Native Butterfly House & Gardens
Our Native Butterfly House and Gardens is a singular experience—a garden of native plants for native bees and butterflies, with hives for the pollinators and an array of native herbs and blooms, a pollinator garden to graze if offered, this is the perfect start to your Gardens experience.

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 popular 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 start to your Gardens experience.

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 in the dogwood display is the dawn redwood grove on the far end, near the Reiser Woodland Garden.

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 playground, and storytime and puppet shows in the Story Barn. A treehouse and the rustic Back Woods lend an extra air of adventure.

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 natural Shoreland Trail and you arrive at The Landing.

Giles Rhododendron & Perennial Garden
From the Café, take a 20-minute walk along 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.

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Membership can pay for itself in as few as three visits. Members receive free, unlimited admission to the Gardens, a 10% discount in Gardenshop and at all food and drink outlets, and free or reduced admission to 330+ public gardens. Save your receipt. Your admission will be refunded when you join today.

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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, while 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.

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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

Join us for a Highlights Tour— inquire at the Lerner Visitor Center!