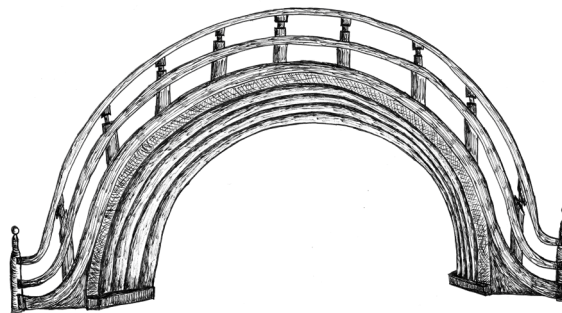


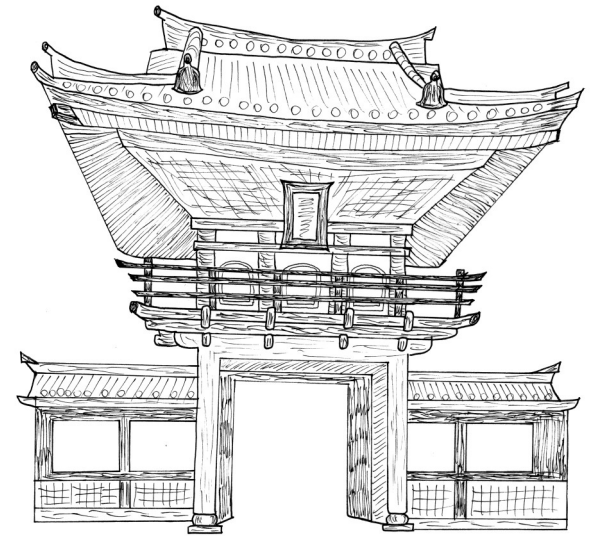
The Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park is the oldest public Japanese garden in the United States. It was originally created as a "Japanese Village" for the California Mid-Winter International Exposition of 1894. Today, the three acre garden represents a blending of the natural village landscape and a stroll garden, and provides visitors from around the world with an opportunity to experience the natural beauty, tranquility and harmony of a Japanese-style garden.

- * **Main Gate** - built by the Japanese craftsmen in 1985 as a replacement for the original 1894 gate, it is stylistic of the Edo Period (early 17th century). Parts of the Gate were made in Japan from 200 year old Hinoki Cypress trees, and shipped from the port of Yokohama to San Francisco.
- * **South Gate** - acquired from the 1915 Exposition and reassembled in Golden Gate Park by the craftsmen who came from Japan to work on the Japanese exhibit. Restored in 1985 by the same craftsmen who rebuilt the Main Gate and Temple Gate.
- * **Temple Gate** - originally built for the 1915 Exposition, it was replaced with the current version by Japanese craftsmen in 1985.
- * **Hagiwara Gate** - the Hagiwara family maintained the garden for 47 years. This is the only remaining feature of their house, which was destroyed after their internment in 1942, and replaced by a terrace and the Sunken Garden.

- * **Pagoda** - a scaled-down version, most likely built for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. A Pagoda traditionally served as a Buddhist "treasure tower", and was used as a storage house for temple relics and sacred texts.
- * **Drum Bridge** - also known as "Moon Bridge" in Chinese poetic tradition, which viewed the bridge and its reflection in the water as a full moon. The original design had a practical basis of permitting the passage of pleasure boats with high decorative prows. Originally built for the 1894 Exposition, it has been rebuilt in whole or in part many times.
- * **Long Bridge** - built in 1914 and reconstructed in 1989, it connects the older eastern part of the Garden to the newer western section.
- * **Tea House** - located at the site of the original teahouse built for the Mid-Winter Exposition of 1894. In 1914, Makoto Hagiwara introduced the fortune cookie at this Tea House.
- * **Gift Shop** - the two-story house was part of the "Japanese Village" at the 1894 Exposition, and was rebuilt in 1959.
- * **Buddha** - cast in 1790 for the Taionji Temple in Japan, the 1.5 ton 10ft 8in high statue was presented to the Garden in 1949.
- * **Dry Landscape Garden** - also known as a Zen Garden, it was designed by Nagao Sakurai in 1953. The two large upright stones are arranged to create the impression of a waterfall, the shrubs behind suggest a background effect of hills and mountains, and water is represented by gravel surrounding stones, which represent islands.
- * **Sunken Garden** - built at the former site of the Hagiwara family house. There are no bonsai trees in this garden - the trees are kept in scale by tree top pruning.



