



ABOUT TYLER ARBORETUM

In March of 1681, just 17 days after King Charles II gave William Penn his colony, Quaker Thomas Minshall purchased 625 acres from Penn.

One hundred fifty years later, Minshall's sixth-generation descendants, Minshall and Jacob Painter, began systematically planting trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants on their ancestral farm—thus sowing the seeds for what was to become Tyler Arboretum—after the property was bequeathed to the public in 1944 by Laura Tyler.

Today, Tyler Arboretum is a place of natural beauty with a rich history, and steward to 650 acres. Tyler features renowned plant collections and gardens, champion trees, historic buildings, a collection of whimsical tree houses, vegetable and herb gardens, beautiful flowering trees and shrubs, native wildflowers, a pond full of active aquatic life, a butterfly house, an extensive accessible path, 17 miles of hiking trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows and—of course—majestic towering trees. Tyler is recognized as an IBA (Important Bird Area) by the National Audubon Society.

Open year round, Tyler welcomes families, children, and adults. We invite you to discover and enjoy this beautiful garden in nature.

Tyler Arboretum
 515 Painter Road, Media PA 19063
 610-566-9134
 www.tylerarboretum.org

HOURS	
March – October	
Monday – Friday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday – Sunday	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
November – February	
Monday – Friday	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday – Sunday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
(Closed Thanksgiving and Dec. 24 & 25)	

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THINGS TO DO

Enjoy Our Plants and Gardens

Enjoy fragrant spring flowers in the Magnolia, Crabapple, and Lilac collections.

Be dazzled by 13 acres of colorful azaleas and rhododendrons in the Wister Rhododendron Garden.



Discover beautiful spring wildflowers and other Delaware Valley plants in the Native Woodland Walk.

Explore the world of herbs in the Fragrant Garden and discover seasonal fruits and vegetables in the Edible Garden.

Stroll through the extensive Pinetum, a display of pines, spruces, firs, and other conifers planted in a meadow setting.

Have Fun with the Kids

Explore our tree houses, visit the Stopford Family Meadow Maze and other kid-friendly features, look for frogs and turtles in the pond, and visit the Butterfly House.



(Butterfly House open July and August)

Step Back in Time

Admire our heritage trees in the 'Old Arb' behind the Barn.



View historic Lachford Hall, the Painter Library, Stone Bank Barn, and other 19th century outbuildings.

Take a Walk or Hike

Paved paths provide access for families with strollers, fitness walkers, and wheelchair users. Enjoy the Scenic Loop (just over one mile) through the Pinetum and meadows, and the paths in the Wister Rhododendron Garden (3/4 of a mile).



Tyler's 17 miles of hiking trails traverse 550 acres of natural areas outside the deer exclusion fence. Seven different trails range from 1.9 miles to 7.4 miles; trail maps are available in the Visitor Center.

Discover Nature

Reconnect and tap into the restorative powers of nature.



Photo: Anne Marie Palita

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Education Programs and Events

Learning about plants and nature is central to our mission. We offer an extensive range of programs for adults, children, families and groups. Events and festivals offer diverse opportunities for fun with friends and family.



Event Rentals

Tyler Arboretum offers an unforgettable setting for your special event or wedding.

Volunteer

Volunteers are essential to the Arboretum's ongoing activities and growth. Share your skills and meet new people while helping us thrive.

VISITOR SERVICES

The Visitor Center:

Staff can answer questions and assist with planning your visit

Snacks and cold drinks, gift items, souvenirs, children's nature toys, and books are available

Lost and found

Lost child/parent area

Emergency assistance:
 Call 610-566-9134, ext 212

Drinking fountain is available at the base of the Visitor Center path

Restrooms are located in the Barn (through the white door under the ramp) and in the Edible Garden building

Picnic area is located near the Visitor Center

Accessibility:

Tyler is a naturalistic landscape; access to plants and garden displays is often over turf or mulched surfaces.

Paved surfaces include the paths from the Visitor Center to the Barn, and the paths to historic buildings, the pond, out around the Scenic Loop, and around the Wister Rhododendron Garden.

Fort Tyler and the Tulip Tree tree house are both accessible via ramps.



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ARBORETUM ETIQUETTE

Admire our amazing trees, but do not climb them.

Leave the flowers, leaves, seeds, pinecones, acorns, and other natural materials for the birds and animals that need them.

For your safety and the protection of our ecosystems, stay on designated paths and trails in woodlands or meadows.

Help us protect our beautiful plants from hungry deer. When passing through the gates of the deer exclusion fence, please close and latch the gate behind you.

Enjoy a picnic at our picnic tables or on a blanket. Thank you for not bringing alcohol into the Arboretum.

Pets, other than service animals, are not permitted at the Arboretum. Bicycles and other active recreational equipment are also prohibited.

Tyler's 650 acres are smoke free. Thank you for not smoking while visiting Tyler Arboretum.



Membership

Become a member the day of your visit and your admission is free! Enjoy unlimited access to the Arboretum throughout the year, special member discounts, reciprocal or discounted admission to other gardens across the country, and member-only events. Additional details can be found at the Visitor Center or at www.tylerarboretum.org.

Please be aware that a visit to the Arboretum is an outdoor experience with accompanying risks, including, but not limited to, conditions such as uneven terrain, insects, slippery areas, and open water. Please exercise appropriate caution.

