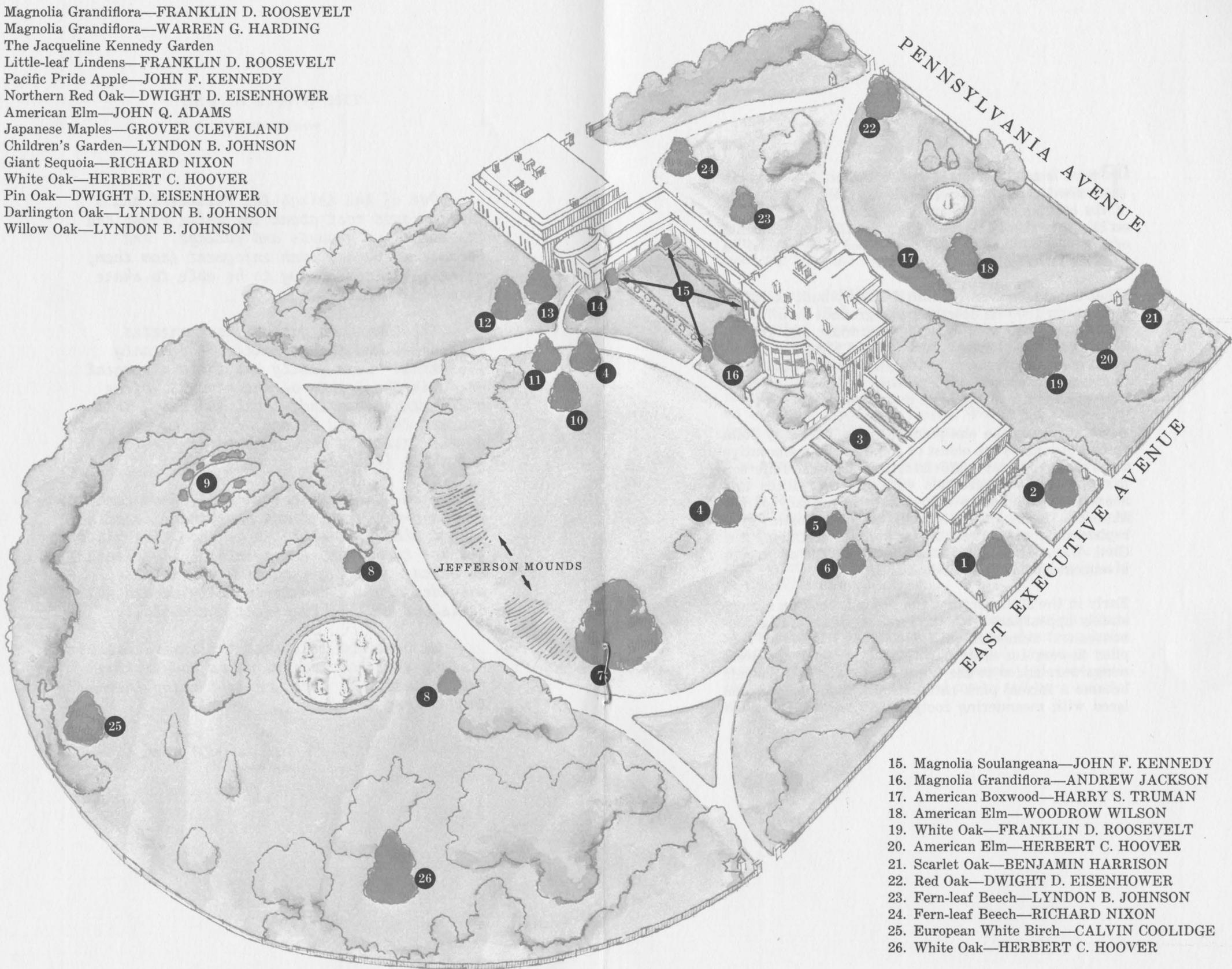
The lawns and gardens have greeted Presidents and their families for nearly 175 years. Each family has taken a special pride in the beauty of the grounds, often adding their own individual touches. What you see today may be one of the few composites of the taste and handiwork of 38 Presidents and their families.

