



37th Annual Pond Tour 2026

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The Pikes Peak Koi & Water Garden Society

We extend a warm welcome to our 37th annual city-wide Water Garden Tour. Scheduled for August 1st and 2nd, 2026, this year's tour invites you to explore a collection of 8 stunning water gardens, open for viewing from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, unless otherwise specified. We kindly ask attendees to visit only on the designated days during tour hours.

This self-guided tour is offered free of charge to the public. For your convenience, printable street maps detailing each location can be found at www.ppkwgs.org under the Pond Tour link. This also provides brief descriptions to enhance your experience. You can use this link for a, [Google Map of the Tour](#)

As you enjoy the tour, we ask that you respect the privacy of our gracious hosts by refraining from entering their homes. While some hosts may offer refreshments, please plan accordingly as amenities may vary. Capture memories and inspiration through photographs and ideas, and remember that public restrooms are accessible throughout the city, but not on-site at the tour homes.

The Club's mission is to cultivate a friendly and welcoming environment dedicated to the promotion, development, and expansion of water gardening, and the care, admiration, exhibition, and responsible ownership of Koi. We aim to disseminate knowledge on these subjects by engaging in educational and supportive activities while fostering a sense of community.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from March through October, beginning at 7:00 PM. If you want to learn more about our club, join us for a meeting at the Mountain View Church of Christ, conveniently located at 1080 East La Salle Street. This is one block south of the west end of Constitution.

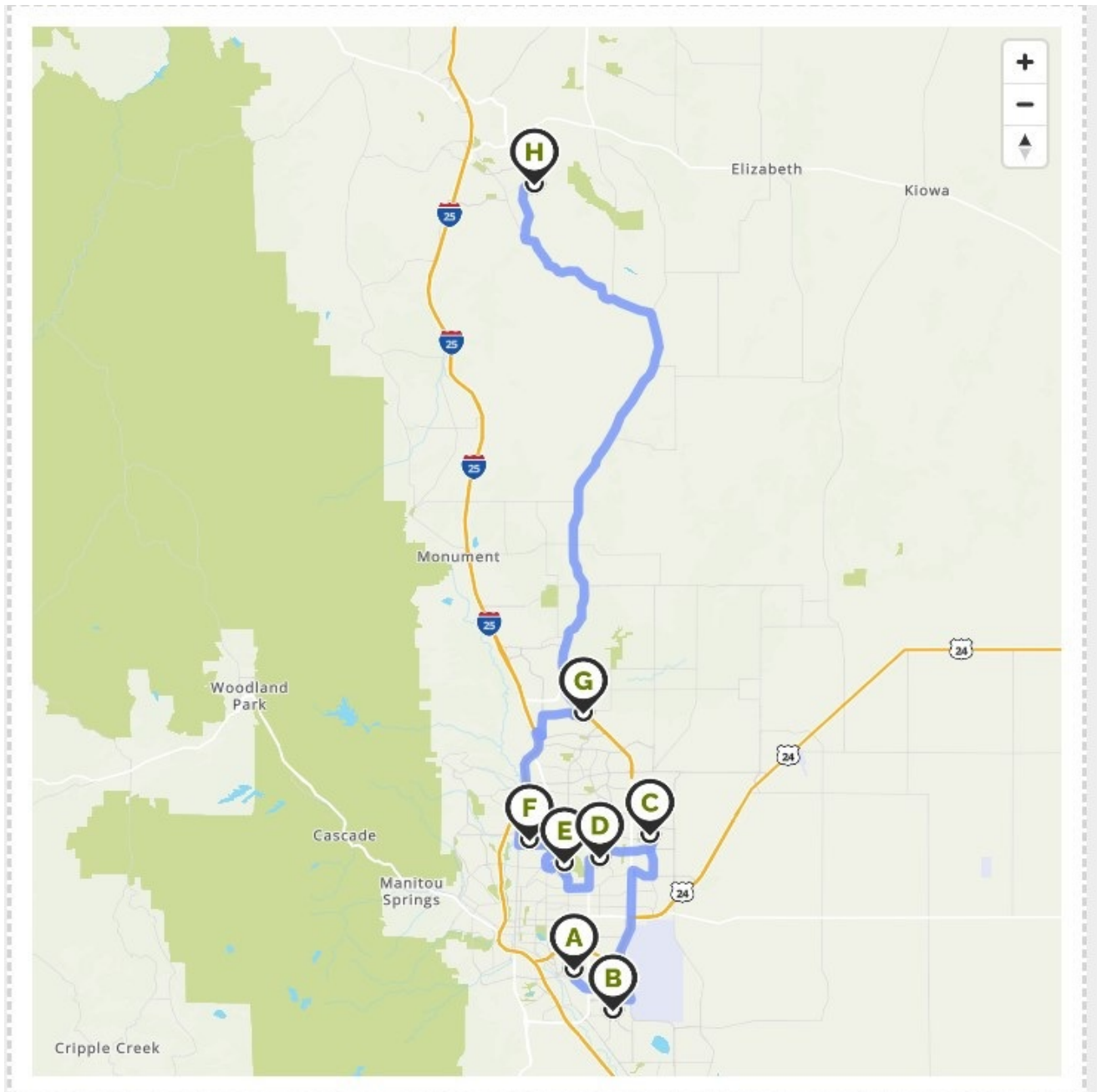
Enjoy The Tour!