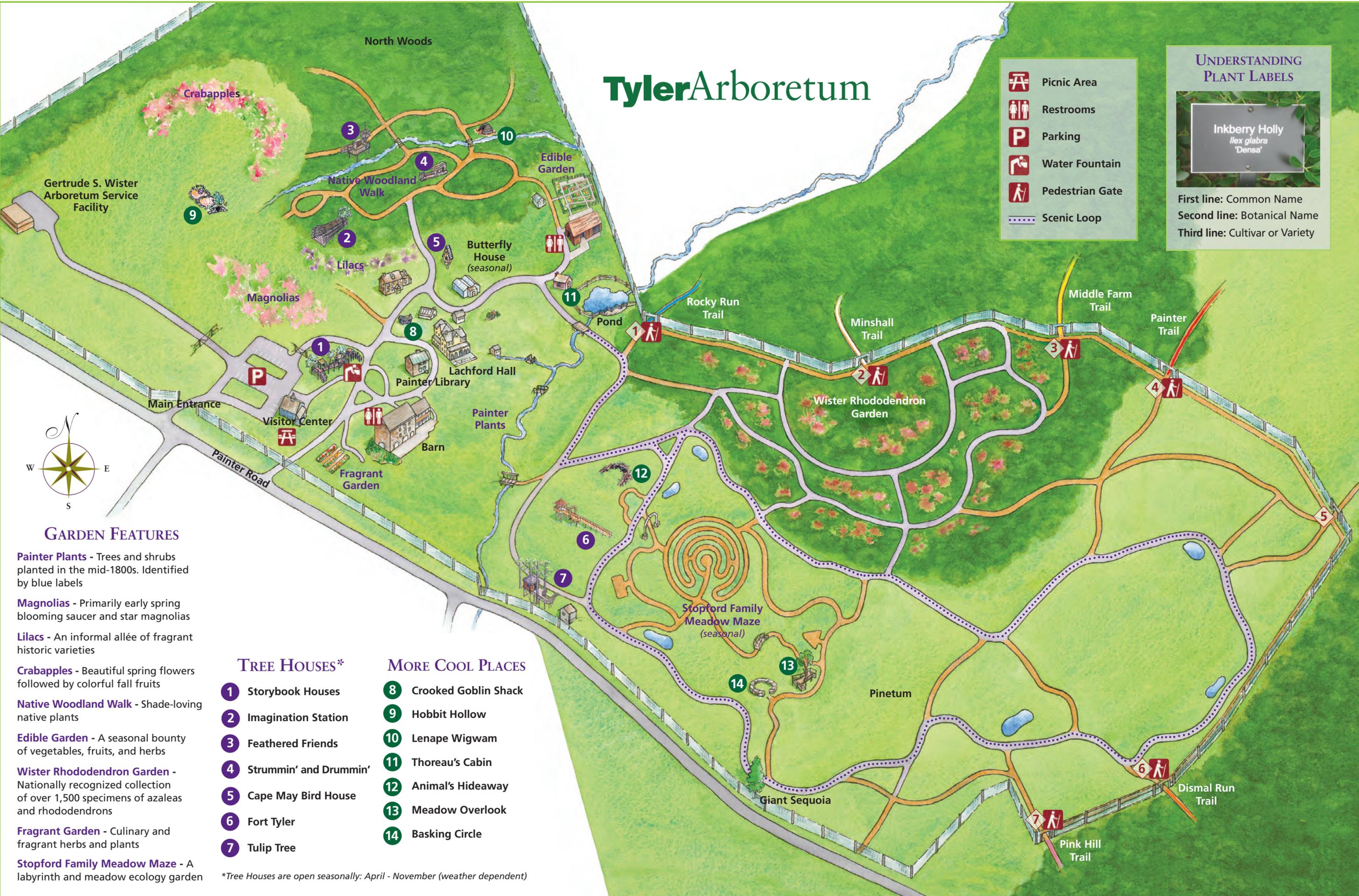
Tyler Arboretum

-  Picnic Area
-  Restrooms
-  Parking
-  Water Fountain
-  Pedestrian Gate
-  Scenic Loop

UNDERSTANDING PLANT LABELS



First line: Common Name
 Second line: Botanical Name
 Third line: Cultivar or Variety



GARDEN FEATURES

- Painter Plants** - Trees and shrubs planted in the mid-1800s. Identified by blue labels
- Magnolias** - Primarily early spring blooming saucer and star magnolias
- Lilacs** - An informal allée of fragrant historic varieties
- Crabapples** - Beautiful spring flowers followed by colorful fall fruits
- Native Woodland Walk** - Shade-loving native plants
- Edible Garden** - A seasonal bounty of vegetables, fruits, and herbs
- Wister Rhododendron Garden** - Nationally recognized collection of over 1,500 specimens of azaleas and rhododendrons
- Fragrant Garden** - Culinary and fragrant herbs and plants
- Stopford Family Meadow Maze** - A labyrinth and meadow ecology garden

TREE HOUSES*

- 1 Storybook Houses
- 2 Imagination Station
- 3 Feathered Friends
- 4 Strummin' and Drummin'
- 5 Cape May Bird House
- 6 Fort Tyler
- 7 Tulip Tree

MORE COOL PLACES

- 8 Crooked Goblin Shack
- 9 Hobbit Hollow
- 10 Lenape Wigwam
- 11 Thoreau's Cabin
- 12 Animal's Hideaway
- 13 Meadow Overlook
- 14 Basking Circle

*Tree Houses are open seasonally: April - November (weather dependent)