From ponies to Easter eggs, from concerts to bar-b-ques, the lawns have traditionally been a place for children to grow, for historic figures to gather, for events of significance to occur. And the grounds have, as well, provided a peace and tranquility needed for decisions that would affect the world.

We hope you will feel the same sense of history that has touched us as you explore the grounds. We hope you will enjoy them--they belong to you.

Betty Ford

1. Magnolia Grandiflora—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
2. Magnolia Grandiflora—WARREN G. HARDING
3. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden
4. Little-leaf Lindens—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
5. Pacific Pride Apple—JOHN F. KENNEDY
6. Northern Red Oak—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
7. American Elm—JOHN Q. ADAMS
8. Japanese Maples—GROVER CLEVELAND
9. Children's Garden—LYNDON B. JOHNSON
10. Giant Sequoia—RICHARD NIXON
11. White Oak—HERBERT C. HOOVER
12. Pin Oak—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
13. Darlington Oak—LYNDON B. JOHNSON
14. Willow Oak—LYNDON B. JOHNSON



15. Magnolia Soulangeana—JOHN F. KENNEDY
16. Magnolia Grandiflora—ANDREW JACKSON
17. American Boxwood—HARRY S. TRUMAN
18. American Elm—WOODROW WILSON
19. White Oak—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
20. American Elm—HERBERT C. HOOVER
21. Scarlet Oak—BENJAMIN HARRISON
22. Red Oak—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
23. Fern-leaf Beech—LYNDON B. JOHNSON
24. Fern-leaf Beech—RICHARD NIXON
25. European White Birch—CALVIN COOLIDGE
26. White Oak—HERBERT C. HOOVER

There is no other place in the United States where a short stroll in the open air provides such a sense of the continuity of American history as one can feel on the grounds of the White House. All our Presidents except George Washington have lived and worked on this knoll overlooking the Potomac.

When John Adams moved into the newly built executive mansion in 1800 he described the grounds as a barren expanse strewn with building materials and rubble. Since then, nearly every President and First Lady have given personal attention to the gardens and used them in their own special way; lasting reminders of their care are spread throughout the grounds.

A stately American elm planted in the 1820's by John Quincy Adams is the oldest of some 25 commemorative trees placed by past Administrations. Thomas Jefferson first enclosed the grounds with a rustic fence and shaped the Mounds to help define the privacy of the Mansion. The magnolias next to the South Portico were replanted from Andrew Jackson's estate. During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln looked out on troops bivouacked below his windows.

Early in the 20th Century, the grounds took on a more stately appearance with the removal of several greenhouses and numerous cutting gardens which had supplied flowers for state functions. New east and west wings were added to the White House and the grounds became a formal park rather than a botanical garden laced with meandering footpaths. Theodore Roosevelt

was observed outdoors almost daily, engaged in sports and brisk walks with his family and Cabinet members. Woodrow Wilson planted the first Rose Garden alongside the west wing, just outside the Presidential Office, and let sheep graze on the front lawn to dramatize the need for wartime woolens.

The present sightlines and ceremonial character of the President's Park follow landscape plans developed in 1935, when trees were removed to reopen the view toward the river. The grounds now lend themselves to varied kinds of official gatherings, Presidential arrivals and departures by helicopter, and welcoming ceremonies for visiting heads of state. Easter-egg rolling on the south lawn is an Easter Week tradition dating from the Hayes Administration.

The redesigned east garden was dedicated in 1965 to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. This intimate, friendly garden is the one most often used by the First Lady in her official duties and for entertaining friends. The beds are planted with spring bulbs; annuals are changed with the season. In addition, small plots are devoted to a variety of herbs, which are cut and used regularly in the White House kitchen.

