

# WELLNESS CAMPUS GARDEN WALK

Enjoy some of the College's great collections, gardens, and trees along this easy one-mile walk. There will be many opportunities to sit and enjoy the views and plants.

**Themes:** Exercise, Horticulture

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

**Surface:** Mostly Paved, Grass; 0.9 mi long.

**Slope:** Mostly Flat, Inclines; 16 ft elevation gain.

**Hazards:** Uneven sidewalks, 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.

## Resource(s) shown on the map:

**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:** Kolhberg Coffee Bar is open weekdays with 1st floor restrooms and drinking fountain down the hallway.

**P:** The Whittier Lot has limited visitor spaces M-F before 3:30PM, and many spaces after 3:30 M-F and all weekend.

**P:** Street Parking on Elm Avenue.

**P:** Street Parking on Cedar Lane.

**E:** Emergency phone at Whittier Hall.

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## Waypoints shown on the map:

- 1. Hydrangea Collection:** The Hydrangea collection includes a range of hydrangea cultivars as well as other species that perform well in the Delaware Valley and that bloom from June until fall.
- 2. John W. Nason Garden:** The John W. Nason Garden showcases a unique combination of textures, from delicate ornamental grasses to the bold foliage of the Paulownia (princess) and catalpa trees. An interpretive panel with brochures is at the west garden entrance.
- 3. Isabelle Crosby Courtyard:** Isabelle Cosby Courtyard. This focal garden was built on the site of the old Parrish Annex; the former building's footprint is evident. With a number of sitting places and eclectic groups of trees, shrubs, perennials, and bulbs, this courtyard provides a relaxing meeting space or resting spot. An interpretive sign with brochures is at the northeast edge of the courtyard.
- 4. Metasequoia Allée:** Metasequoia Allée. This formal walkway, framed by dawn redwoods, was designed primarily for fall interest. It is underplanted with flowering shrubs and perennials and has an interpretive panel at Kohlberg Hall's entrance KO-12.
- 5. Parrish Hall R:** Parrish Hall's front porch is a wonderful, sheltered place to sit and enjoy the campus views down Magill Walk. The oldest Swamp White Oaks that line the walk were planted in 1881. (Restrooms are on the first floor main hallway with ramp access on the east end.)
- 6. Dean Bond Rose Garden:** The Dean Bond Rose Garden displays well over 100 examples of roses as well as many perennials. Each year, graduating seniors choose a rose from the garden to pin on their commencement gown. At the main entrance, Josephine's Gate, designed by Grey and Lydia Leavitt, is an interpretive panel containing several messages, one of which states "Enjoy Playing in the Dirt."
- 7. Lilac Collection:** Lilac Collection. Dating to 1931, the Lilac Collection was the first collection planted after the 1929 founding of the Scott Arboretum that encompasses the entire campus. The Arboretum was named after Arthur Hoyt Scott, class of 1891. He was the second president of Scott Paper Company.
- 8. Cherry Border:** Cherry Border. Beginning in 1931 with the first flowering cherry tree, this stunning collection includes sweeps of bulbs, hostas, daylilies, and groundcovers that offer interest throughout spring and summer. There is an interpretive panel near the Cedar Lane end of the walkway to the Meetinghouse.