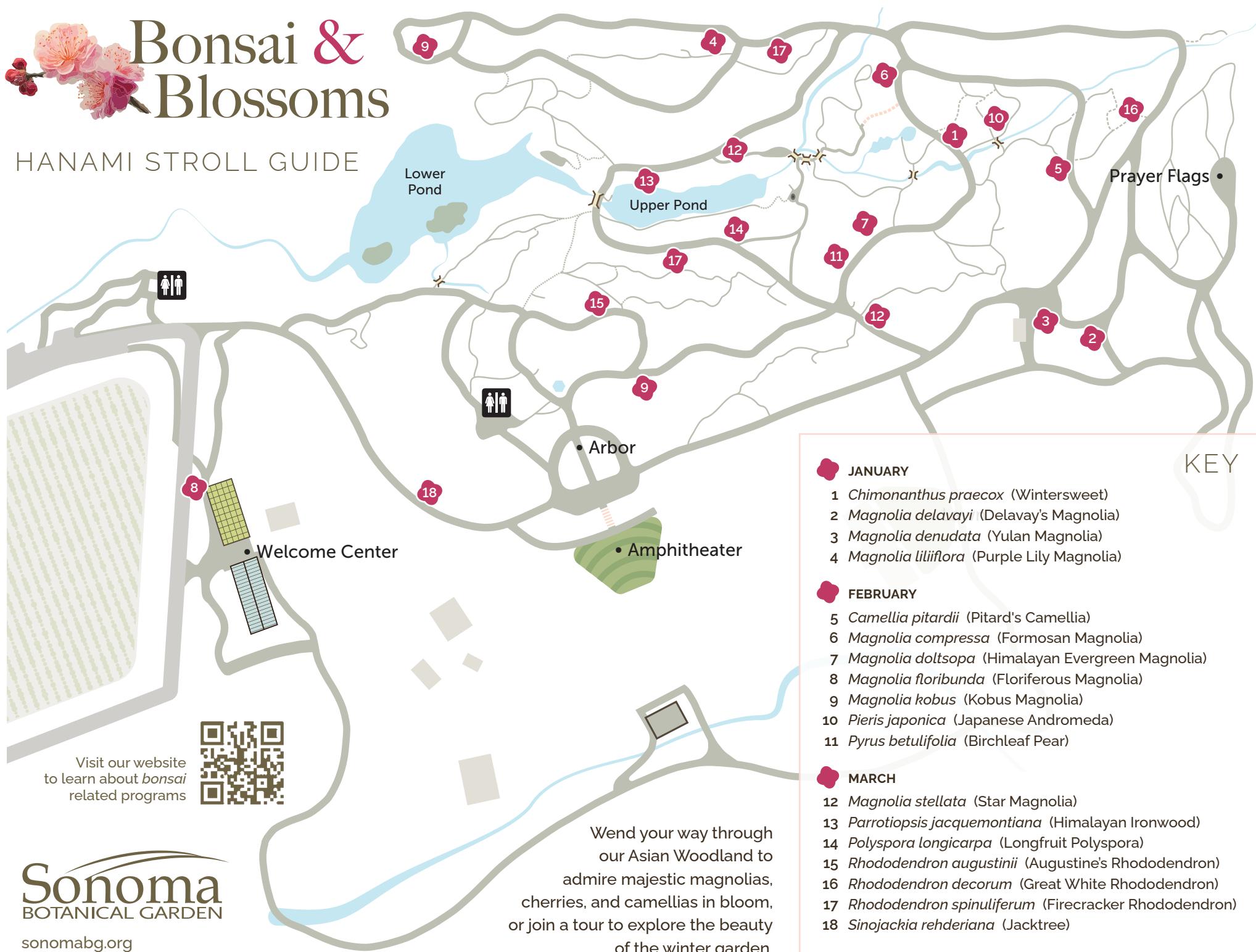


# Bonsai & Blossoms

## HANAMI STROLL GUIDE



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# JANUARY

## 1 Wintersweet

*Chimonanthus praecox*

Hanging yellow flowers with maroon centers are held close to the now leafless stems. The pleasantly sweet aroma is a great winter treat.