The President uses the Rose Garden for small official ceremonies and receptions. In spring, flowering bulbs come up beneath blossoming crabapple trees; in summertime some 25 varieties of annuals and perennials bloom with the roses, followed in the fall by a colorful array of chrysanthemums.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Instructions for Social Aides

EVENT: Spring Garden Tour

Date/Time: April 12, 1975 (2:00 - 5:00) No. of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Uniform: \_\_\_\_\_ Parking: \_\_\_\_\_

In-Place Time for Aides: \_\_\_\_\_

In-Place Time for OIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Aide: LCDR Stephen Todd, USN

First Family Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Time for Social Aides with attendants: \_\_\_\_\_

1:30 - 3:30 U.S. Army Band

3:30 - 5:30 U.S. Marine Band

The Bands will enter through the Southwest Gate.

Officer in Charge



*Handwritten signature*

Special Aide to the President

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In-Place Time for OIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Aide: LCDR Stephen Todd, USN

First Family Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Following Social Aides will attend:

1:30 - 3:30 U. S. Navy Band

3:30 - 5:30 U. S. Air Force Band

The Bands will enter through the Southwest Gate.

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*April 11, 1975*

LCDR Stephen A. Todd, USN  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SHEILA WEIDENFELD

FROM: MIKE FARRELL 

SUBJECT: Spring Garden Tour  
2:00 - 5:00 p. m.  
Saturday, April 12 and  
Sunday, April 13, 1975

Mrs. Ford will open the White House grounds to visitors on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 from 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. Visitors are invited to come to the East Gate on East Executive Avenue where the tour will begin.

The Spring Garden Tour will include the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, the South Lawn, the Children's Garden and the Rose Garden, where the tulips and crabapple trees are expected to be at their peak. Visitors will also be able to view the State Floor Rooms of the White House after touring the grounds.

cc: Warren Rustand  
Rex Scouten  
Chief Drescher  
Richard Keiser  
Military Aides Office, Bill Gulley  
Susan Porter

For immediate release  
Friday, April 4, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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At the request of Mrs. Ford, the grounds and gardens of the White House will be open to the public on Saturday, April 12th and Sunday, April 13th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The Spring Garden Tour will include the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, the South Lawn, the Children's Garden, and the Rose Garden where the tulips and crabapple trees are expected to be at their peak. Visitors may tour the gardens and grounds at their leisure.

After touring the grounds visitors will also be able to view the State Floor Rooms of the White House which include the East Room, Green Room, Blue Room, Red Room, and State Dining Room.

Reservations are not required. Visitors should come to the East Gate of the White House, located on East Executive Avenue. Each guest will receive a brochure to serve as a guide to the White House grounds.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WHITE HOUSE/OEOB STAFF

FROM: MIKE FARRELL 

SUBJECT: Spring Tour - Gardens and Grounds  
Saturday, April 12  
Sunday, April 13, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ford has asked that the White House gardens and grounds be open to visitors on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, 1975, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

White House and OEOB pass holders and their guests will be admitted through the Appointments Gate on East Executive Avenue between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. It would be greatly appreciated if you would remain within the established tour route once you have entered the grounds.

Bands of the Armed Services will play throughout both afternoons. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, the South Lawn, the Children's Garden and the Rose Garden will be included on the tour.

Mrs. Ford hopes that you and your guests will enjoy this opportunity to see the grounds.

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(WHITE HOUSE)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AT THE REQUEST OF THE FIRST LADY, THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS AND GARDENS WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC VISITORS SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM 2 TO 5 P.M.

THE SPRING GARDEN TOUR WILL INCLUDE THE ROSE GARDEN, CHILDREN'S GARDEN AND THE JACQUELINE KENNEDY GARDEN WHERE THE TULIPS AND CRABAPPLE TREES ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN BLOOM.

THE ROOMS ON THE STATE FLOOR ALSO WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS. RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED.

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## White House Garden Tour

This year's two-day house-and-garden tour of the White House drew 12,722 tourists when tourists go through the house. Spring garden