

# Community Gardens

On and Off-campus Opportunities for Students to  
volunteer or grow their own!

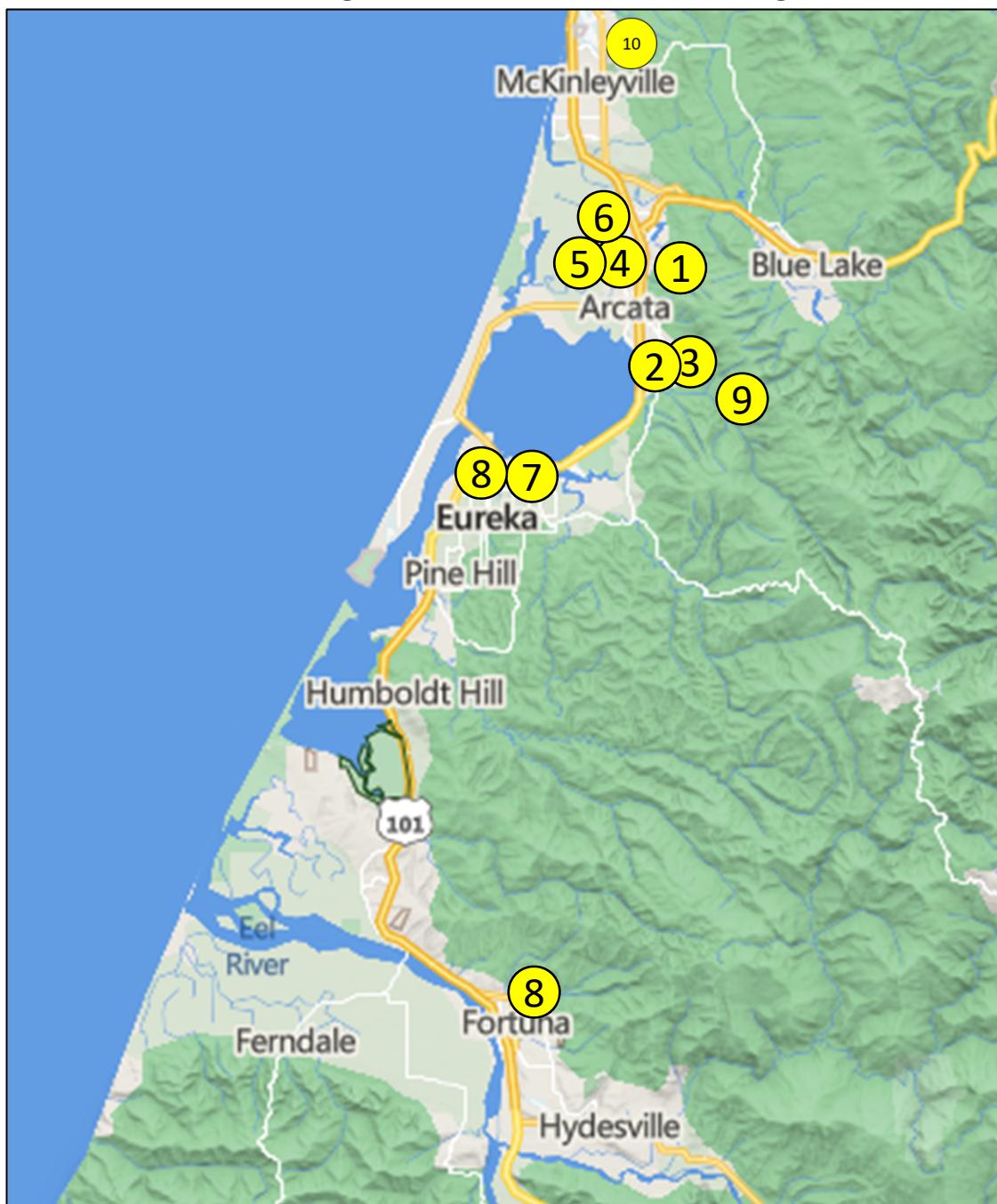


# Let's Get Gardening!

Community gardens are public spaces in which people, either collectively or individually, grow food and non-food crops, and gain skills while fostering community, building soil and food security.

More students are seeking opportunities to learn how to grow their own food and to build food security and self sufficiency. Fortunately, there are many community gardens and farms – both on-campus and off-campus – where students can gain skills, connect with others and with nature, and grow nutritious and delicious organic food. So check out this guide and get gardening!

*Community garden locations in this guide:*



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# Humboldt Community Garden

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT)

## Where is it?

The community garden is located next to CCAT and the Schatz Energy Research Center at the south end of campus.

## What can I do there?

Garden beds are available to students and student groups/organizations on a first come/first served basis for students to plan, maintain and harvest their own veggies, herbs or flowers. Priority is given to students with food insecurity. You can also volunteer to help maintain the community garden, or attend a workshop.

## Is there a cost?

No cost to students.

## How do I sign up?

Stop by CCAT on Volunteer Fridays from 10am-4pm every school week, or email [ccat@humboldt.edu](mailto:ccat@humboldt.edu).