*** This map package has been organized by location. ***

*** You will need to plan your own route. ***

*** Visit all of the water gardens at your own pace. ***

Overview Map



A Christina Ansel's Catio Pond (Large)	2111 Montezuma Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80910	Saturday & Sunday
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A - Christina Ansel's Catio Pond (Large) - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

Welcome to the Catsle. This is my larger preformed pond located within a Catio (Outdoor Cat Enclosure). It's a paradise for my 5 indoor cats. They just let me enjoy it from time to time. ;) It sits under a 12 x 42 ft Deck with mostly shade all day (Enclosed with 1 in by 1 in 14-gauge PVC-coated galvanized steel fencing). Due to the shade and most plants being toxic to cats, it has no live plants other than natural producing algae. It does, however, have several artificial plants for decor. It has a pump, pressure filter, heaters (So I run it all year long), waterfall, spitter, aeration, lights, fish tower, Goldfish (Water Piggies) and 2 Pleco (Most of the fish are rescues). This pond flows from a 5-gallon resin waterfall, into an 8-gallon preform, to a 165-gallon preform with a spitter, to a 100 gallon preform. This pond was installed by me in late September 2022. It's small but definitely not shy of being a little paradise.

Please enter through the rear fence gate on the left side of the house.

- Pond Gallons: 275
- Handicap Accessible: No

Pond Address

2111 Montezuma Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Directions

Located in the Pikes Peak Park neighborhood. Not far from the Intersection of South Circle and Monterey Rd. Take Monterey Rd going East. Turn left onto Montezuma Dr. (If you reached the Elementary school, you went too far). It will be the first blue and tan house on the right. The front fence is made out of metal bed frames (You can't miss it). [Google Maps Link](#) To get to the pond.



B - Lucy Valdez and Henry Gonzales' Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

Built in 2023, our koi pond has been our sanctuary—a place of tranquility, quiet, and peaceful reflection. Every stone, every waterfall, and every detail was 100% built by us with our own hands. It is the result of countless hours of hard work, dedication, and a dream we refused to give up on. What began as a vision has become our dream come true: a serene, Zen-inspired oasis where the gentle sound of flowing water and the graceful movement of our koi bring a sense of calm to our hearts. This pond isn't just a backyard feature; it's a labor of love, a testament to perseverance, and a place where peace and nature come together in perfect harmony.

Please enter the backyard from the left side of the house.

