

March 4, 2008

POWELL GARDENS TOUR
Saturday May 17, 2008
Powell Garden Hours: 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The Powell Gardens history dates back to 1948. George E. Powell Sr. purchased the track of 915 acres of land. The tract was originally a dairy farm and also was used as a Boy Scout Camp. In 1988 the botanical gardens were started. This is a brief blog about the Gardens.

Saturday, May 17th, the day of our tour, will be the Iris Weekend. Iris Hill on the east side of the Gardens should be in full bloom, depends on Mother Nature's schedule. Other plants and flowers in bloom: Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Pansies, Dogwoods and many others.

Directions for the Tour

1. The starting point will be at the Hwy 24 McDonalds, **just off Hwy 291**
2. We shall plan to leave McDonalds at 9:00 a.m.
3. When leaving McDonalds turn right (East) on Hwy 24.
4. Travel on Hwy 24 East about 49 miles to Wellington.
5. Turn right (South) on to Hwy 131.
6. Travel south about 13 miles to Hwy 50.
7. Go West on Hwy 50 for about 4 miles to Pineville.
8. The Powell Gardens is the right (North side of Hwy 50).

Lunch will be on own. I make arrangements for lunch at the "CAFÉ THYME".

Garden Admission: Adults \$8.00---- Seniors \$7.00----- Children \$3.00

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