

# TOWN TO CRUM MEADOW & WOODS

A trail with incredible variety! Sections include open meadows and woods, paved sidewalks, gravel roads, dirt trails, a babbling brook, and town bustle. See the holly collection while enjoying meadow plants and views of Crum Creek, then return to the town center for a meal or refreshments. There are two possible trail entrance starting points in addition to an alternate route option (see Waypoint “Crum Woods Service Road Entrance”).

**Theme:** Exercise, Nature, Horticulture

**Amenities:** Creek Views, Woods, Gardens

**Surface:** Paved, Sidewalks, Gravel, Dirt, 1.7 miles long

**Slope:** Flat Sections, Inclines, Timber Steps, 49 ft elevation gain

**Hazards:** Roots and other tripping hazards, Ponding, Mud,

**Emergencies:** Use a campus emergency phone (E on the map) or call the college Public Safety 610-328-8333

**Difficulty Rating:** Spirited. I enjoy getting my heart going on walks. Nothing beats the thrill of taking on a rewarding climb on varied terrain with inclines, and with some rocks and roots in the pathway. Let’s keep moving –occasional stops only, please.

**Resource(s) shown on the map:**

**P:** Field House Lane Lot has a few visitor spaces in the lower lot M-F before 3:30PM, and in any lot at other times.

**R:** Field House restrooms are down the exterior set of stairs at east end.

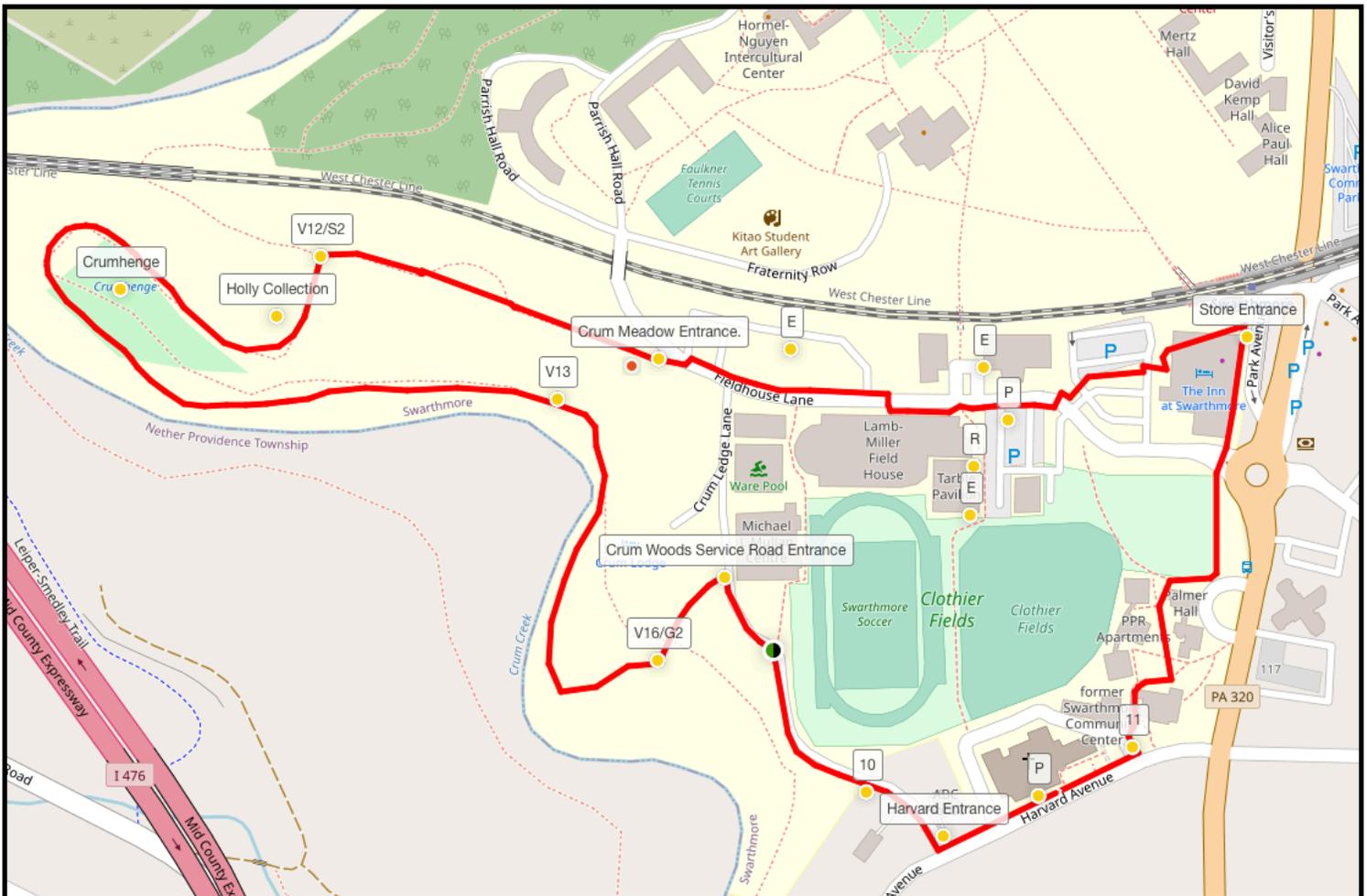
**P:** Street parking on Harvard Avenue.

**E:** Emergency Phone

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## **Waypoints Shown On The Map:**

### **1. Campus Community Store**

**Entrance:** Campus Community Store Entrance. Between the store entrance and the train station is a drive that leads to the Inn's rear entrance and a walkway through the parking lot to Field House Lane. At the store's entrance is a nice shaded sitting area.

**2. Harvard Ave. Trail Entrance:** The limited access paved service road connects to the Crum Woods Service Road entrance and the Crum Meadow entrance.

**3. Crum Meadow Entrance:** Located at the end of Field House Lane at the Sargent Road Marker (S1), the entrance has an brochure box for the meadow's Holly Collection. (If Harvard Avenue was used as the trail entrance, there are shorter route options to return to Harvard via other connecting trails off Field House Lane.)

**4. Signpost V12/S2.** Point that links Sargent Road (S2) to the Crum Meadow Entrance (S1) and Valley Walk (V12) that follows Crum Creek.

**5. Holly Collection:** A Scott Arboretum collection with over 350 different types of hollies that is considered to be one of the finest collections in the country.

**6. Crumhenge:** The large stones in a circular arrangement were installed in the 1980s and reinstalled in the meadow after the construction of the Crum Creek SEPTA bridge. In this space often used for bonfires, the paths align with compass points.

**7. Valley Walk marker V13:** The trail continues to markers V14–16 to the south or V12 to the north.

**8. Signpost V16/G2.** This juncture is at the culvert on the Valley Walk V16 and the Asa Gray (G2) path at the bottom of a delightful brook.

### **9. Crum Woods Service Road**

**Entrance:** Known as the Asa Gray Entrance (G1), this gravel road incline follows a babbling brook. For an alternate route, continue north to Field House Lane.

**10. Wister Garden.** W1 marks the entrance to this hillside woodland garden that once was part of the home of Scott Arboretum's first director, John C. Wister. Managed by the Scott Arboretum, it is a spring garden highlighted by sweeps of bulbs and rhododendrons.

**11. Residence Hall Connector.** This pathway travels between several 2017 and 1895 Swarthmore College residence halls along a softball field.