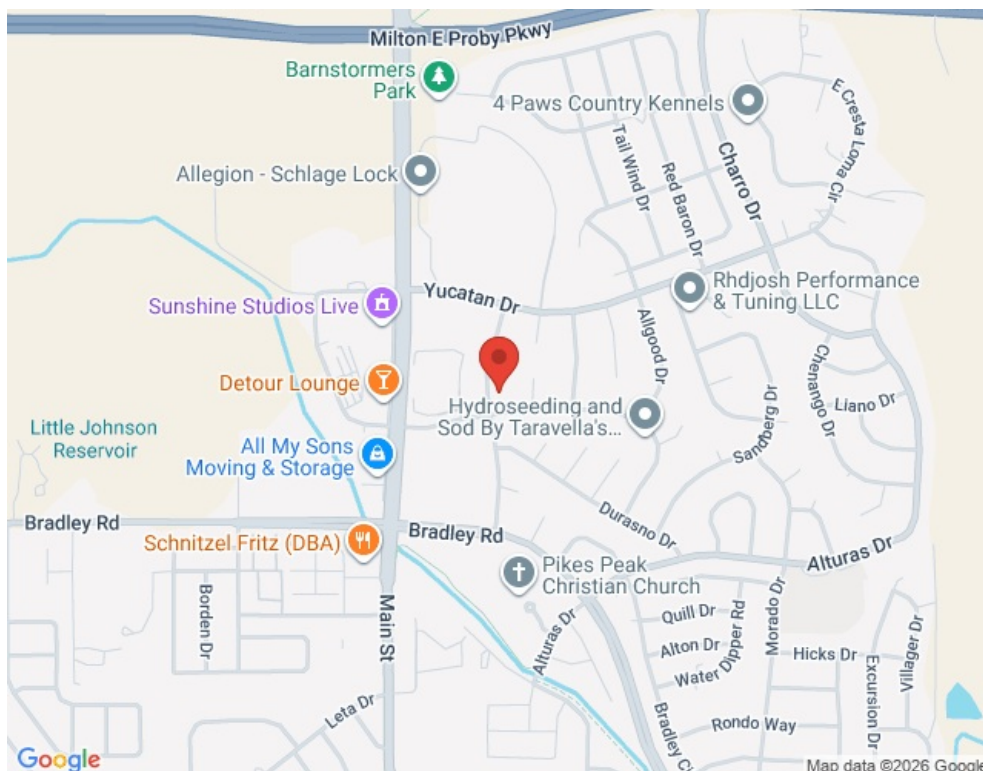
- Pond Gallons: 6000
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Pond Address

4045 Cantrell Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80911

Directions

Travel south from the Hancock expressway from intersection of Milton Proby, turn left at the next traffic light on Yucatán Drive, then a right at the first road onto Cantrell Drive. 4045 Cantrell Drive is the second-to-last house on the left on the block. [Google Maps Link](#)



C - Sherry and Dave's Backyard Oasis - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

We bought our home in 2018. I loved the backyard with all the trees, but it had one big problem area: it was a pond that had been filled in with dirt and rocks.

So the labor of love began.

We spent the first summer digging it out, sorting out rocks, dirt, very old barley bales, and lots of stinky stuff. The next summer was spent filling it with water only to find that it leaked like a sieve. We replaced the liner and reworked the whole pond. My hubby wanted a stream, so he removed bushes and did a lot of digging to create a lovely stream for flowers and birds to bathe. We researched filtration options and learned a lot about what not to do. YouTube was extremely helpful. It's now a mature pond with shade trees and flowers. A sanctuary for many creatures, especially me. I never knew I would love it this much. We now have 5 koi and a rescued fancy goldfish (Robert) who was living in a 20-gallon aquarium and was very depressed. He loves his koi siblings. There is only one thing I don't like about my oasis: fall comes way too fast, the leaves fall, the netting goes up, winter comes, and I start planning for spring. Every year it gets better and more beautiful and more peaceful; it's just perfect.

Please enter through the side yard gate, which is on Lyndhurst.

