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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.



October Highlights



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

Goldenrod *Solidago* sp. Often difficult to differentiate, goldenrods (*Solidago* sp.) are typically comprised of a cluster of yellow flowers that bloom in the fall. These late blooming beauties are a critical food source for over 100 species of butterflies and moths, as well as countless bees, wasps, beetles, flies and other pollinators. Find over 10 different species of goldenrod throughout the Preserve, particularly in the meadows, around both ponds and in the Visitor Center Garden.



Closed Bottle Gentian *Gentiana andrewsii*. This slowgrowing, but long-lived perennial grows in moist shady areas of the Preserve. The bright blue tubular flowers remain closed, inviting only bumblebees to visit since they are the only insect strong enough to pry open the corolla. The leaves and stems of gentian are bitter and therefore not attractive to herbivores, but deer may nip at the young tips before the plant flowers. This may cause the central stem to branch. Find closed bottle gentian at Founder's Pond and in the meadows.



White Snakeroot *Ageratina altissima*. This common fall bloomer has opposite triangular-shaped leaves and white fluffy flowers that form a flat top. You may see gray squiggly lines on the leaves which can be used as a good identification tool. These lines are made by a leaf miner called *Liriomyza eupatoriella* that specializes in white snakeroot. Find white snakeroot throughout the Preserve particularly along President's Drive.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

New England Aster *Aster novae-angliae*. The deep purple ray flowers offset the orange-yellow disk flowers of this late bloomer. A wonderful plant for pollinators, New England aster is just one of many purple-pink members of this large family. A good diagnostic feature are the leaves that grasp the stem. Look for New England aster in the meadows, Visitor Center garden and New Pond.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

Hairy Aster *Symphotrichum pilosum*. The tiny white flowers form a mass of white lace on this lovely native. Yellow disk flowers fade to dark pink or red after pollination, signaling foraging bees to find a different source of food. The branching stems and leaves are both hairy resembling frost, hence the common name. Large amounts of pollen and nectar make this a favorite among small bees, butterflies and flies. Find hairy aster in the meadows and along President's Drive.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

Blue Wood Aster *Symphotrichum cordifolium*. Among asters, this is one of the showiest. Pale purple ray flowers look almost electric when put against the dark green heart-shaped foliage. As with many in this genus, the showy ray flowers we often call petals are used to attract pollinators. It is the yellow disk flowers in the center that contain the nectar and pollen. Find blue wood aster in the meadows, Visitor Center garden, along President's Drive and around New Pond.

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
Pay-what-you wish
for non-members



Celebrating 90 Years of Conservation Action



Twinleaf BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

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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 CLOSSES 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

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| 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 |

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



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Aquetong & South Meadows
- Marsh-marigold Trail
- Medicinal Trail
- Native Plant Marketplace
- New Pond
- Penn's Woods
- Azaleas by the Bridge Trail

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.