

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: Daily: 9 am - 5 pm
Last entry at 4 pm

April - June: Open Daily
July - March: Closed Tuesdays

Admission:
Non-members: Fee required
Members: Complimentary

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.



 **Bowman's Hill
Wildflower Preserve**
1635 RIVER ROAD, NEW HOPE PA 18938

November Highlights



Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*. The bright red fruit of this native shrub almost glows against the stark late fall landscape. Like all other hollies, the winterberry holly only produces fruit on the female plants. Unlike the well known American holly, winterberry is deciduous. The fruit is primarily eaten by winter resident birds. Find winterberry in the Visitor Center garden, the parking lot and along President's Drive.



Hickory *Carya* species. We have several kinds of hickory trees at the Preserve, and their nuts are easily found along many of the trails. The mockernut hickory, *Carya tomentosa*, is the largest, while the bitternut, *Carya cordiformis*, is the most common. Comparing the bark of hickory trees will help to identify the shagbark hickory, *Carya ovata*, since the bark looks like it is peeling off the trunk. Hickory nuts are prized by wildlife and eaten immediately or cached for later.



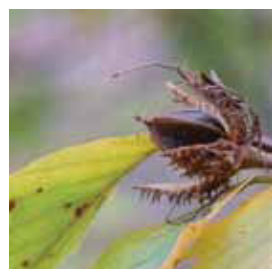
Blackhaw Viburnum *Viburnum prunifolium*. The dark fruits of this deciduous shrub become obvious once the leaves fall, making them easy targets for hungry migrating and resident birds. Though not as common as other viburnum species, the blackhaw's fruits ripen later in the season, offering nutrition weeks after the others have been consumed.



Sweetgum *Liquidambar styraciflua*. Native to the coastal plain, the prickly seed pods of this tree are familiar to many. Each spherical ball contains 80-120 holes that open like a bird's beak, releasing tiny seeds. Many species of birds eat the seeds either by holding onto the balls while they are still on the tree or by feeding on them from the ground.



Black Walnut *Juglans nigra*. These large spherical nuts start out green, but quickly turn black as they rot after falling from these trees. The nuts are edible but bitter, and the shell is extremely hard so they are best left to the squirrels. Indigenous peoples have used the nuts for food and boiled the sap for syrup. You can find several black walnut trees along the edges of the meadows and near the New Pond.



American Beech *Fagus grandifolia*. Finding a beech nut in November may prove difficult since they are coveted by so many of the critters that call the Preserve home. Chipmunks, squirrels, opossum, raccoon, turkey and many other birds seek out the sweet meat of the beech as soon as they drop. The unusual twin triangular nuts are enclosed in a spikey husk that splits when the nuts are ripe. Beech trees are common along low-lying trails and can be easily identified in winter by their smooth gray bark and persistent brown leaves.

Photo by Mary Anne Borge

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.

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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

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Aquetong & South Meadows
 - Marsh-marigold Trail
 - Medicinal Trail
 - Founder's Pond
 - 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.*