

1. Xeriscape Garden

Welcome to the UNLV’s Xeric Garden. Completed in February 1988, the garden is a prime example of how drought-tolerant plants and a water-efficient irrigation system may be allied to conserve water, yet create an attractive landscape.

The term “xeric” comes from the Greek *xeros*, which means dry. The word xeriscape is often used to describe a garden of such plants. Designed by local landscape architect Jack W. Zunino, the garden features plants introduced from Australia, South America, Mexico and the Mediterranean as well as plants indigenous to the four desert regions of North America.



2. East Mall

The Mall serves as a site for many student functions, such as afternoon concerts and organizational recruiting, as well as campus tours, receptions, and conferences. Arboretum



plantings provide a backdrop to these events and daily movement of students, faculty, and staff. The Mall is preserved as one of the most important heritage spaces at UNLV. It links the university’s land-

scape design to the 200-year-old campus design tradition created by Thomas Jefferson at the University of Virginia: academic buildings surrounding a green lawn to create an “academical village”, a community of scholars. The Mall also hosts many of the oldest trees on campus because it provides a place where trees can grow relatively undisturbed and attain their true size and form.

3. Alumni Grove

The UNLV Alumni Association was established in 1967 and currently has over 60,000 members. The association has contributed almost \$6 million to the university in the form of scholarships, endowments and improvements, such as the Alumni Grove.



4. Weeping Mulberry Champion Tree

This Weeping Mulberry (*Morus alba pendula ‘Chaparral’*) tree is a Nevada Champion ‘Big Tree’. The State Division of Forestry recognizes the largest specimen in the state of thier species as the Champion Tree. Look for this type of sign on all our champions trees.



5. Pascal Memorial Rose Garden & Oldenburg Flashlight Sculpture

Elaine Wynn donated the rose garden as a memorial to her mother. The garden features “Show Biz”, a floribunda rose, to symbolize the Wynn’s prominence in the Las Vegas gaming and entertainment industry. The flashlight sculpture lies up the stairs to the north of the rose garden, on the plaza between the two theatre halls. This 38 foot-tall, 74,000 pound icon was designed by noted artist Claes Oldenburg. The flashlight symbolizes the “Beacon of Knowledge”.



6. North Mall

The Mall is another heritage space on campus, as well as one of the most popular. The Mall was the first construction project on campus dedicated solely to landscape improvements. It was designed by Charles (Chuck) Saladino. Chuck is a pioneering landscape architect in Nevada who led efforts to gain official recognition of landscape architects as highly educated design professionals.



7. AIDS Memorial Garden



UNLV Alumnus Richard Munroe conceived of the garden in memory of all who have died of HIV disease. Community volunteers built the garden in 1999.

8. Cactus & Succulent Garden



The Cactus and Succulent Collection features species from warm desert or semi-arid places around the world, with an emphasis on those native to arid parts of the Americas. The collection includes species important to ethnobotany, as well as plants suitable for outdoor landscape use in the Las Vegas Valley.

9. Bigelow Physics

The design of the Rod Lee Bigelow Physics building and surrounding landscape draws on the history and basics of physics as its foundation. The apple tree in the round planter in front of the building represents Newton’s Apple. Legend tells the tale of a thoughtful Newton, resting under an apple tree, who conceived of the idea of gravity when an apple fell on his head. The curved glass walls of the building in the inner courtyard represent a sine wave. Colored banners in the interior represent the color spectrum.



10. Strawberry Tree Champion Tree

The strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) originated in the Mediterranean and may have been taken to Europe by the Romans. A favorite in Europe, the strawberry tree is used in the temperate United States.

11. Chir Pines Champion Tree



Chir pines (*Pinus roxburghii*) originated in the Himalaya region at an elevation of 7000ft. In their native region they have been used medicinally to treat aches and pains such as arthritis.

This concludes your self guided tour of the Arboretum at UNLV. Thank you for visiting us, we look forward to seeing you again.