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CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic

**North Denver Area – Pond Tour
Weatherman Residence – Picnic
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**Saturday, July 18th
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM – Pond Tour
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Picnic**

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Pond Preview of 2015 Pond Tour, (photo courtesy of Dennis Weatherman)

Upcoming CWGS Annual Pond Tour & Picnic on Saturday, July 18th

by Dorothy Martinez

The Annual Pond Tour and Picnic is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 18th. Can you think of a better way to spend a summer Saturday than touring beautiful water features?

This year's tour covers the Northwest and Northeast part of the Metro area including Westminster, Boulder, Louisville, Commerce City, and Thornton. Ten different ponds and various water features will be included in this year's tour. We are again combining our Tour with the Koi Club's Pond Tour, so several features will display beautiful Koi ponds.

Descriptions of the Pond Tour sites, a "take along" area map, and suggested route are included with this Newsletter. The area is a bit more spread out than in years past and takes about 2 ½ hours to drive without stops at each pond. The route is approximately 75 miles in length. The suggested route starts with the Southernmost pond, works its way Northwest, then South, then East, and ends at the final destination, Dennis & Sue Weatherman's residence, where the Picnic will take place. The Picnic starts at 5:00 pm.

The tour will operate from 10:00 am through 4:30 pm and is self-guided. The tour is free to all CWGS members and their guests.

Along with the provided insert, you will need a good Denver Metro area map and/or a GPS. The tour covers a lot of area and contains numerous cul-de-sac neighborhoods where streets are discontinuous and meandering. The map should help you orient where each pond is in relation to the next, but since it is in relatively small scale, it cannot show detail. To assist with this, a written itinerary is included with the map with keyed directions associated with the insert map.

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Pond Tour & Picnic

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You'll also want to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Please remember, only the ponds and gardens are open, the houses and restroom facilities are not. If you need a bathroom break, take time to stop along the way.

The picnic will be held at stop #10, Dennis and Sue Weatherman's residence, located in Thornton. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as seating will be limited.

We will provide the main dish, side dishes, drinks, and dessert – all for only \$5 per plate for adults, children under 12 are free. Your plate charge also buys you a ticket for door prizes, which will include a range of aquatic plants and maybe a few other items.

Pond Tour Descriptions (numbers refer to locations and directions on the insert map)

1. Jim Glassman, 5010 W. 71st Court, Westminster

I am the current president of the Rocky Mountain Koi Club. This is my 4th build of this particular pond. This one was built 4 years ago after I couldn't find a leak for 3 years. Juergen Schreiber called it an "old folk's pond", as part of the pond is above ground. My wife, granddaughters, and I sit on the ledge and hand feed my Koi. It holds 4,500 gallons. I have two (2) filtration systems. One is an "Ultra" bead filter, capable of 6,000 gallons and the second one I installed last year. It is the filter built by Kodama Koi Farm. To my knowledge, it is the only one in Colorado at this time. If it's not, I was definitely the first in the state of Colorado to have this filter (according to Taro Kodama). I also have 3 UV lights. One is an 80-watt "Aqua," and the other is a 25 watt inside the Kodama filter.

2. Gary & Judy Reid, 220 Fox Drive, Boulder

We were always attracted to ponds, so in 1996 we set out on our own to build one, with only the help of a landscape architect for suggested plantings. Integrated into our patio area, this 500 to 600 gallon pond is fed by a small waterfall and stream. The mature landscape now encloses the area around the pond. Moss rock outlines the pond and waterfall, and the ground covers have chosen where they want to grow. Home to seven Koi and a few common water plants, this pond is for family enjoyment/relaxation, and sets the feeling of our backyard.

In 1977, we did a major remodel of our kitchen area purposefully for visual access to the pond. Graduating from the school of "learning from our mistakes", we can offer opinions on the do's and don'ts of a do-it-yourself pond project, and expectations for "working out the bugs" that will surely happen. Come, enjoy the pond, and tour our surroundings; as we have done so many times with other homes on the CWGS pond tours.