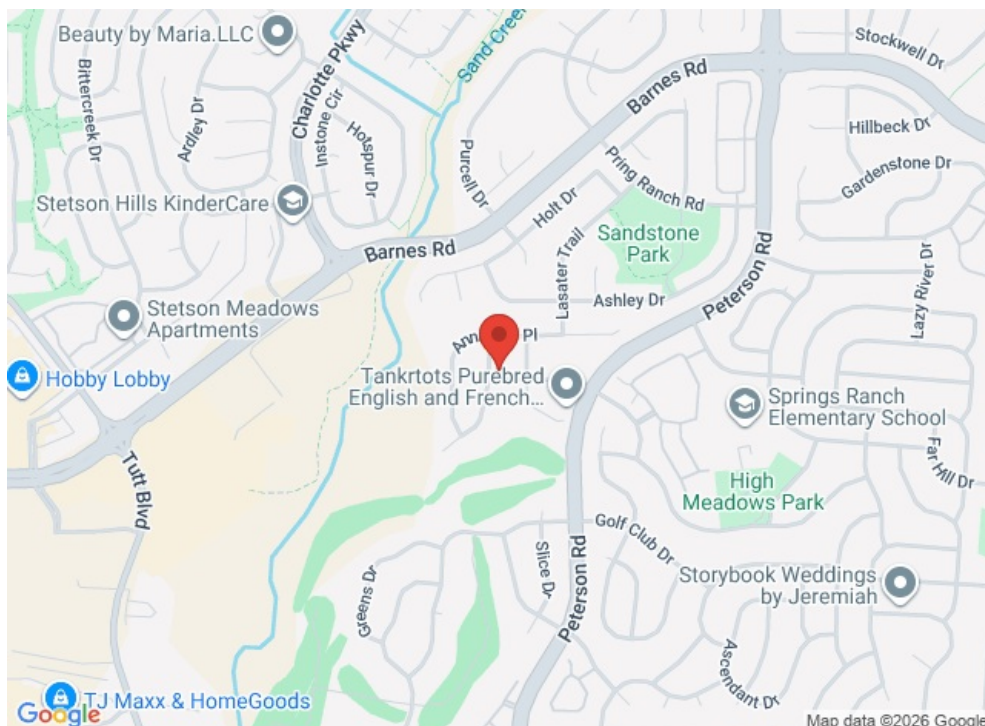
- Pond Gallons: 1000
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Pond Address

4347 Thornbury Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80922

Directions

We live off Peterson Road between Barnes and North Carefree. From Peterson, turn west onto Lyndhurst, go down the hill almost to the stop sign. **Please enter through the side yard gate, which is on Lyndhurst.** [Google Maps Link](#)



D - Richard and Kristy Hooper's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

Our pond is enhanced by a charming waterfall that gently cascades into the water below. Constructed from striking black granite and complemented by large river rock boulders, the waterfall creates a natural focal point within the landscape. Colorful flowers surround the pond, softening the stonework and adding seasonal beauty.

Last year, we introduced our first koi, and more recently we were fortunate to add two additional fish that we won at the club auction. They settled into their new home almost immediately, quickly joining the existing koi as if they had always belonged.

The soothing sound of the waterfall, combined with the graceful movement of the koi, has transformed our pond into a peaceful retreat that we enjoy every day.

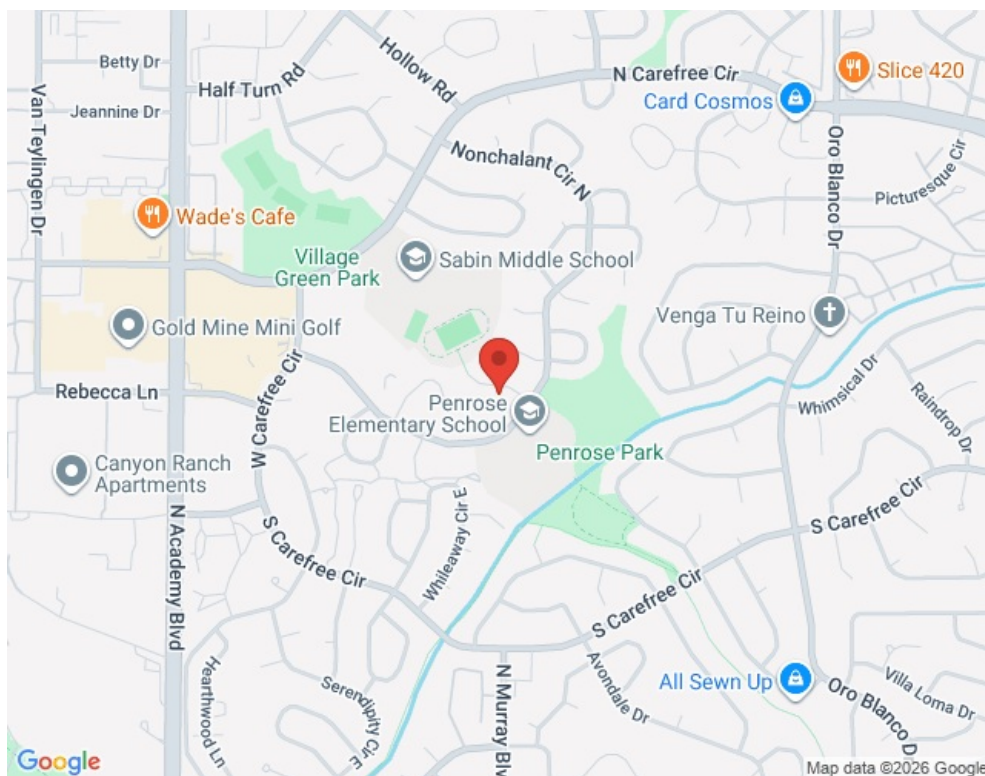
- Pond Gallons: 6700
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Pond Address

