Need a Break? Visit These Peaceful Spaces Around Campus

Augustin Henry Shi Garden

Located behind the Biomedical Research Center, this peaceful garden consists of cottonwood trees, stone tables, and a millstone fountain.

Stanton L. Young Walk

Stretching from the clock tower to the bronze seed sower, this garden walk is the heart of the Health Sciences campus. Sprinkled with roses, hydrangeas, perennials, and annuals throughout, the gardens provide year-round color and a wonderful view for a walk. Autumn Blaze Maple trees line the space, just west of the Clock Tower, and brighten up the space with brilliant red foliage in the fall.

Peggy Stephenson Healing Garden

As part of the Stephenson Cancer Center, the Peggy Stephenson Healing Garden offers a tranquil and relaxing outdoor space to enjoy. Lined with umbrella-covered tables with centralized fountain, the Garden is a great way to step away and enjoy the nice weather.

Bluestem Stream

Nestled within the courtyard of the Biomedical Research Center, this native plant garden flows down a hillside reminiscent of a streambed and features Oklahoma indigenous species of grass, trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.

James G. Harlow, Jr. Great Lawn

North from the Seven Steps Fountain to a granite water wall, this area features a line of Babylonian weeping willows that provide a dramatic backdrop to the lawn.

Molly Shi Boren Courtyard

On the lower level of the Bird Library, this shady sanctuary is an ideal spot to take a quiet break. The garden includes Japanese maples, hostas, and ferns, as well as hanging baskets.

Jimmy Everest Garden Walk

Near the entrance of the Jimmy Everest Children's Center, this area includes plazas and sidewalks for a stroll.

Lloyd E. Rader Park

North of OU Physicians at the intersection of 10th Street and Phillips sits a shady park full of trees in honor of Lloyd E. Rader, a skillful, former director of Oklahoma's Department of Human Services.

The Mothers Garden

Located on the Stanton L. Young Walk, the pebble walkway welcomes visitors with benches and shrubbery, offering the comfort of a room outdoors.

OU Medical Fountain Courtyard

Situated between The Children's Hospital and the Basic Sciences Education Building, overlooking the Dream Catcher statue sits The Fountain Courtyard which was dedicated to patients and their families by the OU Medical Center. Enjoy two fountains and a modern trellis covered with evergreen.

Sacred Valley Park

Located next to the College of Medicine off Stanton L. Young Boulevard, this outdoor space serves as a quiet and peaceful place to relax and enjoy greenery on campus. With the park sunken into the ground and surrounded by trees, it gives park-goers the feeling of solitude within our campus – a perfect time to disconnect and relax!

College of Dentistry Atrium Garden

Nestled under the College of Dentistry's first floor, visitors enjoy outdoor seating, beautiful flowering bushes, and a canopy of coverage.

The G. Rainey Williams Pavilion Lawn

Located north of The G. Rainey Williams Pavilion, this lawn offers lush, grass seating to absorb the Oklahoma skies. Don't forget your sunscreen.

University Research Park Outdoor Seating

Take a stroll around the Research Park on wide, shade-covered sidewalks, or relax in one of the two seating areas north of URP 865 or south of URP 655.

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Campus Art Walk

Anatomical Donor

The Anatomical Donor was a gift from the College of Medicine Class of 2001, to honor those individuals who, in death, have continued to give by donating their bodies to advance the teaching of medical science. Staged in a beautiful shaded walkway, this is a great place to get outdoors and relax while also checking out a notable structure on the Health Sciences campus.

Children's Fountain

The Children's Fountain and Live Oak Grove honors the Oklahoma Health Center Foundation, which is dedicated to the support of the outstanding organizations that comprise the Oklahoma Health Center. This structure is very close to the Stanton Walk and conveniently located next to the Anatomical Donor.

Dr. Dan

Created by artists Louise Jones and Dan Kiacz, Dr Dan supports the Nature Conservancy's Spirit of the Buffalo program. This sculpture honors the bison, which is the life-giving symbol of Native Peoples. Dr. Dan also symbolizes the mission of the Nature Conservancy to preserve the diversity of life on Earth. Dr. Dan is located in front of the Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library and is accompanied by a spacious covered patio.