3. Bill & Brinda Henley, 449 W. Harper Street, Louisville

Our pond is approximately 1,500 gallons. It starts at the top of the slope in our backyard, with a short stream and waterfall into the pond. It was built in 2003 and we have been adjusting rocks ever since! Numerous goldfish call our pond home. We also have lilies and marginal plants. Please park on the street and enter the yard from the flagstone walkway.

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Pond Preview of 2015 Pond Tour, (photo courtesy of Dennis Weatherman)



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4. Martha Miller & Joel Waszack, 943 W. Yale Court, Louisville

Our pond is kidney shaped and contains lilies, marginal plants, and a biological filter to keep the water clean. There is a waterfall at the top and the deepest part of the pond is 3 feet deep. We currently have eight small Koi in the pond. Our pond is an integral part of our "Switzerland Trail" garden railroad. The pond is approximately 8' by 11' and 900 gallons. We designed and built the pond in 1992. It has graduated ledges, so different plants can be placed at the appropriate depth. Please park on Dahlia Street or W. Chestnut Circle. No parking in the cul-de-sac please. Handicapped persons may park on the driveway. Enter through the gate on the right side of the house.

5. Mark & Joni Gerace, 12785 Home Farm Drive, Westminster

Our pond is in a nice setting in the corner of our backyard, and has been well established since 1997. It is approximately 3,000 gallons, with a couple cascading waterfalls, water plants, and some 20" Koi. We re-did the liner once, which was quite a challenge.

6. Ken & Teresa Burkert, 9862 Alamo Drive, Northglenn

My Water Bowl Garden is intended to highlight the richness of the flowers and leaves of individual plants. Touching and close examination is encouraged. Over 20 different hardy water lilies, 3 different tropical water lilies, 3 different lotus, 3 different snowflakes, and numerous marginal plants are showcased in ceramic and plastic containers of varying sizes.

7. Jan & Chris Stauffer, 10153 Pagosa Street, Commerce City

Our pond is small and was just re-done this year. It has lilies, marginal plants, and goldfish. We built our own filtration system after watching a YouTube video. It was really simple, and is working quite well. Many people find it interesting that we use orange mint to keep bees and wasps away. We have decorated the yard with a variety of family memorabilia including fishing floats my Dad brought back from Midway.

8. Kathy Moestas, 12911 Roslyn Street, Thornton

This pond has a river going to the pond, which is approximately 3,500 gallons. There are lots of Koi, plus lilies, and marginal plants.

9. Rob Hall, 5305 E. 130th Place, Thornton

This pond started out as 150 gallons and has grown to 6,500 gallons, with a waterfall, lilies, bamboo, iris, and other plants, plus lots of Koi. I have my own business selling Koi and supplies from home, if anyone is interested while on the Tour.

10. Dennis & Sue Weatherman, 4175 E. 139th Avenue, Thornton

Our pond was finished in September 2013; after three years without a pond, we just had to have another. This house is our third with a pond. The builder left no liner showing, using rock and flagstone. It has planter space all around the waterfall that Sue and I planted with lots of flowering plants, sedum, and bulbs. Currently there are 8 fish, 6 "Israeli" Koi, and two we purchased at the Koi Club auction in May, from Rob Hall's tanks. The pond has two caves for the fish to hide in, is about 3 feet deep below the waterfall and shallower at the skimmer. Water Lilies, cattails, yellow iris, and a few other plants are in the water. We enjoy this pond a lot; it is right outside our bedroom so most nights the window is open and the pond lulls us to sleep. Many days you will find Sue sitting on the flagstone patio by the pond reading or texting. Size has been debatable. The builder thinks 700 gallons, but I think more like 1,000 gallons.





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■ Pond Tour General Directions

This graphic and directions show only the relative proximity of tour sites. You will need a detailed city map or GPS to determine your route because roads are discontinuous and there are multiple, alternative (and often circuitous) routes. Because of the tour map's scale, only major roads are shown. Directions at right are generally given from the nearest major intersection and are keyed to the numbers on the map. If you visit the sites in the order given, your last stop will be at the picnic site – stop number 10, Weatherman residence.

