

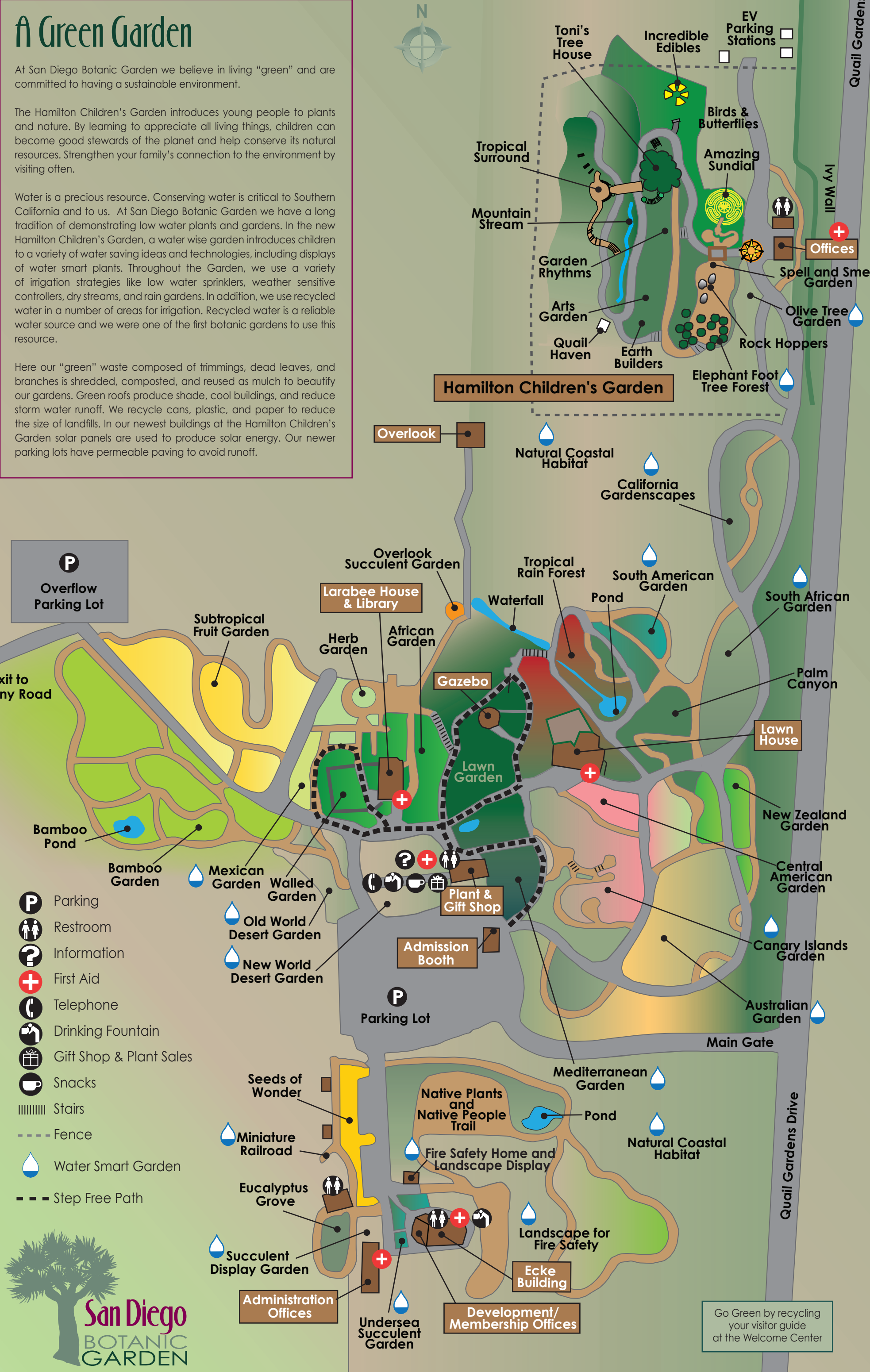
# A Green Garden

At San Diego Botanic Garden we believe in living "green" and are committed to having a sustainable environment.

The Hamilton Children's Garden introduces young people to plants and nature. By learning to appreciate all living things, children can become good stewards of the planet and help conserve its natural resources. Strengthen your family's connection to the environment by visiting often.

Water is a precious resource. Conserving water is critical to Southern California and to us. At San Diego Botanic Garden we have a long tradition of demonstrating low water plants and gardens. In the new Hamilton Children's Garden, a water wise garden introduces children to a variety of water saving ideas and technologies, including displays of water smart plants. Throughout the Garden, we use a variety of irrigation strategies like low water sprinklers, weather sensitive controllers, dry streams, and rain gardens. In addition, we use recycled water in a number of areas for irrigation. Recycled water is a reliable water source and we were one of the first botanic gardens to use this resource.

Here our "green" waste composed of trimmings, dead leaves, and branches is shredded, composted, and reused as mulch to beautify our gardens. Green roofs produce shade, cool buildings, and reduce storm water runoff. We recycle cans, plastic, and paper to reduce the size of landfills. In our newest buildings at the Hamilton Children's Garden solar panels are used to produce solar energy. Our newer parking lots have permeable paving to avoid runoff.



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