Dreamcatcher

Located outside of the Fran & Earl Ziegler College of Nursing, the Dreamcatcher symbolizes a custom practiced by some Plains Indian tribes. This statue depicts an Apache woman viewing the dreamcatcher in wonder and hope for her young child's future, which symbolizes the determination to give the child every advantage.

Seven Steps Fountain

The Seven Steps Fountain Plaza is named to honor the Presbyterian Health Foundation and its wise trustees. With seven steps honoring the seven academic colleges of OU Health Sciences, the fountain serves as the Stanton L. Young Walk's centerpiece. The plaza includes tables and chairs for studying or taking in the nice weather.

The Spirit of Healing

Dedicated in 1995, The Spirit of Healing plaque reads, "To those who died, to those who lived, and to those who helped." This symbolizes the healing of hearts of those who care. The Spirit of Healing is located on the second floor of the Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library and can also be viewed from the Bird Library patio.

Solace

Sculpted by Dorothy R. Kennedy, Solace was a gift from Barbara and William Cowen. The sculpture represents comfort, support and consolation and is located in the Molly Shi Boren Courtyard on the north side of the Bird Library.

Seed Sower

The University Seed Sower stands in honor of Anne V. Zarrow, a Tulsa philanthropist, whose kindness and generosity touched the lives of countless Oklahomans. Located at the west end of the Stanton L. Young Walk, this statue is surrounded by incredible views of outdoor scenery, as well as a garden with bench seating. A Seed Sower statue has been____ installed on the Norman, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa campuses.

Student Union Collection

The art collection at the Student Union includes over two hundred pieces of Native American art by local artists. These paintings, sculptures, and photographs are located in the various common areas on the first, second, and third floors of the Union. The presentation allows individuals to view at a distance or stop and read more about their favorite piece.

Avenue of Flags (13th Street)

A patriotic feature located outside of the Veteran's Affairs Hospital, the Avenue of Flags symbolizes national pride through this visible, bold, and proud display of flags.

Mother and Child

A gift from Dr. Joseph Ferretti, Mother and Child is an abstract sculpture located on the west side of the Fran & Earl Ziegler College of Nursing. It symbolizes the close bond between a mother and child.

The Beacon of Hope

The Beacon of Hope is located in Stiles Circle Park, just a short walk from the Health Sciences Research Park. This monument, which is lit at night, is a testament to the power of the human spirit, the pursuit of healing, and the empowerment of hope.

Spirit

Created to bring visitors joy, comfort, and liveliness, Spirit is an island of statues located at the entrance of the Children's Hospital. Spirit is comprised of twelve kites, all lined with LED lighting, and three children playing alongside them. This symbolizes the hope and innocence of childhood. At night, Spirit takes on a magical quality in which the kites appear to be floating, which truly paints the picture of the tribute.

Thelma Gaylord Arches

The Thelma Gaylord Arches mark the entrances of the Stanton L. Young Walk. Dedicated in 2002, and placed at each end of the walk, they are complemented by an outdoor garden area with bench seating. The east arch sits next to the Thelma Gaylord Clock Tower while the west arch is located next to the University Seed Sower. Similar to the Seed Sower, you will find arches on all three OU campuses representing the gateways into the University.

Stanton L. Young Clock Tower

This Clock Tower sits at the east end of the Stanton L. Young Walk and is beautifully aligned with the Thelma Gaylord Arches on each end of the walkway. The thirty-foot high tower can be seen from many spots on campus. It was dedicated in memory of Thelma Gaylord and is reflective of the clock tower on the OU Norman campus.

Yellow Wiggle

Located under the Bird Library patio in the first floor garden, Yellow Wiggle was a 1996 gift by the Huddleston Family in memory of Donald Grogan, M.D., Le Huddleston, and Shea Grogan. Sculpted by Robin Orbach Starke, this curvy, abstract sculpture uses yellow, rust, and other pastel colors to add some whimsy to your day.