4285 Dream Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Directions

We are located just East of Academy between North and South Carefree in Village 7. Take N. Carefree off of Academy, drive east to NonChalant Circle, then south on NonChalant until you see the elementary school. Dream Lane is West toward the mountains. Our house is easy to locate. We have a small waterfall and stream in the front yard surrounded by gardens. Come in the gate to the left of the driveway. [Google Maps Link](#)



E - Todd & Leah Saucier - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

Our backyard pond is our favorite place to unwind. Surrounded by natural Colorado boulders and towering pines, it's home to colorful goldfish, blooming water lilies, and lush aquatic plants. The gentle sound of the fountain and the beauty of nature make it our own little slice of paradise, where memories are made, and stress simply fades away.

Please enter through the street side gate or the driveway, both of which are on Austin Dr.

- Pond Gallons: 2200
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Pond Address

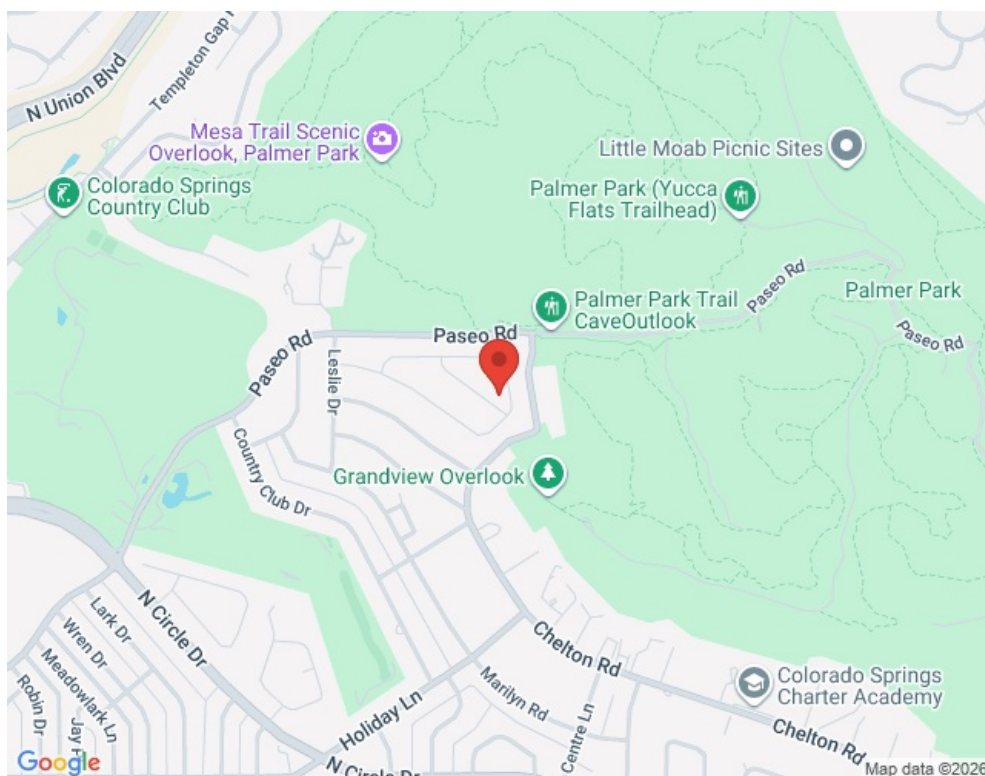
3226 Austin Pl, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Directions

From North Circle Dr heading towards the mountains.