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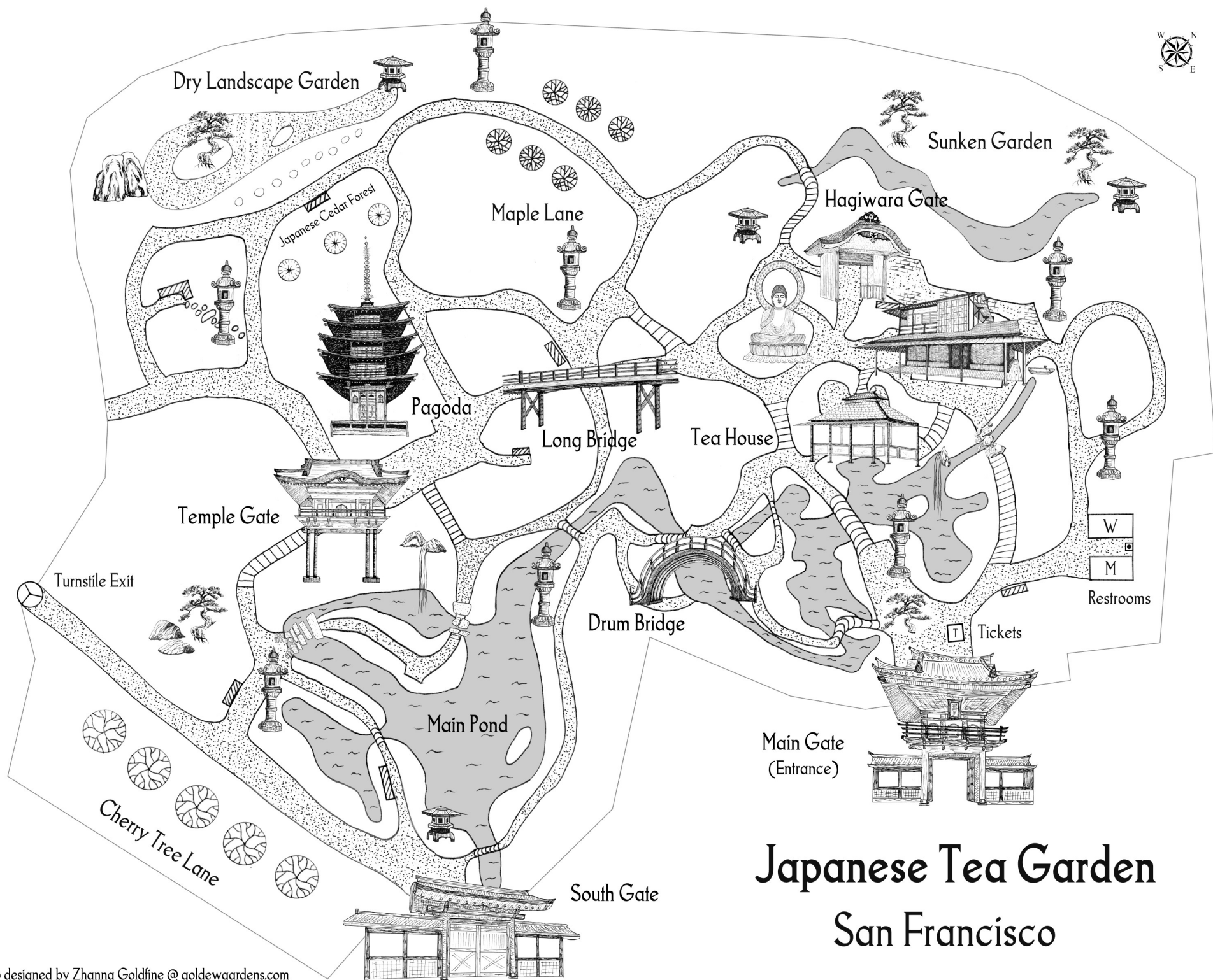
Hours

- 9am to 5:45pm (March - October)
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Admission

- San Francisco Residents and Veterans: FREE
- Non-Residents: Adults \$13.00
Seniors (65+) and Youth (12-17) \$7.00
Children (5-11) \$3.00, Children (under 5): Free
- FREE HOUR Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 10am.



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