

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:

July - March

Wed. - Mon. 10 am - 4 pm
Last entry at 3 pm

April - June

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

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

Admission:

Members: Free
Non-members: Admission fee

Native Plant Nursery

Hours: 10 am - 3 pm
Wednesday-Monday



October Highlights



Photo by Mary Anne Borge

Goldenrod, *Solidago* sp. Often a difficult genus 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 slow-growing, 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 the 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 gentian at Founders' 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 insect called *Liriomyza eupatoriella* that specializes in white snakeroot. Find white snakeroot throughout the Preserve, particularly along President's Drive.



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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.



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Frost Aster *Symphotrichum pilosum*. The tiny 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, flies and butterflies. Find frost aster in the meadows and along President's Drive.



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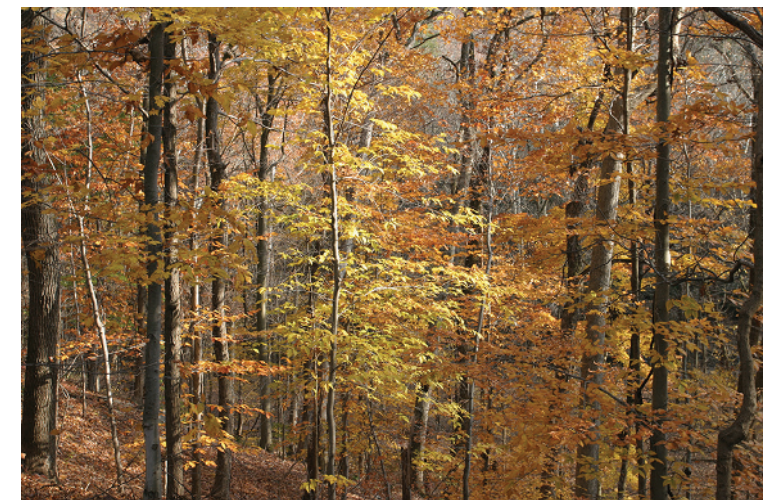
Blue Wood Aster *Symphotrichum cordifolium*. Among asters, this is one of the showiest. The pale purple ray flowers look almost electric when put against the dark green heart-shaped foliage. As with many in this genus, the showy ray flowers we often call petals are used to attract pollinators. It is 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.

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Stop In and Visit Today!

Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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. Handicap 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 rewards the effort with a visit to the most remote part of the Preserve

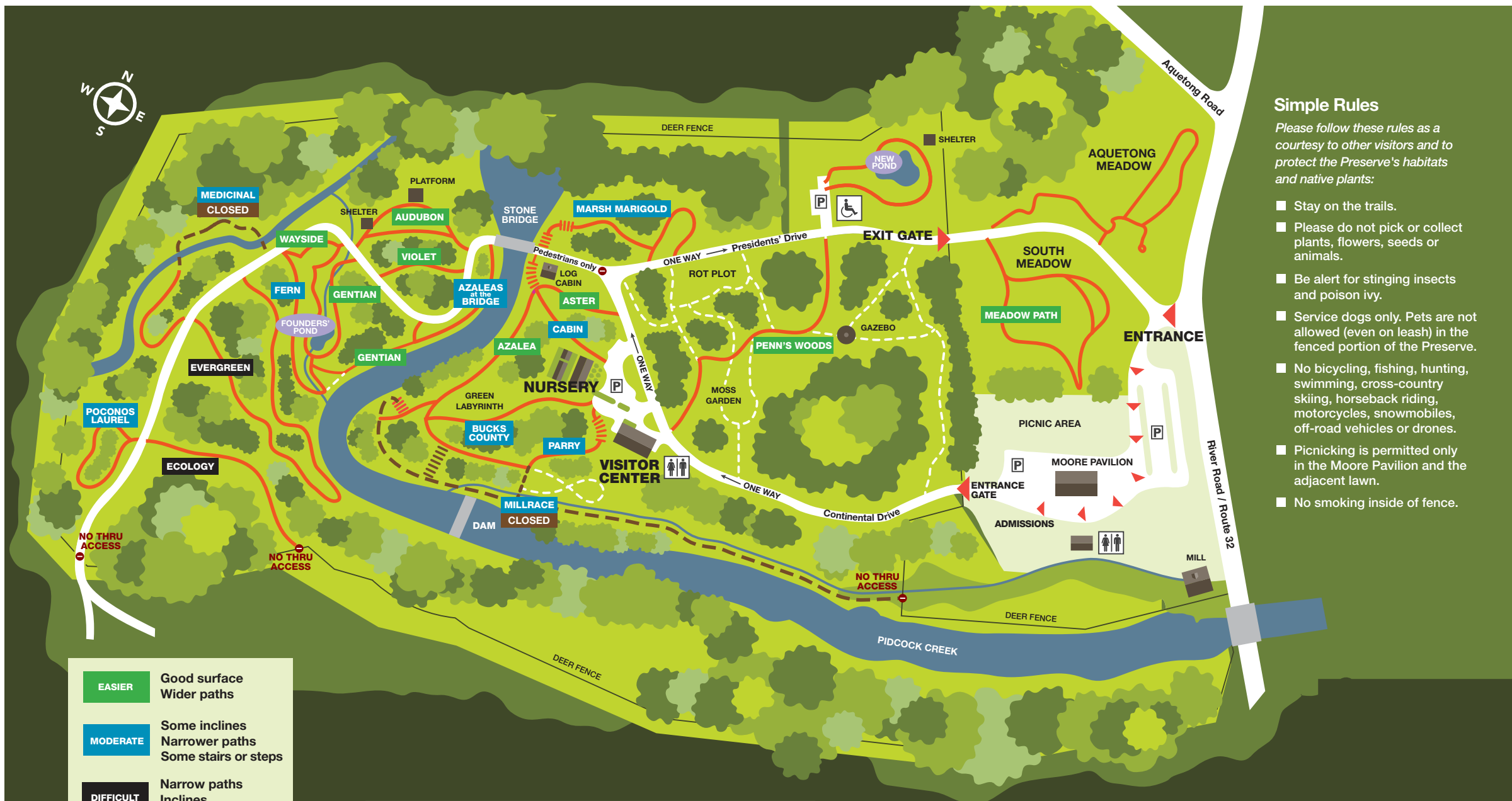
OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Visitor Center Garden
South Meadow
Aquetong Meadow
Gentian Trail
Founders' Pond
President's Drive
New Pond

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.



- EASIER** Good surface
Wider paths
- MODERATE** Some inclines
Narrower paths
Some stairs or steps
- DIFFICULT** Narrow paths
Inclines
Rocky sections

The Preserve CLOSSES 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.

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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 (one-way) - .31 mi	□ Stone Bridge to upper gate - .37 mi
	■ New Pond Loop - .14 mi	□ Ecology to Stone Bridge - .3 mi