## For more information:

<https://ccat.humboldt.edu/content/community-garden>



**HANDS-ON GARDEN WORKSHOPS**  
At HSU community garden beds\*  
South of the BSS building up the hill from 14th & Bst

**Gardens**

These collaborative workshops with CCAT and OhSnap empower students to grow their food and obtain information on how to begin their very own gardens with CalFresh benefits.

**Sowing and Transplanting**  
September 16  
1-2 pm

**Plan your garden**  
September 23  
1-2 pm

**Soil and Compost**  
October 7  
1-2 pm

**Growing Sprouts**  
October 21  
12-2 pm hosted at OhSnap\*

**Seed Saving**  
November 4  
1-2 pm

**Microgreens**  
November 19  
12-2 pm hosted at OhSnap\*

**Harvest and Food preservation**  
December 2  
1-2 pm

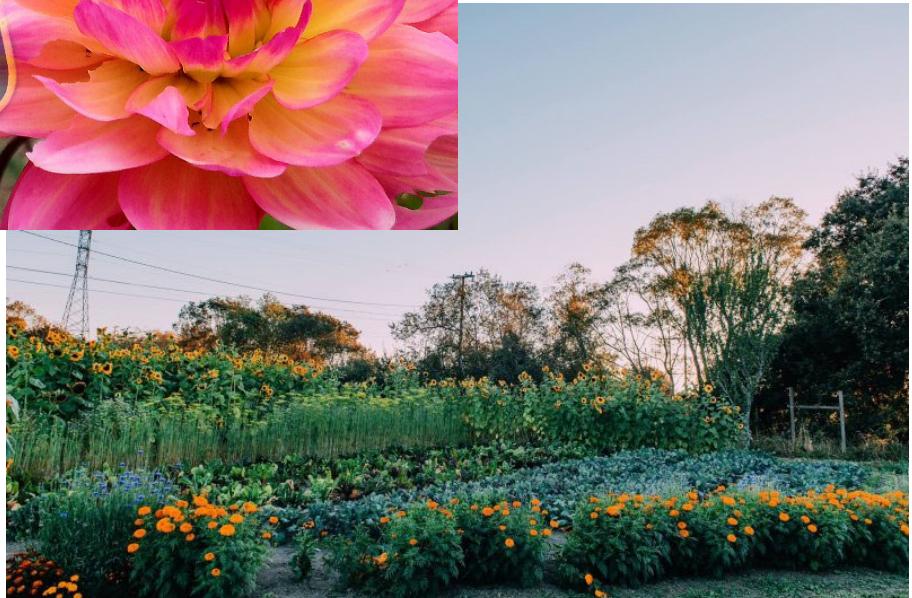
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## Bayside Park Farm

City of Arcata Recreation Division

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| <b>Where is it?</b>          | 930 Old Arcata Road, Arcata  |
| <b>What can I do there?</b>  | Individuals or groups can rent a 4' x 25' garden plot to raise organic fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers, on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority to Arcata residents. Current gardeners get to retain their previous season's plot.                            |
| <b>Is there a cost?</b>      | \$80/yr for Arcata Resident, \$92/yr for non-resident (includes water).  |
| <b>How do I sign up?</b>     | Complete the Garden Plot Application and Guidelines form,<br><a href="https://www.cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/1404/Garden-Plot-Application-and-Guidelines-PDF">https://www.cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/1404/Garden-Plot-Application-and-Guidelines-PDF</a> . |
| <b>For more information:</b> | <a href="https://cityofarcata.org/443/Community-Garden">https://cityofarcata.org/443/Community-Garden</a> , or call 707-822-7091 or email <a href="mailto:rec@cityofarcata.org">rec@cityofarcata.org</a> for more information.   |



## Black to the Land Farm Project

Umoja Center for Pan African Student Excellence

**Where is it?** Bayside Park Farm, 930 Old Arcata Road, Arcata.

**What can I do there?** Black to the Land Farm Project trains and supports Black students to be the next generation of farmers, utilizing the Bayside Park Farm in Arcata.

**Is there a cost?** No additional cost for students participating in the Black to the Land Farm Project.

**How do I sign up?** Contact Douglas Smith, Umoja Center Coordinator, at [dos60@humboldt.edu](mailto:dos60@humboldt.edu), 707-826-3640, NHE room 207.

**For more information:** <https://umoja.humboldt.edu/>



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## Jardín Santuario/ Sanctuary Garden

Centro del Pueblo and Cooperation Humboldt

**Where is it?** Corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and F Streets, Arcata

**What can I do there?** Centro del Pueblo and Cooperation Humboldt, in partnership with the Arcata Presbyterian Church, are managing the community garden on the corner of 11th and F Streets in Arcata. The garden is filled with edible perennials, annuals, herbs and native plants, all cultivated as a sanctuary and community resource for underserved residents. We strive to create a space of learning, empowerment, nutrition, and regeneration. Volunteers are needed every Saturday from 2:00-4:00 - drop in anytime!

