

SCOTT ARBORETUM SOUTH

The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College is home to many beautiful gardens, extraordinary trees, and outstanding plant collections. This southern tour of 12 different areas, 6 of which have interpretive signs and brochures, offers a wide variety of gardens, courtyards, and specimen trees. The companion tour, Scott Arboretum North, of 13 different areas can be joined to this tour or seen separately. There is something for everyone with plenty of places to sit and enjoy the beautiful scenery!

Theme: Horticulture

Amenities: Campus Views, Gardens, Benches, Interpretive Panels, Kid Friendly, Emergency Phones

Surface: Paved, Grass, 1.2 miles long

Slope: Mostly Flat, 69 ft elevation gain

Hazards: Wet Grass

Emergencies: Use a campus emergency phone (E) or call Public Safety (610) 328-8333

Difficulty Rating: No Sweat - I exercise for fun, not to win contests. I like to explore at an easy pace, stopping to snap photos and smell the roses. Varied terrain doesn't scare me, but let's not do anything too extreme.

Resources shown on the map:

Walkway Beneath Tracks: Campus connection via stairs at train station stairs and an incline on campus

Benjamin West P & R: Parking lot with many 3-hour visitor spaces. Public Safety & Visitor Information's restrooms are open 24-hours, 7 days, with a water fountain in the lobby.

Scott Arboretum P & R: The parking lot has limited spaces. Scott's Wister Center on the left has restrooms open weekdays with a hallway water fountain.

F & R: The Science Center Coffee Bar, accessed through an entrance door (SC-2) on the left wing, is open every day. A drinking fountain is in the entry hall, while the 1st floor restrooms are down a hallway.

R: Parrish Hall restrooms are located on 1st floor main hallway via the front entry stairs and a ramp at the east end near the Rose Garden

P: Street Parking on the east side of Cedar Avenue, between Elm and Ogden avenues. [not shown on map].

P: Street parking on Elm Avenue, between Cedar Lane and Walnut Lane. [not shown on map]

E: Emergency Phone (5 are shown)

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Waypoints Shown On The Map:

1. Scott Arboretum P & R: The Entrance Garden in front of the Arboretum offices features a blue Atlas cedar, a sweetbay magnolia, and a mixed border. An interpretive panel with brochures is provided, while additional information is available inside during Scott Arboretum office hours. The parking lot has limited spaces. Scott's Wister Center on the left has restrooms open weekdays with a hallway water fountain.

2. Teaching Garden: Located at the back of the Scott Arboretum offices, the Terry Shane Teaching Garden features an arbor, a pond, and an annual border that is redesigned each season. Named for a founding member of the Associates of the Scott Arboretum, it was dedicated in 1989 as part of the Arboretum's 60th anniversary celebration. An interpretive sign and brochure can be found at the intersection of the College Avenue sidewalk and walkway to the garden.

3. Biostream: The hillside drainage channel was designed as a creative way to handle storm water. The rock-lined bed recharges the groundwater and helps filter out pollutants. The drainage area is surrounded by a variety of flowering shrubs and perennials.

4. Magnolias: The original plants were brought to the Arboretum from Highland Park in Rochester, New York with the help of the famous horticulturist Liberty Hyde Bailey. Now, nearly 130 types of magnolias are contained in this Nationally Accredited Plant Collection. See the interpretive information near the Benjamin West House. Peak bloom time is the first two weeks of April.

5. Gold Medal Garden: This courtyard garden with an interpretive panel contains recipients of the prestigious Gold Medal Plant Award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, which annually recognizes plants of outstanding merit for Mid-Atlantic homeowners.

6. Summer Bloom Border: Located next to Tarble Hall's elevated walkway, the border

features shrubs and small trees that flower throughout the summer.

7. Magill Walk: The oldest Swamp White Oaks that form this iconic walkway were planted in 1881. Several of the original trees have succumbed to storms and disease; younger trees continue the tradition of the allée. In the spring, thousands of daffodils bloom along the upper portion of the walk.

8. Organic Lawn: The lawn between Magill Walk and the residence halls has been maintained organically since 2010. The maintenance approach reduces pesticide use and stormwater runoff, thus protecting our local watersheds. See the interpretive panel on Magill Walk.

9. Pinetum: The Scott Arboretum's collection of conifers includes many types of hard cone-bearing trees. The interpretive panel and brochure located on the walkway where it meets Magill Walk includes information about many of the best large conifers in the Mid-Atlantic area.

10. Tree Peonies: On a hillside is one of the Arboretum's oldest collections. There are more than 130 different varieties, including Sauder's hybrids, Japanese tree peonies, Chinese tree peonies, French hybrids, and Daphnis hybrids. Note that the steep unpaved connecting path is subject to erosion and has rocks.

11. Fragrance Garden: You can sit in the picturesque Clothier Cloisters among fragrant flowers, shrubs, and perennials. The Theresa Lang Garden of Fragrance is a hidden gem!

12. Rose Garden: Originally designed by Gertrude Wister, former assistant director of the Arboretum, and dedicated in 1956, the Rose Dean Bond Garden displays well over 100 examples of roses. Extensively renovated in 2013–15 with many perennials, the garden is in bloom from April until frost. An interpretive panel is at the main entrance.