## 2 Delavay's Magnolia

*Magnolia delavayi*

This evergreen boasts dramatic, 10-inch, creamy white flowers. Often a tree, this shrubby specimen has flowers at eye level.



## 3 Yulan Magnolia

*Magnolia denudata*

Upright, white flowers with a tinge of pink at the base provide a lovely show on this large tree. Leafless in winter, the stems, adorned with only flowers, enhance the elegance.



## 4 Purple Lily Magnolia

*Magnolia liliiflora*

Flowers are pink-purple and often 8 inches wide. Blooming before the leaves emerge, the flowers quickly open wide to expose the long, pollen-producing anthers to pollinators.



*Hanami* is the centuries-old Japanese tradition of celebrating the fleeting beauty of blossoms. The Garden invites visitors to participate in this art of flower appreciation through *Hanami Strolls*. Take a walk in our Asian Woodland where early-blooming trees offer their own ephemeral display. Guided tours and special programs are available as well.

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# FEBRUARY

## 5 Pitard's Camellia

*Camellia pitardii*

This specimen forms a small evergreen tree. Large and abundant flowers emerge with soft pink petals.



## 6 Formosan Magnolia

*Magnolia compressa*

These large evergreen trees produce multitudes of small, 1-inch, white with pink flowers. Flowering is often noticed first as petals on the ground. Look up if you see this!



## 7 Himalayan Evergreen Magnolia

*Magnolia doltsopa*

Dark, evergreen leaves provide a backdrop for these fragrant, white flowers. These petals are thin, long, and pointed, creating more of a handkerchief look than a classic bowl shape.



## 8 Floriferous Magnolia

*Magnolia floribunda*

As its name suggests, this tree can be abundantly covered in 3-inch, white flowers. In good conditions, they can persist for a few weeks.



## 9 Kobus Magnolia

*Magnolia kobus*

Blooms sport white, rounded petals, opening before the new leaves. Found at the ends of the branches, the flowers often face horizontally.



## 10 Japanese Andromeda

*Pieris japonica*

Often smothered with cascades of diminutive, white, bell-shaped flowers, these large, evergreen shrubs have small, pointed, 1-inch leaves.



## 11 Birchleaf Pear

*Pyrus betulifolia*

Clusters of white, five-petaled flowers emerge with the new leaves. This pear produces small fruit the size of a pea.



# MARCH

## 12 Star Magnolia

*Magnolia stellata*

With many long, narrow, white to pink petals, the opened flowers have a star-like appearance. These large shrubs bloom just before the leaves emerge in the spring.



## 13 Himalayan Ironwood

*Parrotiopsis jacquemontiana*

Large, white bracts show off the yellow, pollen-producing stamens. This species, so different looking from others in the witch-hazel family, is insect pollinated, whereas its relatives rely on wind.



## 14 Longfruit Polyspora

*Polyspora longicarpa*

Growing as a small tree with 8-inch, glossy, evergreen leaves, this plant's relationship to the Camellia is obvious when in flower with large, white, open blooms showing off puffs of pollen-producing stamens.



## 15 Augustine's Rhododendron

*Rhododendron augustinii*

Bluish-purple flowers stand out on these loosely branched, medium shrubs. Often lasting many weeks, the flowers seem to float in the air as they obscure the leaves just below.



## 16 Great White Rhododendron

*Rhododendron decorum*

Large trusses of pure white flowers are borne at the branch tips of these medium shrubs. The thick, rounded, blue-green leaves of this evergreen are a nice contrast.



## 17 Firecracker Rhododendron

*Rhododendron spinuliferum*

Bright red and orange clusters of tubular flowers burst into bloom on this medium-sized shrub. A most unusual Rhododendron, they can be in flower for many weeks under ideal conditions.



## 18 Jacktree

*Sinojackia rehderiana*

White, snowdrop-shaped, hanging flowers adorn this medium shrub. These elegant pendant flowers emerge after the new leaves.

