FIELD TRIPS -GARDENS AND/OR NATURE CENTERS
INQUIRE FOR HOURS & ADMISSION FEES

CONNECTICUT

BRISTOL
American Clock & Watch Museum
100 Maple Street
Bristol, CT 06010-5092
(860) 563-6070
www.clockmuseum.org

Authentically restored colonial flower and herb garden enclosed by a white picket fence centered with a sundial located next to the American Clock and Watch Museum. The garden, appropriate to a small townhouse built in 1801, was designed by Rudy Favretti Tel: in 1973 and has been modified keeping the integrity of the materials by the Bristol Garden Club and is maintained by the membership.

CANTON
Roaring Brook Nature Center
70 Gracey Road
Canton, CT 06019
(203)-693-0263 115
http://www.roaringbrook.org/

Owls of CT
Attracting Birds to your yard, migration, birds of the area

EAST HADDAM
Gillette Castle State Park
67 River Road
Haddam, CT 06423
(860) 526-2336
Park hours: 8 AM – sunset
http://www.stateparks.com/gillette_castle.html

Connecticut River. Castle conservatory - formal gardens under glass overlooking 190 acres landscaped with native trees and East shrubs.

FAIRFIELD
Greenfield Hill Dogwood Festival
Congregational Church
Old Academy Road
Fairfield, CT 06430
(203) 259-5596
http://www.greenfieldhillchurch.com/dogwood2018/

Village landscaped with profusion of white and pink dogwood.
Designated Historic Site of National Park Service. Peak of bloom c/o is middle of May. Reservations required for seated luncheon at 1045 dogwood festival. Call or look online for dates.
**Ogden House & Gardens**  
Bronson Road  
CT 06430  
(203) 259-1598  
Fairfield Historical Society  
636 Old Post Road  
Fairfield, CT 06430  
http://www.fairfieldhistory.org/  

**Connecticut Audubon**  
Birdcraft Museum  
314 Unquowa Road  
Fairfield, CT 06430-5018  
https://www.ctaudubon.org/birdcraft-museum/  
https://www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-fairfield/  

**FARMINGTON**  
Hill Stead Museum  
35 Mountain Road  
Farmington, CT 06032  
(860) 677-4784  
www.hillstead.org  

**Shade Swamp Sanctuary (DEP)**  
Route 6  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Farmington Garden Club  
(860) 676-9010  
http://www.ctmq.org/shade-swamp-sanctuary/  

Circa 1750 lean-to-home built for the farming family of David and Jane Sturges Ogden. An example of mortise and tenon joinery, Fairfield, it was one of the few buildings to survive the 1779 burning of the town. Herb, native and wildflower gardens maintained by the Contact: Fairfield Garden Club. Special tours by appointment.

Audubon Birdcraft Museum is America’s oldest private bird sanctuary. Since 1914 it has been offering environmental programs. The museum concentrates on the conservation of CT birds and their habitat with permanent dioramas and changing exhibits.

Hill-Stead Museum offers the visitor a rare glimpse into an American collector’s passion for French Impressionism. Cleveland iron industrialist Alfred Atmore Pope and his wife Ada built their Colonial Revival-style house in 1901 to showcase their collection of paintings by Monet, Manet, Degas, Whistler and Cassatt. Today these masterpieces hang in situ amid original furnishings. Pope's daughter, Theodate, designed the mansion in collaboration with the prestigious New York Firm of McKim Mead & White. This 152-acre National Historic Landmark showcases over three miles of stonewalls, stately trees and seasonal gardens including the c. 1920 Sunken Garden designed by landscape architect Beatrix Farrand. Beyond the garden, woodland trails and distant vistas offer round opportunities for country rambles.

800 acres with self-guiding trails through forest, swamp & ponds west of the Rattlesnake Mountain Ridge, Route 6, New Britain Avenue and the Pequabuck River. Explore this sanctuary on the White Trail (2½ mi.) or the Blue Trail or (1½ mi.) both of which are marked with blazes and color-coded signs.
**GREENWICH**

The Bruce Museum
1 Museum Drive
Greenwich, CT 06830
(203) 869-0376
https://brucemuseum.org/

The Bruce Museum of Arts and Science features a series of changing art and science exhibits. It also has a permanent exhibition of science and ethnoLOGY called "Changes In Our Land". The Museum is adjacent to a public park, Bruce Park.

Garden Education Center of Greenwich; Montgomery Pinetum
130 Bible Street
P.O. Box 1600
Cos Cob, CT 06807
(203) 869-9242
www.gecgreenwich.org

Garden Education Center of Greenwich located on 61 acres of paths through pines, brooks and ponds. Two gift shops, a horticulture building and library as well as a non-profit horticulture center.

