

# Welcome to the Ute Learning Garden

at the CSU Extension office, Tri River Area

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# Clifford Duncan Memorial Garden

Take a tour today!

Our ethnobotanical Ute Learning Garden is designed to familiarize students and visitors with native plants used by the Ute people, the movement of the Ute through various life zones, and the relationship between the Ute and the land.



Come visit us!

Ute Learning Garden

CSU Extension, Tri River Area

2775 Hwy 50  
Grand Junction, Co. 81503

Located directly behind the extension office



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## **The Ute Learning Garden...**

**was established in 2009 as a physical manifestation of the Ute Ethnobotany Project which seeks to preserve the traditional plant knowledge of the Ute people.**

**The garden is arranged by varying life zones representative of the plant and animal communities the Utes encountered in Western Colorado.**

**A tour through our garden will take students from the dry desert zones of the valley through juniper dominated forests up to high elevation mountain zones.**



## **An experience at the Ute Learning Garden will...**

- Increase understanding of ethnobotanical plants native to the western slope.
- Familiarize students with different structures used by the Ute including a nugan (tipi), wickiups, and a ramada.



- Educate about Ute relationships with animals such as dogs and horses.
- Further visitors' understanding of the people who came before them and the history of Colorado.
- Provide information about plants and animals which allowed the Ute to thrive in harsh climates.



## **Activities include...**

- Grinding corn with a mano and metate.
- Participate in and gain understanding of the Bear Dance; a traditional Ute dance welcoming the Spring.
- Games and activities which increase knowledge of the Utes, the plants they used, and their relationship with the land.