1. Turn right onto Paseo Rd.
2. Continue on Paseo Rd through the neighborhood and golf course.
3. Turn right onto Leslie Dr. (if you reach the Palmer Park entrance, you've gone too far)
4. Take your first street left onto Austin Drive.
5. Follow to the top of the loop.

You'll know you've arrived when you see our Spanish-style house with a flat roof at the top of the loop. It's a unique home in the neighborhood and should stand out from the others. 😊 [Google Maps Link](#)



F - Malissa Jackson & Fred Ramirez's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

Hello everyone, welcome to the "Vintage Poppy Funny Farm". Not only do we have a beautiful 8000-gallon Koi Pond. We also have a small water garden next to our crazy chickens... yes, chickens. Our beautiful Koi Pond, water garden, and a sneak peek at our chickens can be easily accessed from our alley on the left side of our home. Please come and enjoy our raised garden beds that contain out-of-control pumpkins and our vintage greenhouse made entirely out of 100-year-old windows. Please don't be alarmed by our two honey bee hives; unfortunately, both hives are inactive due to Pesticides being sprayed.

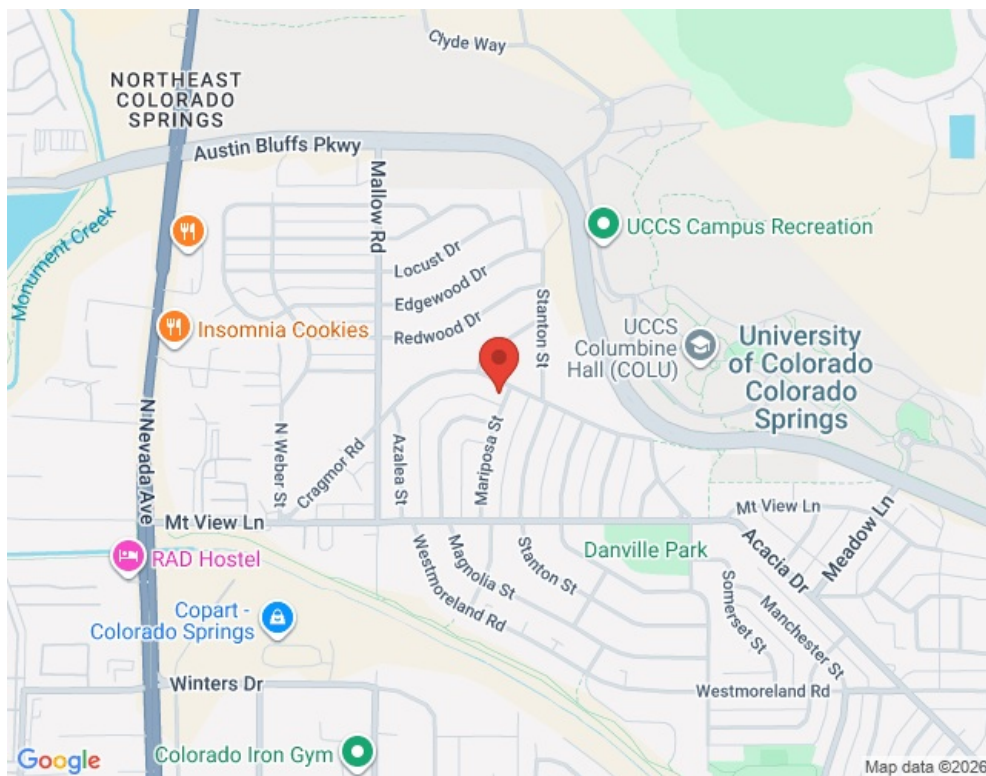
- Pond Gallons: 8000
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Pond Address

3960 Mariposa Street, Colorado Springs, CO, 80907

Directions

Our house is across from UCCS College, on Austin Bluffs and Nevada. Heading west on Austin Bluffs, turn left on Mallow, go all the way down until Cragmor, turn left on Cragmor, then turn right on Mariposa. Please follow signs to the alley for access to the ponds. [Google Maps Link](#)



G - Pete & Heidi Meinig's Pond - Sunday Only

Pond Description

Welcome to our little backyard oasis!