Greenwich Audubon Audubon Center
613 Riversville Road
Greenwich, CT 06831
http://greenwich.audubon.org/

Located at a 285-acre Main Sanctuary and features the Kimberlin Nature Education Center, the hub for nature programs, hawk watch, educational exhibits, guided tours and The Nature Gift Shop.

**GROTON**

Ebenezer Avery House
Fort Griswold
Groton, CT 06340
http://www.fortgriswold.org/the-ebenezer-avery-house

Gardens established by the former Groton Garden Club, now Trillium Garden Club, include herb & colonial gardens. On-going project for adding plant material. Cuttings used to decorate house during the summer.

**HAMDEN**

Edgerton Park
P. O. Box 6163
Hamden, CT 06510
(203) 624-9377
http://www.edgertonpark.org/


**HARTFORD**

Elizabeth Park
150 Walbridge Road
West Hartford, CT 06119
Corner of Prospect and Asylum Ave
(860) 242-0017
http://elizabethparkct.org/rose-garden.html

Oldest municipal rose garden in the United States; over 100 acres of parkland. 15,000 plants, 800 varieties, 2-1/2 acre rose garden, heritage rose garden, annual garden, perennial garden, rock garden, a large collection of trees and shrubs and greenhouses. Open dawn to dusk 365 days a year and free to the public. Friends of Elizabeth Park help maintain this park.
**Connecticut Science Center**  
250 Columbus Blvd  
Hartford, CT 06103  
[https://ctsciencecenter.org/](https://ctsciencecenter.org/)  
Educational exhibits for kids, including 165+ hands-on activities and exhibits, a state-of-the-art 3D digital theater, plus daily programs and events. See the new butterfly experience and visit the rooftop garden, a large portion of which was donated by the FGCCT.

**LITCHFIELD**  
**White Memorial Conservation Center**  
80 Whitehall Road  
P.O. Box 368  
Litchfield, CT 06759  
(860) 567-0857  
[https://www.whitememorialcc.org/](https://www.whitememorialcc.org/)  
State's largest nature center. Museum, 4000 acres of woodlands. 35 miles of trails and several ponds. Boardwalk through wetland habitat, Nature programs for all age groups. Nature trail of the senses

**MADISON**  
**Allis-Bushnell Historical House**  
853 Boston Post Road  
Madison, CT 06443  
[https://madisonhistory.org/allis-bushnell-house/](https://madisonhistory.org/allis-bushnell-house/)  
Professionally designed and built herb garden, a bicentennial gift to the town of Madison from the Garden Club of Madison.

**Wickham Park**  
West Middle Turnpike  
Manchester, CT 06040  
(860) 528-0856  
[www.wickhampark.org](http://www.wickhampark.org)  
250 acre park. Gardens totaling almost 11 acres include, the 1329 Oriental Garden, the Italian Shrine, the Lotus Garden and the Cabin Garden. Walking trails and extensive perennial plantings. Great location available for garden club events.

**MYSTIC**  
**Mystic Seaport**  
75 Greenmanville Ave.  
Mystic, CT  
(888) 937-2767  
[www.Mysticseaport.org](http://www.Mysticseaport.org)  
America's largest maritime museum. Numerous nineteenth century exhibits, including seasonally interpreted gardens. Other perennial & annual plantings throughout the grounds. Grounds tours by Mystic, special arrangements. On site dining and shopping

**Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center**  
P.O. Box 122  
109 Pequotsepos Road  
Mystic, CT 06355  
(860) 536-1216  
[www.dpnc.org](http://www.dpnc.org)  
The DPNC facility includes a 200 acre sanctuary, covering woodland, wetland and meadow habitats. Natural history exhibits feature live animals and plenty of interactive education. Picnic facilities and unique gift store also on-site. Year-round environmental education programs include children classes, slide presentations, summer camp, birding trips, and special events.
NEW CANAAN
George Lee Gardens
89 Chichester Road
New Canaan, CT 06840
175 varieties of azaleas, 200 varieties of Rhododendrons
For more information contact: The Garden Center of New Canaan P.O. Box 4 New Canaan, CT 06840

Helen and Alice Bristow Sanctuary and Wildwood Preserve
Old Stamford Road
New Canaan, CT 06840
17 acres of woodlands with many wildlife trails, pond, brook and bridges. Adjoins Mead Park where parking is available.

New Canaan Nature Center
144 Oenoke Ridge
New Canaan, CT 06840
(203) 966-9577
www.newcanaannature.org
40- acre site which features unusual habitat diversity, including wet and dry meadows, two ponds, wet and dry woodlands, dense thickets, an old orchard, and a cattail marsh. Two miles of trails crisscross the site (including a 350-foot marsh boardwalk), and two observation towers overlook the wetlands and cattail marsh. Visitor Center, Green House, Lath House, Swallen Wildflower garden, Arboretum

NEW HAVEN
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
123 Huntington Street
P.O. Box 1106
New Haven, CT 06504
(203) 974-8500
www.ct.gov/caes
Well maintained grounds and gardens. Many interesting plant materials. Tours can be arranged. Substantial Speakers list.

