North Carolina Arboretum and National Native Azalea Repository
- This 434 acre Arboretum property includes 65 acres of cultivated gardens designed to reflect the culture and natural heritage of the Southern Appalachians. The National Native Azalea Repository is approximately 8 acres, featuring a collection of over 100 plants of 16 different native azalea species, cultivars and hybrids.

Biltmore Estate Gardens - Created by George Vanderbilt in Asheville, NC, this majestic house and 75 acres of beautiful century-old formal gardens and landscaping, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, are set in the middle of 8,000 acres of great outdoors.

Doley and Melody Bell Garden - This remarkable garden has over 3,000 rhododendrons including Dexter, Haag, Leach, Kehr, Gilkey, Delp, Van Veen, Richardson and Lee hybrid rhododendrons and Glenn Dale, Back Acres, Exbury and Girard hybrid azaleas, plus many deciduous azaleas, native in the Southeast, all in a beautifully harmonious landscape.

Large Diverse Plant Sale
More than 5,000 cuttings from over 150 different unique and special rhododendrons were started in 2009 and are being propagated for this monumental convention plant sale.
Bob Stelloh Garden - Named Kairaku, meaning "Joint Pleasure" this 2 acre garden has many native wildflowers with groundcovers, many evergreen and deciduous azaleas, rhododendrons and Japanese maples and other ornamental trees with an overstory of mature oaks, tulip poplars, pines, sourwoods and dogwoods.

James and Mary Ann Stewart Garden - Formerly the 8-acre garden of Dr. August Kehr, in Flat Rock, NC, it includes a large collection of azalea and rhododendron hybrids, many developed by Augie Kehr, and probably the largest private collection of Magnolias in the world.

Charles Dexter Owen Garden - This Asheville garden owned by the nephew of Charles Owen Dexter, of Heritage Plantation on Cape Cod, includes the largest collection of Dexter hybrid rhododendrons in the South, exceeded only by the original Dexter garden, which provided the plants "by fully loaded boxcars."

Ed Collins Garden - This 8 acre garden in Flat Rock, NC, includes over a thousand varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas, dwarf indumented rhododendrons, evergreen and deciduous azaleas, wildflowers, unusual trees and shrubs, plus the most extensive collection of Cowles hybrid rhododendrons in the South.

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