We're relatively new to the world of koi keeping, but what started as a surprise feature of our home has quickly become one of our favorite passions. When we moved from Denver to Colorado Springs in the spring of 2025, the pond came with the house. To test the waters (literally!), we started with four hardy goldfish—the legendary **OGs (Original Goldfish)**—to make sure everything was healthy and thriving.

Fast forward to today, and our underwater neighborhood has exploded into a vibrant community of the four OGs plus **13 beautiful koi** in a stunning variety of colors, patterns, and sizes.

Nestled beneath the shade of a sprawling tree, the pond offers a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle. A winding path circles the water, giving visitors multiple vantage points to admire the koi, spot their favorite fish, and enjoy the tranquil sounds of the waterfall.

- Pond Gallons: 2500
- Handicap Accessible: No

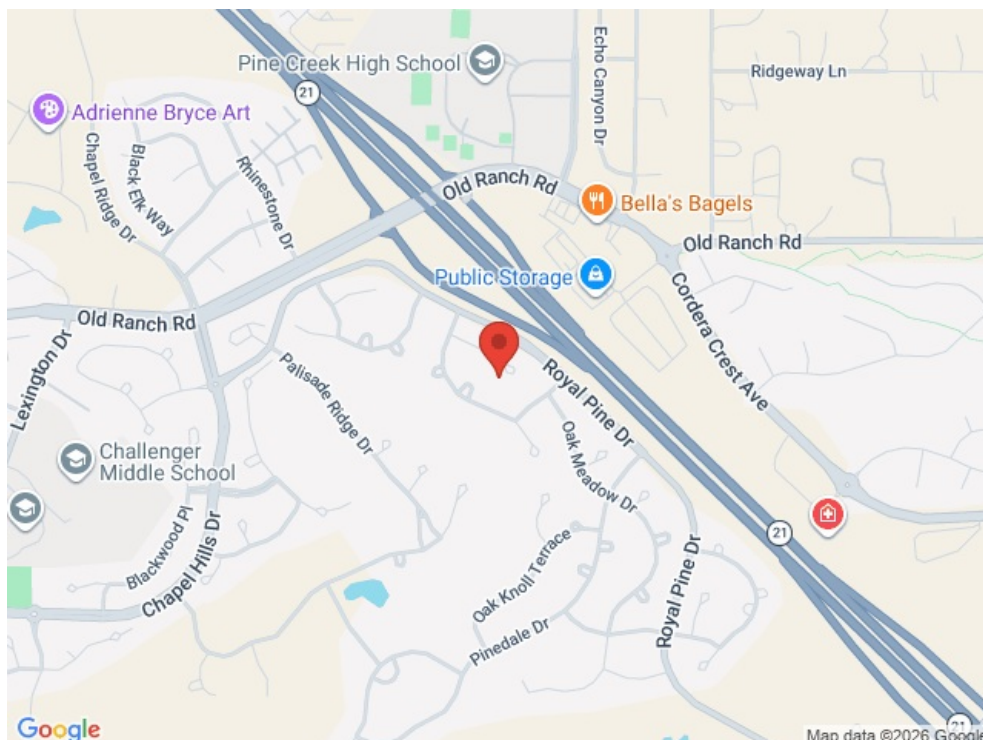
Pond Address

3465 Limber Pine Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Directions

From the intersection of Union and Powers Blvd, head south on Union and take your first right on Royal Pine Drive. Follow Royal Pine Drive through the roundabout for 1.1 miles, then turn left on Pine Glade Drive. Take your first left on Limber Pine Ct., and our house will be in the cul-de-sac at the end. [Google Maps Link](#)

***To ensure emergency vehicle access around the cul-de-sac, please park along the island or further down the street.**



H - Erwin and Simha Freund's Pond - Saturday & Sunday

Pond Description

A new pond was installed late 2025 behind our house using EPDM liner up to 4.5 ft deep surrounded by big boulders and covered with small pebbles placed on 'Gatorboard' to protect the liner from deer. A 10,000 GPH pump was installed to power a waterfall, fed upstream by the water outlet located about 100 ft uphill after passing through a filter system. The pond has two fish caves. String algae are controlled by Barley extract and single cell algae controlled by an in-line UV system running 24/7 by a separate pump. Two airators are running 24/7. A total of 21 pods are installed at different depths with plants, including two with Lotus plants. An additional 7 floating nets are present with plants. The pond is solar heated with 2,400 feet of black PVC irrigation tubing fed by a pump. Typically the temp goes from 69 deg F to 77 deg F each day in the Summer. Steps into the pond allow for entry and wading. Typically no detectable ammonia and pH of about 8.