The route takes approximately 2 1/2 hours to drive without stopping at ponds and is approximately 75 miles in length.

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449 W. Harper Street, Louisville

After a few miles on South Boulder Rd., turn right onto Via Appia, then right again on Harper. You can't miss the house; look for a classic Chevy under a canopy in the driveway. Park on the street and enter the gate on the right side of the house. From there, turn left on Harper, right on Via Appia, left on Pine, right on Polk; Polk changes to Dahlia; right on Yale Ct.

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943 W. Yale Court, Louisville

From there, turn right on Dahlia to Dillon Rd., left on Dillon. Dillon becomes 144th. Keep on Dillon/144th several miles to Zuni, right on Zuni, then . . .

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10153 Pagosa Street, Commerce City

Continue on 104th for about 8 miles, turn right on Landmark Dr., left on 102nd, then an immediate right onto Pagosa St. Look for the "Gramma's Garden" gate on the left side of the house and enter there. From there, turn left on Pagosa, left on 102nd, right on Landmark Dr., then left on 104th.

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12911 Roslyn Street, Thornton

From 104th, turn right on Chambers, left on 120th, right on Sable Rd., left on 124th (CAUTION: RAILROAD tracks at 124th & Highway 85 are rough). 124th turns into Henderson Rd. Henderson will take you by the Adams County Fairgrounds and golf course, right on Riverdale Rd., left on 128th, right on Quebec St., right on 130th, right on Roslyn. From there, left on Roslyn, left on 130th, left on Quebec, right on 128th.

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5010 W. 71st Court, Westminster

From Sheridan/72nd, head East on 72nd to Yates St., turn right, then right on 71st Ct. From there, turn right on 71st, left on Yates, left on Sheridan to Highway 36 West to Boulder.

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220 Fox Drive, Boulder

Take Table Mesa exit from Highway 36, follow signs to Table Mesa (NOT Foothills Parkway). Follow signs for Table Mesa. Keep right at the fork toward Apache Road, turn left onto Apache Rd., then turn right on Fox Drive. From there, turn right on Fox, right on Caddo/Mohawk, then left on Sioux, right onto Thunderbird Parkway, then left on South Boulder Road.

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12785 Home Farm Drive, Westminster

From Zuni southbound, turn left onto 128th, then just up the hill, turn right on Home Farm Lane, then first left onto Home Farm Drive, home is on the right. Enter through the gate on the right side of the house (West). From there turn right on Home Farm Drive, left on Home Farm Avenue, right on Huron.

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9862 Alamo Drive, Northglenn

Take Huron to 99th, turn left, then left on Alamo. Look for the gorgeous front yard and enter through the gate on the left (North) side of the house. From here, turn right on Alamo, right on Belford, left on Melody, and then right on 104th.

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5305 E. 130th Place, Thornton

From 128th, right on Summit Grove Parkway, right on 130th Pl. home is on the corner. From there, turn right on 130th Pl. right on Summit Grove, right on Colorado Blvd., right on 136th, left on Bellaire, left on 139th Ave.

