**Trillium Creek Orchard**

(a trillium is an early spring blooming diminutive lily with three leaves and a solitary flower)

On the winding dirt driveway at **Trillium Creek Orchard** you’ll go over the creek on whose banks the trilliums grow, through the woods where decomposing leaves nourish the trilliums and native azaleas, and up the hill to the orchard. You’ll find plenty of easy parking so you can start touring the grounds of this beautiful family garden, which was inspired in part by the childhood memories of playing on grandparent’s farm. The entire property is about ten acres but there are interesting things to see around their house.

As you park you’ll see a variety of fruit producing trees in the family’s orchard. These trees include apple, pear, plum, peach, and fig and are more mature than the other aspects of this garden. Also in this area, you’ll see trellises supporting grape and blackberry vines.

As you move around the garden, see if you can spot the bat house. Bats are excellent pollinators and very important in an edible landscape. Other things you’ll see are a home for ducks, an area for young chickens and a beehive for honey bees.

Overlooking Trillium Creek are raised vegetable beds terraced to accommodate the slope and an expansive flowering landscape. Stewardship of this little piece of Lee County provides a variety of edible fruits, vegetables and other produce for healthy eating. You may head home from your visit inspired to add or increase the edible production in your own garden!