

Scout Resource Guide

Garden Manners

- 🌸 Remember that trees, plants, and shrubs are living things that need their bark, leaves, and flowers to stay healthy. Please leave these things in their place.
- 🌸 Please follow and stay on the paths and trails as you explore the Arboretum. This is to protect you from Poison Ivy as you hike and to maintain the natural beauty of the Arboretum
- 🌸 Trained Scout leaders and their scouts may collect leaves from trees or from the ground and seeds that have fallen to the ground, such as buckeyes or acorns.
- 🌸 Please enjoy the trees with your feet planted on the ground! Climbing, swinging, and sitting in any Arboretum tree is not permitted.
- 🌸 Many animals call the Arboretum home. Please do not remove any animals from the ponds or grounds.
- 🌸 The Arboretum is not a good home for any animal that has been a pet. Protect our native wildlife! Please do not release any animals in the ponds or on the grounds.
- 🌸 Any fossils found in the Fossil Ravine at Cox Arboretum & Gardens must stay in the ravine. If you would like to collect fossils, please visit Germantown Dam at Germantown MetroPark, Englewood Dam at Englewood MetroPark, and near stepping stones across Sugar Creek at Sugarcreek MetroPark.

Resources for Scout Leaders

Books

Peterson Field Guides: Eastern Forests by John Kricher and Gordon Morrison

National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees Eastern Region by Elbert L. Little

Birds of Ohio Field Guide by Stan Tekiela

The Kids' Nature Book: 65 Indoor/Outdoor Activities and Experiences by Susan Milford

The Handy Science Answer Book Compiled by the Science and Technology Department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Tree Finder - A Manual for the Identification of Trees and Their Leaves by May T. Watts

The Tree Identification Book by George W.D. Symonds

Internet

www.naturalistheadquarters.com Website with links to nature games and activities along with scout try-it and badge requirements, authored by Five Rivers MetroParks South Naturalist, Joshua York