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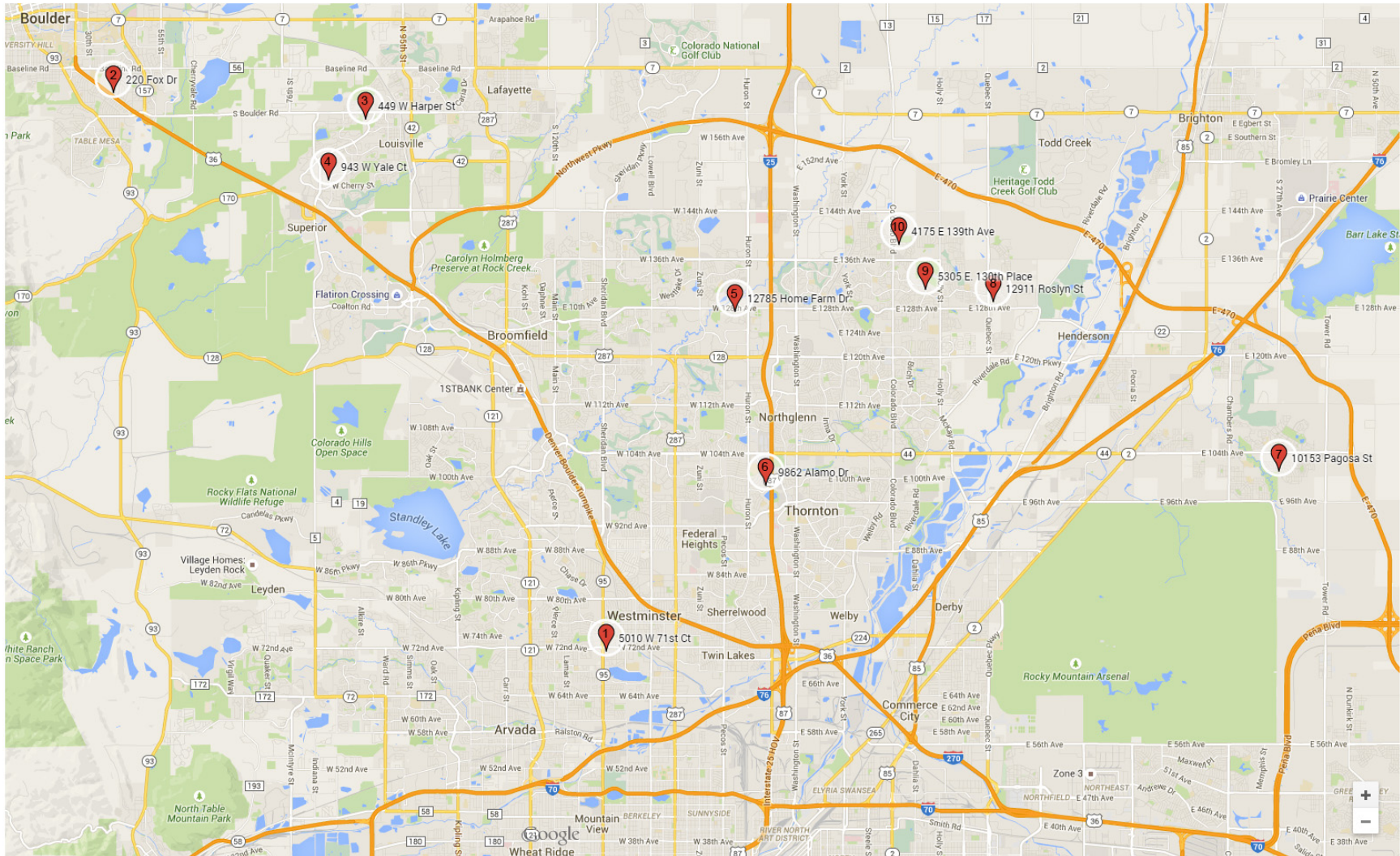
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*The house is on the right, look for the pig and wagon in front, enter through the gate on the right (East) side of the house. **This is your final destination and host for the Picnic.***

Numbered balloons on this map show relative locations of Pond Tour sites. For addresses and a suggested tour itinerary, see the Pond Tour General Directions

2015 Colorado Water Garden Society Pond Tour Area Map

For addresses and suggested route, see the Pond Tour Directions



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Picnic – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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August 8: Water Blossom Festival, Monet Pond, IWGS Competition Lily Pond, Greenhouses, Japanese Garden, & Bonsai Garden, DBG, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

August 22: Robert “Bob” Hoffman Memorial Pond at Hudson Gardens, Pond Side Meeting, Picnic Potluck, & Fall Plant Swap, The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sept. 17: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, & Presentation – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Oct. 15: Potluck, Presentation, & Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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