Located in a wooded, 35-acre park just five minutes from downtown Atlanta, The Carter Presidential Center’s spectacular grounds include formal gardens, sculptures, and waterfalls tucked between two small lakes. Visitors can stroll through the Rose Garden, which is home to 40 varieties — including the coral Rosalynn Carter rose — or view the serene Japanese garden, designed by Master Gardener Kinsaku Nakane.
Circle of Flags
The U.S. flag is the centerpiece of a stirring display of the flags of our 50 states. Seasonal color highlights the circle.

Entry Gardens
The terraced overlook to the Jimmy Carter Library is bordered by colorful beds and an engaging fountain. Plants of interest include star magnolias, Japanese maples, Foster’s hollies, and leatherleaf mahonia.

Rose Garden
Our serene rose garden is home to more than 40 varieties, including the coral Rosalynn Carter, pink Queen Elizabeth, red and white Snow Fire, red Rotary, pink and yellow Peace, lavender Lady X, and Blue Girl. The garden centerpiece is the engaging statue, “Hope,” donated by Dorothy C. Fuqua.

“Sightless Among Miracles”
This striking sculpture, donated by John and Rebecca Moores, depicts a child leading a blind man, a sight often seen in countries whose populations are vulnerable to river blindness disease. The Carter Center has led efforts to control, or eliminate, this disease.

Japanese Garden
Designed by Japanese Master Gardener Kinsaku Nakane and donated by the YKK Corporation, the garden contains many species of azaleas, rhododendrons, Japanese maples, river birch, golden raintree, camellia, and barberry. The large waterfall represents former President Jimmy Carter and the small waterfall Rosalynn Carter.

Native Oak Forest
Consisting of three acres, this is an undisturbed natural area on our property. It offers interesting views of our Japanese Garden across the lower lake. This area is home to our American chestnut tree demonstration site. Picnic tables provide a relaxing outdoor eating place for visitors.

Pollinator Garden
Established in 2014 and part of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, the pollinator garden is filled with native flowers and plants. The garden features milkweed, which monarch butterflies need to complete their life cycle, and other plants that can host Georgia’s state butterfly, the tiger swallowtail. An array of nectar plants appeal to other pollinators, particularly bees, wasps, and birds.

Sundial
Several seasonal color beds enhance the circle in front of the Ivan Allen III Pavilion. This area provides a beautiful panoramic view of the Atlanta skyline. Employees of the Ivan Allen Company donated the sundial in memory of Mr. Allen.

Koi Pond
The intriguing koi pond honors Senator Hajime Akiyama and his family as early supporters of The Carter Center and acknowledges the abiding friendship between President and Mrs. Carter and the citizens of Japan.

Caribou Statue
The caribou statue was presented to The Carter Center to commemorate the 20th anniversary of President Carter’s signing of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.