American River Water Education Center  
7785 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom  
(916) 989-7100  
Garden has several areas emphasizing xeriscape landscaping with native and non-native species. Wheelchair access is available to portions of the garden and the Education Center exhibits. The garden is located at the American River Water Education Center which has numerous water use and conservation displays. Open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

American River Parkway Foundation  
5700 Arden Way, Carmichael  
(916) 486-2773  
The American River Parkway Native Plant Demonstration Garden is focused on educating the public about plant species native to the greater Sacramento region and the conservation benefits of utilizing native plants. The garden sits on half an acre of land adjacent to the Streng Volunteer Center in the William B. Pond Recreation Area, and consists entirely of plants native to the American River Parkway.

Antelope Gardens  
7800 Antelope North Road, Sacramento  
(916) 972-7171  
The Water Efficient Landscape (WEL) garden, located at the district’s Antelope reservoir site, is a botanical oasis filled with a variety of drought-tolerant plants, all identified. The two-acre garden contains hundreds of species, both native and non-native. The garden offers many ideas for home landscape plantings, plus innovative irrigation systems to reduce water use and wasteful run off. There’s also a weather station, designed to collect data and program the irrigation system so it automatically responds to changing weather conditions.

Arboretum Headquarters  
LaRue Rd. University of California, Davis  
(530) 752-4880  
Paved walkways guide visitors through this large Arboretum which specializes in many identified plants adapted to a Mediterranean climate, with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Established in 1936, the Arboretum occupies about 100 acres along the banks of the old north channel of Putah Creek.

Cameron Park Library Xeriscape Garden  
2500 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park  
(530) 295-5630  
Newly installed garden with small meandering dwarf fescue lawn irrigated with a subsurface drip system. Wheelchair access available and open daily during daylight hours.

City of Sacramento Water Wise Garden  
2260 Glen Ellen Circle, Sacramento  
(916) 264-5011  
The garden features native and drought tolerant plants. It also features low-volume emitting and drip irrigation that help to limit its water usage. There is educational signage onsite to provide visitors tips on ways that they can spare water while maintaining a lush landscape.

Del Paso Manor Water District Office  
4268 Lusk Drive, Sacramento  
(916) 487-0419  
The Water District created this garden around their own office to demonstrate what is possible for their customers’ yards. The office and 600 square foot garden are in a residential neighborhood. Placards are not used, but viewers are encouraged to request information from the office, where diagrams of the garden are available.

El Dorado County Main Library  
345 Fair Lane, Placerville  
(530) 295-5630  
The garden shows over 40 plant species. Wheelchair access.

For more information ...

www.BeWaterSmart.info
Donna M. Dean Water Conservation Garden
Waterman Road between Calvine and Vintage Park Drive, Sacramento
(916) 875-4217
This garden design uses drought-tolerant plants in an attractive landscape setting that employs good water management and conservation measures. Tours are self-guided. Brochures are available on-site which outline the layout and describe the landscaping. Wheelchair access.

El Dorado Irrigation District
Drought Resistant Garden
2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville
(530) 642-4126
The garden has over 30 species, and plant signs give both the common and botanical name. Open to the public every day. Wheelchair access.

Elk Grove Rain Garden Plaza
Laguna Springs Drive across from Colton Park, Elk Grove
The most comprehensive rain garden in the Sacramento region. Designed to educate the public about eco-friendly landscaping and encourages water conservation with native and drought resistant plants.

Elk Grove Water Service Railroad Water Treatment and Storage Facility
9715 Railroad St, Elk Grove
The WEL garden has been landscaped with a variety of drought tolerant plants, mostly flowering shrubs such as roses, day lilies and lavenders. For security reasons, the facility is not open for tours, but the landscaping is easily visited from the front and parking is available.

Placer Nature Center
3700 Christian Valley Road, Auburn
(530) 878-6053
Native Plant Garden: Native grasses, wildflowers, herbs and trees are wonderfully adapted to the foothill environment. Discover the wonder of native plants and learn how to ensure their survival in your yard. Wheelchair access.

San Juan Water District WEL Garden
9935 Auburn Folsom Road, Granite Bay
(916) 791-2663
This WEL Garden features an inviting entry area, varieties of bright flowers, groundcovers, gazebos, landscaping, fire-resistant and deer-resistant plants and an oak tree-compatible and preservation garden that contains native plants and grasses that provide food for butterflies and hummingbirds. Open for free self-guided tours Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fair Oaks Horticulture Center
Fair Oaks Park, 8100 Temple Park Rd, Fair Oaks
(916) 875-6913
The Fair Oaks Horticulture Center is a wonderful creation of the U.C. Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners. The water efficient landscape garden portion of the horticulture center is open to visitors every day. Four interconnected “backyard” landscapes display California native, Mediterranean, perennial/bunchgrass, and common variety gardens. Each landscape employs and demonstrates the fundamentals of a water efficient landscape, including: planning and design, soil and drainage improvement, efficient irrigation, low water-use plants, mulching, and appropriate maintenance. Signs provide a self-guided tour, and plant species are labeled with common and botanical names.

Sacramento County Animal Control
3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento
Located at the front of the shelter, the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources designed and planted a rain garden that serves to collect rain water.

(William) Land Park Rock Garden
15th Avenue and Land Park Drive, Sacramento
(916) 277-6159
This garden includes raised beds, decomposed granite walks, rock-lined retainer walls, streams and a small pond developed during depression era WPA program. Since 1988, the plantings have been revived and are mostly Mediterranean, including California natives. Not all plants are drought tolerant. There is an emphasis on foliage, form and flowers that last. Many plants are attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

West Sacramento Water Wise Demonstration Garden
Bridgeway Lakes Drive across the street from the BL Boathouse
The two types of gardens represented are the Desert and the Mediterranean. Each has plants unique and easy to maintain and, most importantly, use a minimum amount of irrigation. The irrigation system is set up to water with the weather.

Xeriscape Garden at the Georgetown Divide PUD
6425 Main Street, Georgetown
(530) 295-5630
A small attractive garden with over 20 plant species in addition to a dozen native grasses.