

Visit Explore Discover Grow

Year round, visitors to the Preserve encounter an outdoor natural museum of native plants that grow on its 134 acres. Explore the diverse habitats that include hardwood forests, meadows, steep hillsides, a creek, ponds and other wetlands and the fauna that depends on them. Discover how the Preserve connects visitors with the essential unity of nature and humanity.

Come walk the trails to see what's growing in this living museum then visit our Native Plant Nursery to bring a piece back to your garden.

Experience what's natural | Learn what's native

Hours:

April - June

Open daily 9am - 5pm
Last entry at 4pm

July - March

Wed. - Mon. 9am - 5pm (Closed Tues.)
Last entry at 4pm

Note: All exit gates lock at 4pm, no re-entry

Admission:

Members: Free
Non-members: Admission fee



Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve encompasses part of the Indigenous homelands of the Lenape peoples. We pay respect and honor to this lands' original inhabitants and acknowledge their displacement by European colonization.

We are dedicated to being respectful and sustainable stewards of the Preserve and to deepening the relationship with the Lenape peoples.

May Highlights



Wood Phlox *Phlox divaricata*. Often seen in the shade or part shade of woods and fields, this spring bloomer yields fragrant lilac-blue flowers supported by distinctly sticky 1 to 2-foot stems. When planted in moist soil, the oblong-shaped creeping leaves and shoots at the base of the plant will eventually form large colonies. Opportunistic hummingbirds and butterflies feed at the prolific tubular flowers. Wood phlox can be seen on the Marsh-marigold Trail and throughout the woodlands of the Preserve.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

Wood-Poppy *Stylophorum diphyllum*. You can't miss this sunshine yellow flower when it blooms in wooded areas of the Preserve. Four bright yellow petals surround a mass of yellow stamens and a stout pistil. The blue-green lobed foliage is silvery beneath and offers a beautiful contrast in a home woodland garden. It readily self-seeds and the short bristly hairs that grow along the stem and cover the seed pod make them unattractive to deer browse. The species name refers to the paired lobed leaves just below the flower heads.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

Bellwort *Uvularia grandiflora*. Bellwort is an enchanting plant. Its 1 to 2 inch yellow flowers hang solitary, almost bell-like, at the end of branches and, when young, the underside of its leaves display gauzy whitish hairs. Along with its flowers, the nodding stem features 5-inch oblong leaves. The base of each leaf appears to be pierced by the stem, thus the weight of leaves and flowers create a droopy effect. It thrives in shady locations, such as a deciduous woods' edge and is greeted by early bees. Bellwort can be seen in the Visitor Center gardens and the Marsh-marigold Trail near the wooden bridge.



Photo by Jean Barrell

Green-and-Gold *Chrysogonum virginianum*. True to its name, green-and-gold dazzles with golden star-shaped flowers and toothed, oblong, dark green leaves. It produces an abundant carpet of low-growing leaves with flower stems that rise above them beginning in May. Blooms last through mid-summer, and its semi-evergreen leaves are visible most of the year. Being adaptable to moist or dry soil and shade or sun, makes this an excellent choice for a ground cover. Because of its unpalatable hairy stems, most critters, including deer, look elsewhere. This clever plant can be found in the Visitor Center gardens and near Founders' Pond.



Northern Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum pedatum*. This fern's beauty is accentuated by delicate, wiry 20-inch black stems of airy bluish-green leaflets emanating from flat fronds. The leaflets have a waxy coating that sheds water, thus keeping the ground beneath them moist. When looked at from above, the unfurling fronds form a circular pattern. These ferns flourish in part to full shade and damp soil, where its pink fiddleheads emerge in early spring. Not only are these plants beautiful, but they provide shelter for toads and frogs as well.



Mapleleaf Viburnum *Viburnum acerifolium*. Standing about 5-feet tall, this versatile shrub can acclimate to sun or shade in dry or moist soil. It is known for its maple-like leaves, but it also has a singular purplish-pink autumn foliage that gives it long seasonal value. From May to August, its small white flowers, which contain both pistils and stamens, form attractive flat-topped clusters that attract birds, bees, and butterflies including the spring azure.