East Rock Park/
Pardee Rose Garden
ISO Park Road
New Haven, CT 06504
(203) 946-8142 (Greenhouse)
Trowbridge Center (203) 946-6086
Daily June - September 9-5
426 acres including Pardee Rose Gardens, built in 1920

West Rock Nature Center
P.O. Box 2969
New Haven, CT 06515
(203) 946-8016
Closed holidays

Comfort Station, Visitors Center, Nature House, picnic area and wildlife garden. No program speakers available at this time
NEW LONDON
Connecticut College
Arboretum
P.O. Box 5201
Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320
(860) 439-5020

Offers Private Guided Tours designed for Clubs and Organizations. Tours available; Native Plant Collection, Caroline Black Garden, Campus Landscape. Tour one or more collections and enjoy your bag lunch at Buck Lodge Conduct club meeting at Buck Lodge. Enjoy a private deli buffet luncheon at campus facility at a modest cost. Arrangements to meet your group's needs can be made by contacting the Arboretum office.

http://www.conncoll.edu/the-arboretum/

Shaw-Perkins Mansion
11 Blinman Street
New London, CT 06320

Connecticut Naval Office during the Revolution Headquarters for the New London Historical Society, Inc. Seasonal Flower/Herb Gardens

http://historicbuildingsct.com/?p=1679

OLD SAYBROOK
General William Hart House
350 Main Street
P. O. Box 4
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Colonial gardens featuring tulip and persimmon trees, shrubs and plants natural to the region. 125 medicinal, culinary and fragrant herbs, old roses and a wildflower section maintained by Old Saybrook Garden Club. Frank Stevenson Archives Building open on Thursdays.

Garden open to public. Talks upon request.

www.saybrookhistory.org/web_page.php?id=2

RIDGEFIELD
Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art
258 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
(203) 438-4519

http://aldrichart.org/

The Keeler Tavern Museum
312 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Also known as Cannonball House, ca 1713. Cass Bilbert built Garden House, ca 1915 and formal garden authentic to period. Museum has his record of use by end of WWI. Maintained by Caudatowa Garden Club of Ridgefield. Special tours by appointment.

http://www.keelertavernmuseum.org/
**ROCKY HILL**
Dinosaur State Park  Identification of Trees in Winter Arboretum of Evolution, Trail Walks
400 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067 (860) 529-8423
http://www.dinosaurstatepark.org/

**SHARON**
Sharon Audubon Center  890-acre sanctuary with 11 miles of trails, some self-guiding Interpretive building
Rte. 4
Sharon, CT 06069
860 364-30520
www.audubon.org/local/sanctuary/sharon

**Simsbury**
The Phelps Homestead  The museum complex includes ten historic buildings and period gardens on a two-acre site in the heart of Simsbury. Among the gardens are the Phelps House's Doorway Garden commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Simsbury Garden Club and the Betty 800 Fisher Memorial Garden. The house's charming 18th century Parlor Garden is maintained by the Gardeners of Simsbury. Located at the Hendrick Cottage a delightful period herb garden with a central sundial, and containing over 66 varieties of herbs, which is an ongoing project of the Simsbury Garden Club.
Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, CT 06070
(860) 658-2500
(860) 651-4354

**STAMFORD**
Barlett Arboretum  Landscape Design, Woody plants (esp. flowering shrubs) 63 acre 151 public arboretum, nature trails, gardens, classes, and greenhouse. Special tours by appointment.
Brookdale Road
Stamford, CT 06903-4199
(203) 322-6971
http://www.bartlettarboretum.org/

Scofieldtown Road
Stamford, CT 06903
(203) 322-1646
http://www.stamfordmuseum.org/
STORRS
University of Connecticut
U-67 Dept Plant Science
Storrs, CT 06269
http://hort.uconn.edu/

Floriculture display and trail gardens. Located on 1½ acres on campus, including about 340 feet of perennial borders. Major area devoted to about 200 kinds of annuals started each year by seed. All plants labeled

WATERFORD
Harkness Memorial State Park
Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385
(860) 437-1523
http://www.harkness.org/

235 acres, including extensive perennial garden, Alpine rock garden, Italian garden, Herb garden, Oriental garden and boxwood garden (portion of which is used for recreational area for the handicapped)

WESTPORT
EarthPlace, the Nature Discovery Center
10 Woodside Lane
P.O. Box 165 Westport, CT 06880 (203) 227-7253
http://earthplace.org/

62 acre sanctuary, nature trails, exhibit hall, live animal shelter, Bird & Butterfly Demonstration Garden, Native Plant Court

WETHERSFIELD
Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum
211 Main Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(860) 529-0612
webb-deane-stevens.com

Three 18th century houses in the center of Connecticut's largest historic district. Guided tours explore the history from George Washington's visit in 1781 to the Colonial Revival. The recreated Webb House Colonial Revival Garden designed by Amy Cogswell in 1921 and restored in 1999-2000 is open to the public. A slide presentation of the restoration of the Webb House Colonial Revival Garden is available.

