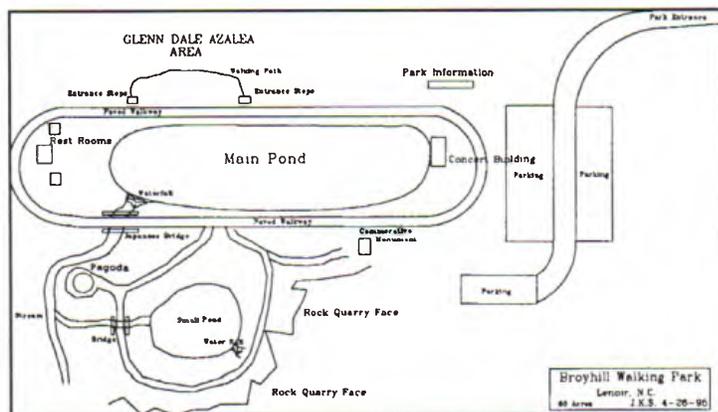


# "BROYHILL WALKING PARK"—A NEW HOME FOR THE GLENN DALES

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The Glenn Dale Azalea collection is an exciting addition to western North Carolina, and the city of Lenoir. We became involved in the project after approximately five years of collecting and propagating azaleas and rhododendrons for our home garden. In order to afford the plants for such a large project, consisting of approximately three acres, we installed a greenhouse, watering system, and cold frames, and began to propagate plants by cuttings, seed and layering.

With our home garden project well underway, we read with interest the article "Ten Oaks Glenn Dale Project" in *THE AZALEAN*, March 1993. The article, by Richard T. West and William C. Miller III, outlined the distribution plan and cooperator requirements. After submitting a resume of our capabilities and a letter confirming the partnership with the Broyhill Walking Park, we received notification confirming we were included in the group of ten cooperators selected for the distribution. We think we were the only amateur gardeners included in the selection.



The Broyhill Walking Park, located in Lenoir, North Carolina, is a lovely old municipal park. The land was given to the City of Lenoir more than 50 years ago by Mr. T. H. Broyhill, brother of furniture magnate, Mr. Ed Broyhill. The late Mr. Ed Broyhill, along with his son Paul, built Broyhill Furniture Industries into the largest privately owned furniture manufacturing company in America. Another son, Mr. James E. Broyhill, served North Carolina in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate for more than 26 years.

A complete renovation of the park was completed last year, including the addition of new restroom facilities, a concert building with observation decks over the lake, all new shrubbery, new landscaping with spring planting of hundreds of annual flowers, paved walkways, new parking facilities, lighting and security personnel. All renovations were paid for by the Lenoir Parks and Recreation Commission with matching funds from the Broyhill Family Foundation at a cost of more than two million dollars.

Hundreds of people visit the park each day, from early morning to late evening. With the paved walkways, lighting, and security, young and old alike find an ideal environment for exercise, fellowship and general relaxation. The park has been used for dozens of wedding ceremonies since the renovation, the ceremonies usually taking place at the Japanese Pagoda overlooking the quarry pond.

The Park is currently managed by a committee headed by Mr. Paul Broyhill. Paul, as most people call him, although not now connected with the furniture business, continues to manage the Broyhill Family Foundation and provides both financial support and leadership to a wide range of community and regional needs, the most recent being the development of the new J. E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

Recently, an area of the Walking Park set aside for the Glenn Dale Azalea Collection was established (see map). The entrance to the Glenn Dale Azalea Garden has wide native stone steps leading up from the main park walkway. The azalea area overlooks the waterfall, Japanese bridge and pagoda, just across the pond.

The first plants of the Glenn Dale distribution project, now two years old, should be ready to transplant in the Walking Park by the fall planting season. Work to be done prior to planting include developing the design of the azalea garden which includes walking paths, planting beds, rest areas, grass and companion plants. We will solicit participation from local garden clubs and other azalea enthusiasts in developing the design, companion plant selection, and the planting of the garden.

Mr. Paul Broyhill in commenting about the project said, "The Glenn Dale Azalea Collection will contribute to our objective to make the Broyhill Walking Park as beautiful as any park in the world." □