



**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve**  
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Trails	Stairs	<b>EASIER</b> Good surface Wider paths	<b>MODERATE</b> Some inclines Narrower paths Some stairs or steps	<b>DIFFICULT</b> Narrow paths Inclines Rocky sections
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**The Preserve CLOSSES at 5:00 pm.**  
Last entry at 4:00 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 (Closed for repairs)	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 (Lower bridge out)	Visitor Center to Stone Bridge - .14 mi
Ecology (one-way) - .11 mi	Millrace (Closed for repairs)	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.
- 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



### July Highlights

- Marsh marigold Trail
  - New Pond
  - Storybook Trail "Bud Finds Her Gift"
  - Meadow Trails
  - Medicinal Trail
  - Founder's Pond
  - Azaleas at the Bridge Trail
  - Native Plant Marketplace
- 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.

**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.

# July Highlights



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

**Cardinal-Flower** *Lobelia cardinalis* is perfectly designed to give and receive pollen when visited by its primary pollinator, the ruby-throated hummingbird. Red flowers born on a spike are dichogamous (pronounced di-cog-am-us), meaning male and female reproductive parts develop at different times, therefore reducing the risk of self-pollinating. Cardinal-flower can be found at both ponds and in the Visitor Center Garden.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

**Jewelweed** *Impatiens capensis*. This self-seeding annual grows in moist to wet soils along streams, ponds and seeps. Each beautiful orange flower has a deep throat that ends in a hooked nectary. You may notice some flowers remain closed. These are called cleistogamous, meaning 'closed marriage' and will self-pollinate to ensure seeds will be made for the next year. Another name for jewelweed is touch-me-not which refers to the ripe seed capsules that explode when touched! Jewelweed can be found around both pond edges, on Marsh-marigold Trail and along parts of Pidcock Creek. Come to the Preserve again and let your kids spread seeds for us!



Photo by Jean Barrell

**Butterfly-Weed** *Asclepias tuberosa* is a low-growing milkweed that upon close inspection is made up of unusual crown-shaped flowers. A wonderful full sun garden plant, butterfly-weed will grow in well-drained soil and behaves in a perennial bed. Though its toxins are not as potent as other milkweeds, monarch butterflies will still lay their eggs on it for their caterpillars. Look for splashes of orange throughout the meadow and you will be treated to a bevy of pollinators on this lovely native plant.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

**Lavender Bergamot** *Monarda fistulosa*. This beautiful member of the mint family produces lavender to pink two-lipped tubular flowers with large showy bracts. An attractive plant to many butterflies and hummingbirds, lavender bergamot needs a pollinator with a long deep tongue to reach into the tube to be rewarded with nectar. Lavender bergamot can be found in many places in the South Meadow, Visitor Center Garden and around New Pond.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

**Joe-Pye-Weed** *Eutrochium purpureum* is one of several species of *Eutrochium* growing at the Preserve. Seen in many locations throughout including both ponds, the meadows, Visitor Center Garden and Marsh-marigold Trail, the purple domed flowers are a butterfly magnet; offering a landing platform, copious amounts of nectar as well as a butterfly's favorite color, purple. Notice the whorled leaves of this plant are slightly torqued along the stem, ensuring the set above doesn't shade those below.



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

**Wild Senna** *Senna hebecarpa*. Bright yellow flowers containing brown stamens make this plant a showstopper in July for both humans and insects. Two different kinds of stamens full of pollen almost guarantee a bumblebee will leave sated. Ants are rewarded for their protective services with a sweet snack from extrafloral nectaries (small protrusions on the axils of the leaves) and several species of butterflies use wild senna as their host plant for hungry caterpillars. Wild senna grows along President's Drive, around New Pond and in the lower part of South Meadow. Look closely. It's a party on a plant!

## 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, we depend upon and appreciate all of your support.

See [bhwp.org/join](http://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



### Be poison ivy aware!

Poison ivy *Toxicodendron radicans* is beneficial to wildlife, but it can be a source of irritation and rash when it comes in contact with your skin.

**Leaves of three, let it be!**