Siting Paths

Today on Gardening in a Minute: siting paths.

Paths are a useful element of the landscape, pleasantly guiding visitors through the garden. A properly sited path can do much more, such as hiding or revealing views and garden features, calling attention to remarkable plants, and stimulating the senses.

Paths can be functional, following the shortest distance between two points. Or they can provide more leisurely journeys, taking visitors to hidden spots, guiding them around trees and plantings with gentle curves. These paths tend to be narrow, but paths at entryways should be wide enough so that two people can walk together.

Avoid or build up low spots that could hold water to keep feet dry. Place your path to go past a water feature or fragrant planting such as gardenia to make the stroll a delight for all the senses.

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