WILTON
Woodcock Nature Center
56 Deer Run Road
Wilton, CT 06897
(203) 762-7280
https://www.woodcocknaturecenter.org/

149 state protected acres that includes ponds, wetlands with a board walk and three miles of publicly accessible woodland trails.
WOODBURY
Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust
Church Hill Road
Woodbury, CT 06768
(203) 263-3711
Office hours Mon-Sat. 9-5
http://flandersnaturecenter.org/

Over 1500 acres of open space with trails and farm area. Botany trail developed and maintained by Pomperaug Valley Garden Club in a 45-acre area of the Van Vleck Sanctuary. Club members available for conducted tours.

OUT OF STATE

FRAMINGHAM
Garden in the Woods
80 Hemenway Road
Framingham, MA 01701
(508) 877-7630
www.newfs.org.

45 acres, the largest landscape collection of wildflowers and native plants in the northeast. Preserved by the New England Wild Flower Society. Informal garden walks, open April 15 to October 31, Tues-Sun 9-5pm, Thurs & Fri til 7pm. Over 1,000 native plant species; pond, cactus bog and moss gardens. Largest native plant nursery in New England. Speakers, classes and video tape library.

Nasimi Farm
128 North Street
Whately, MA
(413) 397-9922
registrar@newenglandwild.org for classes

NEW YORK

BRONX, NY
The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx River Parkway (exit 7)
(718) 817-8700
https://www.nybg.org/

The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants. The gardens are extensive from the Everett Children’s garden to the Rose Garden. Visit their website to plan your trip. The conservatory has changing exhibits often built around the courtyard ponds. There is a fully stocked garden shop and a cafeteria. There is also a full slate of educational programs.

Wave Hill
West 249th Street
Bronx, New York 10471
(718) 549-3200
https://www.wavehill.org/

A public garden and cultural center set high on a bluff above the Hudson River in Riverdale. The Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory shelters tender plants from around the world. Flowers flow from stonewalls, hypertufa troughs. There is a pond with lotus, planted pergolas and paths through woods overlooking the river. Cafeteria with terrace looks out to the Palisades. A garden shop carries plants, seeds pots and garden art.
BROOKLYN, NY
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 623-7200
www.bbg.org

Library, classes, workshops, gift and garden shop, Terrace Café, Steinhardt Conservatory Gallery, Japanese Hill and Pond garden, Shakespeare Garden, and Fragrance garden are a few of the attractions at the BBG.

COLDSPRING, NY
Stone Crop
81 Stone Crop Lane
Cold Spring, NY 10516
www.stonecrop.org

12 acres of gardens and plants includes grass and water gardens woodland garden, raised alpine stone beds, cliff rock gardens, an enclosed English style rock garden, a conservatory, a display house, a Pit House and systemic order beds. Check site for days.

OSSINING, NY
Teatown Lake Reservation
1600 Spring Valley Road # 1
Ossining, NY  10562
914-762-2912
www.teatown.org

14 trails wonder through a combination of fields, mixed hardwood forest, laurel groves, lakes, streams and farmland. In the center of this reserve is the Wildflower Island created in 1928 when the owner dammed Bailey Brook to create Teatown Lake. The two acre island has over 230 native and endangered species that have been protected from predation. There is a gated walkway to the island. Nature store is open from dawn to dusk.

YONKERS, NY
Untermeyer Gardens
945 North Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701
(914) 613-4502
http://www.untermyergardens.org/

90 minute docent led tours available to garden clubs through this 43 acre National Landmark designated property on the Hudson River. It was a 150-acre private estate with world famous gardens in the early 20th century. The gardens have been undergoing renovation.

PENNSYLVANIA

Longwood Gardens, Inc.
Kennett Square, PA
www.longwoodgardens.org

Gardens, orchids, fountains, Pierre-DuPont House, 4.5 acre conservatory with 20 indoor gardens, a visit to the website is a must to do this estate justice.

Chanticleer Garden
Wayne, PA
chanticleergarden.org

Chanticleer Garden is a forty-eight-acre botanical garden built on the grounds of the Rosengarten estate. Unique walkways and plantings not to be missed if in the Philadelphia area.