



The garden expands the native demonstration gardens Grow Wild established at Historic Crail Ranch in 2019. Located on Big Sky Community Organization property, Crail Gardens have become a gathering place where residents and visitors experience the beauty and diversity of native mountain plants.

The new Firewise Crevice Garden will surround the historic Michener Cabin, a homestead-era log structure relocated to Crail Ranch from the Ophir School area. As a historic wooden building in a high wildfire-risk landscape, the cabin provides an ideal setting to demonstrate firewise landscaping and home hardening principles.

Inspired by the dry alpine slopes and rocky ridgelines of southwest Montana, the garden features resilient native plants that reflect the character of this landscape throughout the seasons.

In spring, bitterroot and biscuitroot emerge among the stone. Summer brings penstemons, phlox, buckwheat, and silverleaf phacelia buzzing with native bees and butterflies. Kinnikinnick, stonecrop, sagebrush, blue grama grass, and jungrass provide year-round texture, while yucca and goldenrod add late-season color and structure.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Botanical Name	Common Name
Arctostaphylos Uva-Ursi	Kinnikinnick	Lomatium triternatum	Nineleaf Biscuitroot
Artemisia frigida	Fringed Sagebrush	Lupinus sericeus	Silkly Lupine
Bouteloua gracilis	Blue Gramma Grass	Penstemon eatonii	Firecracker Penstemon
Ericameria nauseosa	Dwarf Blue Rabbitbrush	Penstemon eriantherus	Fuzzytongue Penstemon
Erigeron compositus	Cutleaf Daisy	Penstemon procerus	Littleflower Penstemon
Eriogonum heracleoides	Parsnipflower Buckwheat	Phacelia hastata	Silverleaf phacelia
Heterotheca villosa	Hairy False Goldenaster	Phlox subulata	Moss Phlox
Koeleria macrantha	Junegrass	Sedum lanceolatum	Spearleaf Stonecrop
Lewisia rediviva	Bitterroot	Solidago rigida	Stiff Goldenrod
Linum lewisii	Blue Flax	Yucca angustissima	Narrowleaf Yucca
Lithospermum ruderae	Western Stoneseed	Yucca glauca	Great Plains Yucca

*Note - Gardens, like the landscapes they reflect, are always evolving.

Over time, additional species — and perhaps entirely new discoveries — will be thoughtfully added as the garden continues to grow and mature alongside the landscape it celebrates.

Due to nursery crop failures and limited native plant availability, species highlighted in yellow above will not be planted during the garden's initial installation.