

# The Scout's Guide to Cox Arboretum & Gardens MetroPark

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*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

## Badge Links:

**#6 Shrub Garden:** Most trees and shrubs in this garden are labeled, great place for leaf collections. Show scouts how to gently remove the leaf by the stem, remind them to respect these magnificent living things. (Native trees not to miss: Ohio Buckeye, Green Ash, Staghorn Sumac)

**#13 Conservation Corner:** great environment to view animal life including insects, spiders, snakes, birds and to see evidence including coyote, rabbit, raccoon, deer, and fox tracks and scat.

**#11 Wildflower Garden:** labeled wildflowers in bloom March-June look for seed heads June-November; how do you think the seeds disperse?

**Natural Area:** look for signs of erosion and animals. Can you find evidence of the glacier? What type of soils can you find? Identify trees by their bark. Look for evidence of people including fence remnants, invasive species (honey suckle, buckthorn and garlic mustard) and land stewardship practices.

## 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:** Prairies offer lots of animals and plants to explore. Bird blind will give children the opportunity to discover the pond ecosystem

*★Butterfly House is open the last weekend of June—Labor Day. ★*

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