**Is there a cost?** No cost.

**How do I sign up?** Drop in volunteer days are Saturday 2-4pm, or email [arcata.garden@cooperationhumboldt.com](mailto:arcata.garden@cooperationhumboldt.com).

**For more information:** <https://cooperationhumboldt.com/community-garden/>



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## Redwood Coast Garden

Redwood Coast Montessori Arcata Campus

**Where is it?** 793 K St, Arcata, CA

**What can I do there?** Students can rent a garden bed to raise organic veggies, fruit, flowers and herbs, or volunteer to help expand and maintain the site. This resource is adding more beds for the community and is a great resource for students to volunteer time at.

**Is there a cost?** Volunteering is free, but contact them for costs to rent a bed.

**How do I sign up?** Contact the garden manager Betsy Elkington at [betsy@redwoodmontessori.org](mailto:betsy@redwoodmontessori.org).

**For more information:** <http://www.redwoodcoastmontessori.org/>



## Potawot Community Food Garden

United Indian Health Services

- Where is it?** 3500 Ribeiro Lane, Arcata
- What can I do there?** Volunteer, either individually or in a group, to work in the garden, planting, weeding, harvesting and other tasks to ensure healthy food for UIHS clients. Volunteer Hours are Monday - Friday from 9:00AM - 3:00PM (closed for Lunch from 12:00PM-1:00PM). Weekends are available to accommodate volunteer groups of 5 or more.
- Is there a cost?** Volunteering is free, and you may be able to take some produce home with you (May through February)
- How do I sign up?** Complete Volunteer Intake Form at <https://linktr.ee/Potawotgarden>, or call (707) 825-5085 or email [jude\\_marshall@uihs.org](mailto:jude_marshall@uihs.org) to set up volunteer times.
- For more information:** <https://www.facebook.com/PotawotCommunityFoodGarden/>



## Abuelita's Demonstration Garden

Redwood Community Action Agency

**Where is it?** 539 T Street, Eureka

**What can I do there?** Student opportunities include volunteer gardening, composting turning, building, access to free workshops, and access to free produce. Abuelita's is always in need of help but the busiest times of the year are April through September. There are projects volunteer projects in the Fall and Winter months too! Abuelita's is not like most community gardens but is instead set up like a small farm with vegetable beds, fruit trees, and rows of perennial food crops (asparagus, raspberries, strawberries, blueberries).

**Is there a cost?** No cost to volunteer

**How do I sign up?** Contact Garden Manager Matt Drummond to volunteer and for more information, [matt@nrsrcaa.org](mailto:matt@nrsrcaa.org) or (707) 269-2071.

**For more information:** <http://www.naturalresourcesservices.org/projects/rcaa-demonstration-garden>



## Eureka and Fortuna Wellness Gardens

Open Door Community Health Centers

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| <b>Where is it?</b>          | 2200 Tydd St, Eureka and 3750 Rohnerville Road, Fortuna.   |
| <b>What can I do there?</b>  | They are always looking for volunteers to help out at both Eureka and Fortuna locations. At their Eureka Wellness Garden (across from the Eureka Community Health Center) volunteer times are every Thursday from 10am-12pm. At their Fortuna Wellness Garden (next to the Fortuna Community Health Center), volunteer times are every Tuesday from 10-12. Volunteers usually leave with a bag or two of vegetables, but it is not a formal work trade. Produce is available for all Open Door patients and community members. |
| <b>Is there a cost?</b>      | No cost to volunteer   |
| <b>How do I sign up?</b>     | Drop by during volunteer hours, or contact the Gardens and Food Resources Team at <a href="mailto:garden@opendoorhealth.com">garden@opendoorhealth.com</a> or 707-269-7073 x3179.  |
| <b>For more information:</b> | <a href="https://opendoorhealth.com/services/community-wellness-gardens/">https://opendoorhealth.com/services/community-wellness-gardens/</a>  |



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## Redwood Roots Farm Cooperative

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

**Where is it?** 45 Fellowship Way, Bayside

**What can I do there?** This is a worker-owned farm, growing produce for paying customers. There are potentially opportunities for weekend volunteering in the Spring season. If interested, schedule an interview to make sure it's a good fit. If selected, volunteers generally work 3 hour shifts and get produce in exchange. The amount and what produce they get varies throughout the season.

**Is there a cost?** No cost to volunteer

**How do I sign up?** Contact [redwoodrootsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodrootsfarm@gmail.com) or (707) 633-8197

**For more information:** <https://www.redwoodrootsfarm.com/>



## **McKinleyville Community Garden (Pierson Park)**

McKinleyville Parks and Recreation

- Where is it?** In Pierson Park, behind Rooney Children's Center at 1621 Gwin Rd, McKinleyville.
- What can I do there?** There are 20, 3'x10' raised beds available to rent each season. There is also land available for communally raising row crops, and there are opportunities to volunteer.
- Is there a cost?** Contact the McKinleyville Parks & Recreation Office for details.
- How do I sign up?** Contact the the McKinleyville Parks and Recreation Office at (707) 839-3251or (707) 839-9003.
- For more information:** <http://www.northcoastgardens.org/test-map/mckinleyville-community-garden/>