Your Support Matters Become a Member

Members enjoy many benefits including **12 months of free admission**, program discounts, Members Only events, our Twinleaf newsletter, and discounts on native plants and shop merchandise.

As a non-profit organization, your membership is tax deductible. We depend upon and appreciate all of your support.

See bhwp.org/join for more information



Guided Naturalist Walks

Join our Naturalists for an informative tour featuring the season's beautiful highlights. Explore the trails and share the stories about our native plants.

Fri - Sat - Sun
11 am & 2 pm

Limited Reservations
at the Twinleaf Gift Shop
Fee required for Non-members

the Preserve
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Tree Jamboree

Saturday, June 15 11:00 to 3:00
Family Fun & Learning
Games • Crafts • Music • Food • Wood/Mobile
Lolly Hopwood • Aark Wildlife

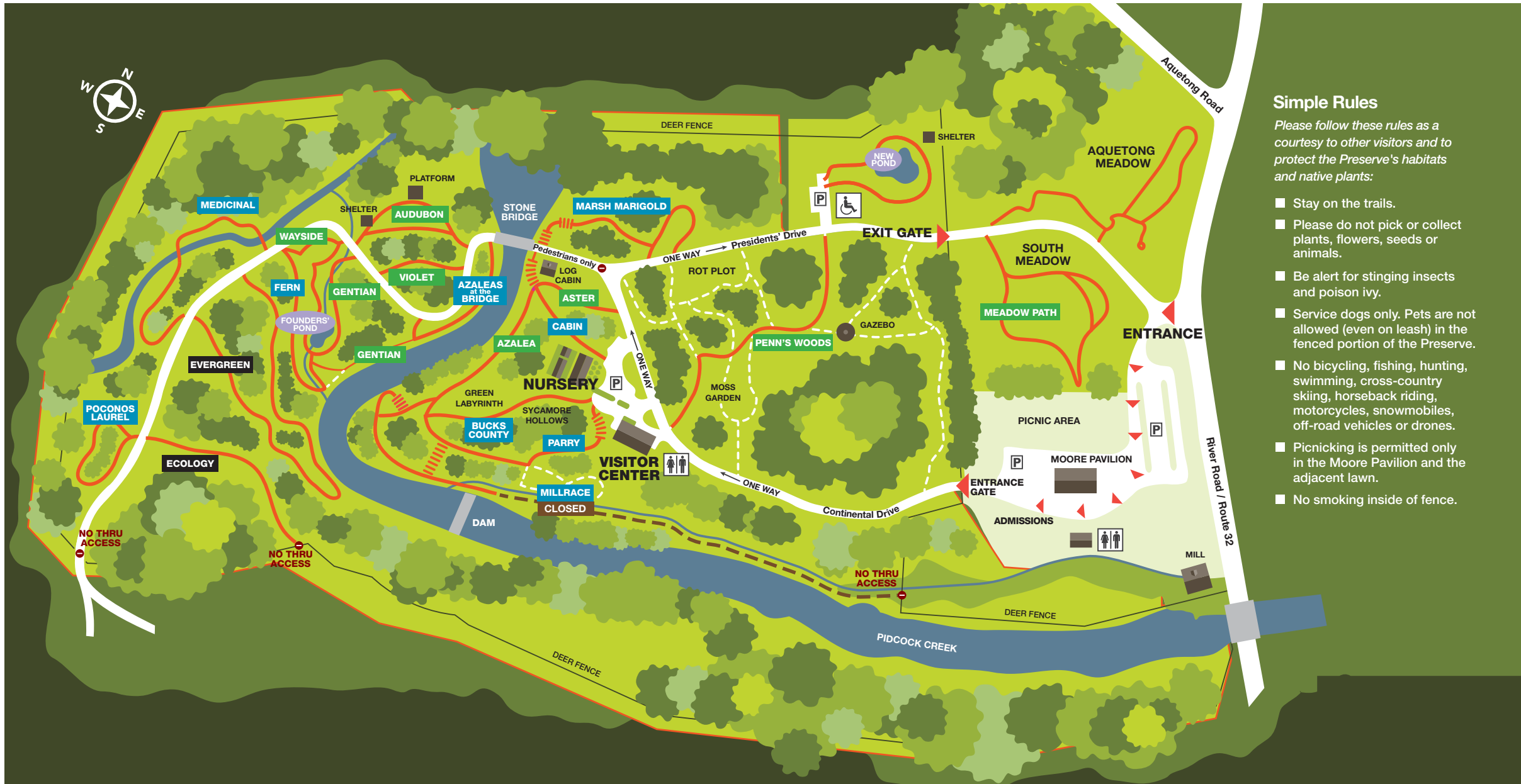


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Trails	Stairs	EASIER Good surface Wider paths	MODERATE Some inclines Narrower paths Some stairs or steps	DIFFICULT Narrow paths Inclines Rocky sections
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The Preserve CLOSES at 5:00 pm.
 All gates will lock at this time.
No re-entry through pedestrian gates. They will lock behind you.
 For Meadow Trails access, please park in the lots outside of the fence.

Trail Distances		
Aster Path - .03 mi	Evergreen - .27 mi	Parry Trail - .08 mi
Audubon - .12 mi	Fern Trail - .20 mi	Penn's Woods to New Pond - .17 mi
Azalea - .15 mi	Gentian - .14 mi	Poconos Laurel - .11 mi
Azaleas at the Bridge - .08 mi	Marsh-marigold - .12 mi	Violet - .04 mi
Bucks County - .16 mi	Meadow Path - .14 mi	Wayside - .03 mi
Cabin Path - .07 mi	Medicinal - .28 mi	Visitor Center to Stone Bridge - .14 mi
Ecology (one-way) - .11 mi	Millrace (Closed temporarily)	Stone Bridge to upper gate - .37 mi
	New Pond Loop - .14 mi	Ecology to Stone Bridge - .3 mi

- Simple Rules**
 Please follow these rules as a courtesy to other visitors and to protect the Preserve's habitats and native plants:
- Stay on the trails.
 - Please do not pick or collect plants, flowers, seeds or animals.
 - Be alert for stinging insects and poison ivy.
 - Service dogs only. Pets are not allowed (even on leash) in the fenced portion of the Preserve.
 - No bicycling, fishing, hunting, swimming, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off-road vehicles or drones.
 - Picnicking is permitted only in the Moore Pavilion and the adjacent lawn.
 - No smoking inside of fence.

Paths to follow

EASIER

- Penn's Woods to New Pond**
 One of our most gentle trails, past the Moss Garden and magnolias. Good for strollers and most wheel chairs.
- New Pond Loop**
 View the wonderful native plants and animals that live in this special place. Accessible parking nearby. Some rough paving.
- New Pond to Stone Bridge** (via President's Dr.)
 Walk down this shady road to the 1934 WPA Stone Bridge to view Pidcock Creek.
- Stone Bridge to Azaleas at the Bridge**
 Stroll along Pidcock Creek and take a break on a peaceful bench.
- Gentian to Founders' Pond**
 Visit our secluded pond and experience this natural spring-fed habitat.

MODERATE

- Cabin Path to Stone Bridge**
 Walk down to the historic American chestnut log cabin. Take care on the stairs down to the Stone Bridge.
- Azalea to Millrace Dam**
 This gentle wide trail will take you down to the dam on Pidcock Creek.
- Fern Trail to Gentian to Founders' Pond**
 These trails meander through the forest to bring you to a woodland pond.
- Stone Bridge to Poconos Laurel**
 A brisk walk uphill from the creek on President's Drive rewards the effort with a visit to the most remote part of the Preserve

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Parry Trail
 - Native Plant Marketplace
 - Marsh-marigold Trail
 - Medicinal Trail
 - Penn's Woods
 - New Pond
- Note: For easier access (no stairs) to lower Parry Trail, use the Bucks County Trail towards the Azalea Trail then follow the Bucks County Trail to the lower area.*