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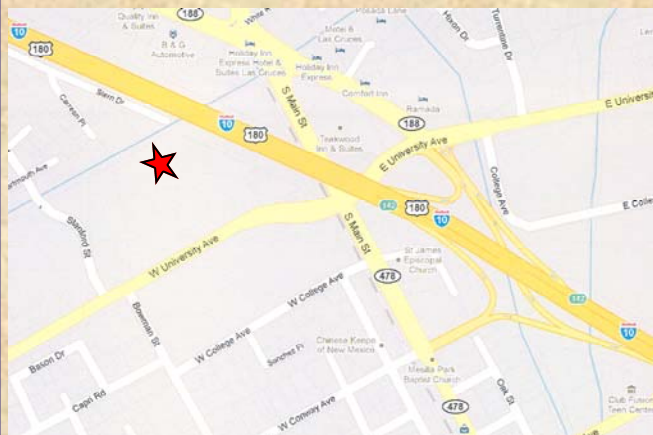


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*Educating the World About  
Chile Peppers*



The NMSU Botanical Garden entrance is approximately 150 yards off University Ave. from the railroad tracks after passing through the Main St. intersection. The CPI Garden is located on the east side of the NMSU Botanical Garden. Visitors are welcome to park at the garden. Walk east through the Botanical Garden until you come to a chain link fence with a gate. Go through the gate and the CPI Teaching Garden is just on the other side. Look for a mailbox that contains maps of the garden.

## The World Famous Chile Pepper Institute



## Teaching & Demonstration Garden

**“To Educate the World  
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## Visiting the Garden

To reach the Chile Pepper Institute Teaching and Demonstration Garden, take the University Ave. exit from either Interstate (I-10 or I-25). Follow University Ave. west towards the town of Mesilla until you reach a set of railroad tracks. Cross the tracks and continue on University Ave. The Garden is approximately one block from the railroad tracks, on the left side of the road, as you are traveling west. The entrance to the farm is the second entrance, if you take the first entrance you will be entering the Fabian Garcia botanical garden. After entering through the second entrance please follow the road that sharply turns north then sharply turns south around the buildings. Look for 2 east-west facing greenhouses, the garden is just south of those.



## Research at the Garden



The Chile Pepper Institute (CPI) Teaching and Demonstration Garden has been an integral part of the CPI's teaching resources for over twelve years. School children, local groups, university groups, and individuals come every year to visit and tour our garden. Located in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Garden not only has over 150 different varieties of chile from all of the main species of Capsicum: *C. annuum*, *C. baccatum*, *C. chinense*, and *C. frutescens*, but it also shows



many of the different diseases, disorders, pests, and problems encountered by chile growers. The genus Capsicum includes all peppers, from the mildest bell to the hottest habanero. The Garden is intended to show a few of the different pod shapes, sizes, and colors; there are many different types of chile peppers, and we hope you enjoy the selection we offer.

Working hand-in-hand with the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Chile Breeding and Genetics Program, the Institute seeks to educate about all of the different varieties that have been developed and released at NMSU. Every year, the garden showcases all of the varieties developed at NMSU, including "NuMex Big Jim," "NuMex Joe E. Parker," and "NuMex Pinata." The Garden also has a theme every year, some past themes have included, "World's Hottest," "Purple Peppers," and "Chiles Around the World." The selection of other varieties grown in the garden varies from year to year, but always showcases endless varieties. The garden is transplanted in early May, and visitors may start enjoying the garden in early June. It is open through the fall months, into November. The best time of the year to see the garden is late July through late September.



## **Garden hours**

- Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
- Saturday - Sunday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

## **Tours**

Individuals and visitors are welcome to visit the garden during regular hours. Self-guided tours are free and garden map booklets are available in a mailbox at the front of the garden. For a guided tour, please call ahead and make reservations with Danise Coon. If you have a group larger than six, please contact the Institute for donation pricing. Guided tours highlight facts about the history, production, uses, and nutritional value of chile peppers. Guided tours are provided for free to school classes, FFA groups, 4-H groups, or other educational groups. Guided tours usually last about 1 hour and are best scheduled in the morning hours during the summer months.