A second 1,500 gallon pond is present with its own filter/UV system to grow more Lotus and as a future place for western painted turtles and quarantine when needed.

Both ponds are fed by water from a well and each day some of its water is used for irrigation and replaced by well water.

The fish population is 4 gold fish and 10 Koi from 4 to 10 inches. Recently we observed about 4 very small fish as offspring. Several fake Heron's are in place to deter predation, in addition to a motion-activated sprinkler.

Please walk around the East (Left) side of the house to view the pond in the backyard.

- Pond Gallons: 4000
- Handicap Accessible: Yes

Pond Address

4211 Willow Creek RD, Castle Rock, CO 80124

Directions

Head South on I-25 and take exit 181 onto Plum Creek Road heading East going straight through two roundabouts and onto S. Ridge Road (nearest cross road) and turn left on East Willow Creek road (private). After 0.4 miles, enter through the black iron gate (open) and proceed to the house. Plenty of parking is available just prior to the second fence opening. [Google Maps Link](#)



The Pikes Peak Koi & Water Garden Society

The Pikes Peak Koi & Water Garden Society's mission is to cultivate a friendly and welcoming environment dedicated to the promotion, development, and expansion of water gardening and the care, admiration, exhibition, and responsible ownership of Koi. Central to our mission is the annual Pond Tour, a showcase of our members' exquisite water gardens and yards, which is freely accessible to the public. Each garden owner eagerly shares insights about their pond's unique features, from innovative filtration systems to captivating aquatic life. Visitors are encouraged to engage with hosts, seeking advice or inspiration for their own projects.

Founded in 1989 in Colorado Springs, our society boasts a dedicated membership primarily from the surrounding area. Open to all, our monthly meetings convene on the second Thursday from March through October at 7:00 PM. We meet at the Mountain View Church of Christ at 1080 East La Salle Street. Membership, which supports our activities, is available to anyone with an interest in water gardening or koi keeping, with annual dues set at \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. New members joining after the Pond Tour receive membership benefits through the following year. Interested water gardeners are invited to attend a meeting.

Our monthly newsletter, "A Peak at Ponds," which is published on our website around the first of each month, keeps members informed about upcoming events and contains feature articles, along with insights from our president and fellow members. It's a valuable resource for staying connected and informed within our community.

Mark your calendars for our annual Plant Sale, held the first Saturday in June. This event offers a diverse selection of plants, including donations from our members, ensuring that enthusiasts find treasures to enhance their water gardens. The sale starts at 9:30 AM for PPWGS members with a current-year membership card and is open to the general public starting at 10:00 AM. This sale runs until 2:00 PM or until supplies are exhausted. If you have a water garden, you should not miss this once-a-year sale.

Join us for our lively Koi Rehoming Auction in June, which is open to anyone, or our annual Koi Auction, scheduled on the second Thursday of July. This members-only event allows attendees to bid on a variety of Koi fish, sourced from reputable suppliers, making it an exciting opportunity to acquire beautiful additions for your pond.

The highlight of our summer calendar is the annual Pond Tour, held the last full weekend in July. This tour showcases a wide range of water features, from compact designs perfect for small spaces to expansive ponds teeming with vibrant aquatic ecosystems. It's a chance to glean ideas and insights directly from our members while enjoying the beauty of their creations.

For additional information, including meeting details, event recaps, and member pond showcases, please visit our website. We encourage you to explore this digital hub, featuring a calendar of events, informational documents, links to related videos, member-contributed photos offering a virtual glimpse into their aquatic havens, and so much more.

Whether you are currently enjoying the relaxing benefits of a pond, or you are looking for information on creating your own personal oasis, The Pikes Peak Koi & Water Garden Society is the club for you!

www.PPKWGS.org