

Gardens Highlights

1 Native Butterfly House & Gardens

Our **Native Butterfly House and Gardens** is a singular experience—a garden of nectar plants for butterflies interplanted with host plants for caterpillars, it's a wonderful place to begin.

2 Lerner Garden of the Five Senses

Cross under the larch arch and enter the **Lerner Garden of the Five Senses**, designed for universal accessibility. Featuring a section for every sense, it also houses our Horticultural Therapy classroom. From fragrant flowers to a variety of edible herbs and blooms, a reflexology labyrinth to a pair of sound stones, this is the perfect entrée to your Gardens experience.

3 Cleaver Lawn

Past the **Slater Forest Pond** is our **Cleaver Lawn**. This area was designed to showcase our collection of dogwoods. In keeping with the celebratory theme of this garden, the planting design relies heavily on whites, pastel pinks, yellow, and blue-flowered species. A focal point is the dawn redwood grove on the far end, near the **Reiser Woodland Garden**.



4 Alfond Children's Garden

The **Bibby and Harold Alfond Children's Garden** is a garden for all ages, featuring sculptures representing story characters by Maine authors, a rainbow terrace of colorful blooms, the Coloring Cottage playhouse, and story time and puppet shows in the Story Barn. A treehouse and the rustic Back Woods lend an extra air of adventure.

5 Haney Hillside Garden & Shoreland Trail

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the **Haney Hillside Garden**. Discover swaths of cultivated plantings seamlessly transitioning to natural woodland. At its base, find the **Vayo Meditation Garden**, designed as a quiet place to enjoy the tranquility of the shore. From there, walk along the riverside's **Shoreland Trail** until you arrive at **The Landing**.

6 Giles Rhododendron & Perennial Garden

From the Café, take a 20-minute walk down the Birch Allée to the **Giles Rhododendron and Perennial Garden**. Our first planned garden is also the first to bloom. Spectacular in June when the rhododendron and azalea are blossoming, it remains stunning year-round with its magnificent waterfall, and winding walking paths.



GUEST MAP



Membership can pay for itself in as few as three visits.

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COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Welcome

At the Gardens, visitors can engage deeply and connect meaningfully with one another and the natural world. Our landscapes, gardens, and programming cultivate the benefits of nature, inviting guests to slow down and engage in discussion, reflection, and discovery. By working to preserve the biodiversity of the Maine coast, we're educating ourselves and others to become aware and active citizens. Orient yourself with our campus, get directions, and check out daily happenings at the Lerner Visitor Center or by asking our volunteers.



Reading a Plant Label

Botanical gardens are living museums. Our plant collections are identified and documented to serve our goals of display, education, and conservation.

Accession Number
The first four digits reflect the year accessioned, and the rest is a serial number.

Common Name
Includes the cultivar name.

Botanical Name
Includes the genus, species and any sub-species or variety names.

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→ **sourwood**

→ *Oxydendrum arboreum*

Plant Family

ERICACEAE

Origin
Native region of the plant. If nothing is listed, it originated under cultivation.

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Accessibility

The Visitor Center, Education Center, and central gardens are accessible to people of all abilities. Due to the nature of our property, outlying areas may not be accessible to everyone. Ask at the information desk about options for getting around the Gardens:



- Courtesy shuttle
- Wheelchairs and scooters
- Accessible cart tours



MAP KEY

- Wheelchair accessible paths
- Wide paths
- Narrow footpaths
- Service roads (no foot traffic)



Restroom



Gardenshop



Food



Water



Shuttle Stop



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Visitor Center → Café
0.2 miles / 7 minutes



Visitor Center → Vayo Meditation Garden
0.5 miles / 30 minutes



Great Lawn → Giles Rhododendron Garden
0.6 miles / 20 minutes



Great Lawn → Fairy House Village
0.6 miles / 20 minutes