

The Daycare's Guide to Cox Arboretum

Using the map A User's Guide Cox Arboretum & Gardens MetroPark

FAQ's

Bathrooms: there are bathrooms located on either side of the Mead Westvaco room and behind the Learning Lab.

Water Fountains: Beside Mead Westvaco Theater and behind Butterfly House

Eating: Please tie up waste in heavy black trash bags and leave beside a trash can.

Dining on the terrace is first come first serve. Also the Trail Head Gazebo behind butterfly house is a nice sheltered area and will hold 30 children.

Animal Watching areas:

MB: Monet Bridge: Fish, turtles

#18 Meditation Garden: Fish, Turtles, and Geese

#13 Bird Blind: Birds, turtles, ducks, tadpoles, frogs: Also includes educational signs to help you identify what you see

#14 Butterfly House: Please limit the number of children per group to 15 or less.

Butterfly House season begins June 25. House hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10-4 p.m.; Sunday 12-4 p.m. and Wednesday: closed/Butterflies resting

Don't miss:

#17 Children's Maze: try holding hands and taking all right turns

#C: Overlook. Explore the ravine. Please leave fossils where you find them and be respectful of this very fragile ecosystem.

#3: Edible landscape garden: great place to exercise your sense of smell, sight, and touch! Gently touch the plant and smell your hand.

-Caution- Some parts of the plants may be poisonous-please no tasting

#10: Crab Apple Allee: a hallway of trees. Who can race to the end first?

Best Trail

Blue Trail: Want to hit the natural areas but only have 45 minutes? Hit the blue trail for the most inclusive view of the nature of Cox Arboretum and Gardens MetroPark

Red Trail: Prairie's offer lots of animals and plants to explore. Bird blind will give children the opportunity to discover the pond ecosystem