Are you ready to embark on your Photo Safari? Follow the trail to the 12 gardens on the map. Take a picture of yourself in each garden.

How far is it? How many calories am I burning?

From Start to:

1. 970 feet: Men - 19, Women - 15, Kids - 6
2. 1,705 feet: Men - 35, Women - 27, Kids - 11
3. 1,625 feet: Men - 32, Women - 25, Kids - 11
4. 1,500 feet: Men - 30, Women - 23, Kids - 10
5. 1,158 feet: Men - 23, Women - 18, Kids - 8
6. 2,095 feet: Men - 41, Women - 32, Kids - 14
7. 1,805 feet: Men - 36, Women - 28, Kids - 12
8. 1,165 feet: Men - 23, Women - 18, Kids - 6
11. 1,195 feet: Men - 24, Women - 18, Kids - 8
12. 575 feet: Men - 11, Women - 9, Kids - 4

Total distance is 17,181 feet, or 3.3 miles
Total calories burned: Men - 341, Women - 267, Kids - 113
1: Bioscience Research Atrium
This garden was made to be viewed from inside the building, giving rest to tired eyes during a hectic day. How many windows look out on the atrium? Can you count them?

2: Chemistry Courtyard
Featuring ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers, and a lush, green lawn in an atrium garden, Chemistry Courtyard is the perfect place for gathering and relaxing. Have a seat for a moment and enjoy the calm and peaceful setting. Would you guess this garden was used to be a parking lot?

3: Berman Garden
Created in 1996, the Berman Garden adorns the Engineering and Mathematics area of campus with an exquisite array of flowers and trees, charming all those who walk by! Can you find the plaque? To whom is the garden dedicated?

4: Rossborough Inn
Constructed at the turn of the 18th century, Rossborough Inn is the oldest building on campus, and was a real inn, serving travelers on the main road between Baltimore and Washington. It now houses the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and has an 18th century-style garden facing Route 1. Imagine you have gone back in time and that the cars on Route 1 are horse-drawn carriages. How many go by in one minute?

5: Garden of Reflection and Remembrance
Take time for reflection and renewal. This garden next to the Chapel is a place of respite, healing, contemplation, and connection. Enjoy the fountains, separate yourself from your daily activities, and take a moment to breathe. Walk the labyrinth from beginning to end. The distance is 1/4 mile!

6: Mayer Mall Clock Tower Garden
Lush, green Mayer Mall, next to Van Munching Hall and the Smith School of Business, is one of our campus sustainability success stories. It is a reclaimed parking lot that contributes to our efforts to manage storm water by providing more permeable surfaces. Look at the clock tower. What time is it?

7: Guilford Run Bioretention
This student-built native plant garden has a hidden secret—low impact development technology that naturally filters rainwater. This small but powerful garden helps to reduce pollution of the nearby waterway, Guilford Run, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay! Walk across the top of the walls dividing the garden. Can you figure out where the runoff water from the parking lot enters and the clean water exits?

8: Peace and Friendship Garden
The Peace and Friendship Garden is unique on campus. How is it different? It is an Asian-style garden that represents the University’s bond with China. Notice the Peace Tree sculpture. It was a gift from China and represents “Diversity in Unity.” What would you send to China to promote international friendship?

9: Benjamin Garden
This diminutive garden is a place where artistic minds come to be inspired. It features a covered patio that surrounds the garden on three sides, providing cooling shade. The relaxing atmosphere with beautiful flowers makes the Benjamin Garden a popular spot during the spring. Can you find an “M” in the pavement? What do you think it stands for?

10: Clarice Smith Dance Courtyard
This intimate garden was designed for quiet study and for dance practice and performance. The grassy area is planted with sports turf to accommodate dancers who wish to work outdoors. The greatest challenge is keeping the sense of intimacy without letting the trees overshadow the space. Does this place make YOU feel like dancing? Do your favorite dance! What do you call it?

11: Hagerstown Woods
This is a refreshing natural space amidst the residential communities of North Campus. All of the native plants were planted by student volunteers. Gaze up at the tree tops and take a deep breath. Stretch out your arms as far as you can towards the sky!

12: H. Edward Reiley Rhododendron and Azalea Garden
This brand new garden was planted in honor of H. Edward Reiley, UMD graduate, gardener, plant breeder, and past president of the American Rhododendron Society. The plants, including some of Reiley’s registered hybrids, were donated by members of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the ARS. Can you tell these plants belong to the same genus?

Photo Safari & Walking Tour