



BERKSHIRE
BOTANICAL
GARDEN

MAP OF THE GARDEN



1. Barbara Euston Visitor Center and Shop

Start and end your visit here. Purchase your admission tickets and browse the Shop. We have a great assortment of garden tools, books, gifts and accessories, BBG Herb Associate products, and refreshments on offer.

2. The Tree of Forty Fruit

Created through the process of grafting over several years, this single tree, when completed, will grow up to 40 different varieties of heirloom and rare stone fruit such as apricots, cherries, nectarines, peaches and plums.

Design and grafting by contemporary artist Sam Van Aken, 2018-present

3. Carol Tatkon Entry Garden

A mixed border garden of spring bulbs, annuals, and perennials that provide a riot of color in summer. Shrubs and trees add year-round structure and interest.

Designed by Cudnohufsky Associates, 2002

4. Ash-on-the-Rock

Long ago, a tiny green ash seed germinated in a crack in this boulder. Amazingly, its roots were able to find sufficient nutrients and water to grow into a mature shade tree. The destructive emerald ash borer, now firmly established in this area, could become a challenge for the tree, so we are closely monitoring its health.

5. Children's Discovery Garden

A special place for children of all ages to get their hands dirty and wet while exercising their imaginations and learning about food crops and flowers. A colorful playhouse structure was designed by local artist Allen Timmons.

6. Rain Garden

This garden is a vegetated buffer, a "living filter" through which sediment carried by surface water runoff from our parking lot is removed. The captured water slowly percolates through the soil into the ground water. We have planted shrubs that don't mind "wet feet" and provide a healthy habitat and food for many birds.

Designed by Craig Okerstrom-Lang and Dorthe Hviid, 2002

7. Fitzpatrick Conservatory

This historic curved glass conservatory is home to a containerized collection of succulents and tropical plants and is open to the public year round. Our Bulb Show fills the house with blooms in March.

8. Edible Gardens

The raised beds in these two plots are laid out in tidy grids, each highlighting one type of vegetable or fruit. Raised beds can be planted earlier in spring as their soil warms up faster than lower ground. This is a benefit in our short growing season. *Designed by Jack Staub, 2009*

9. Native Border

Our collection of native North American plants demonstrates the effective use of such shrubs and ground covers for a home garden setting. Native plants can often provide better food sources for native insects and birds while still offering ornamental value.

10. Education Center

Originally constructed in 1973, with a classroom addition added in 2011 through the generous support of the Lenox Garden Club to support the Garden's year-round education program. This building also hosts community groups and BBG fundraising events throughout the year.

11. Woodland

Shrubs, wildflowers and ferns abound beneath a canopy of mixed hardwood and conifer trees. A small vernal pond provides seasonal habitat for wetland plants and animals. Migratory songbirds abound each May.

12. Lexan Greenhouse

Thousands of annuals and vegetable plants are grown here each year from seeds, cuttings and plugs for our display gardens and plant sales. Take a look inside and see what we have growing!

13. Children's Vegetable Garden

Many children get their first taste of vegetable gardening here while attending The Farm and Garden Camp, which takes over our grounds each July and August. Explore this hidden garden to see what's growing in these raised beds.

14. Passive Solar Greenhouse

This unique structure demonstrates how solar energy can be harnessed to provide heat even in the coldest Berkshire winters. Built into a hillside, the greenhouse is insulated from arctic winds on the north side. Inside, water in rows of black plastic barrels is heated by the sun during the day, and heat is slowly released at night, keeping the greenhouse warm enough to overwinter plants hardy to 32°F. No other heat source is needed.

15. Center House Entry Garden

Designed by a team of landscape architecture students from University of Tennessee, this garden has a contemporary sensibility. The plant selection and naturalistic layout framing a fountain and fire feature evoke a feeling of serenity and simplicity. It is a favorite stop on many visitors' tour through our gardens.

16. Vista Garden

This garden room offers four-season interest with spring bulbs, spring and summer flowering shrubs, and trees with spectacular fall color, all interplanted with evergreens that look great even in winter.

Designed by Cudnohufsky Associates and Dorthe Hviid, 1997.

17. de Gersdorff Perennial Border

Sun-loving herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses are planted in large drifts against a backdrop of flowering shrubs and trees. The colors keep changing all summer long.

Designed by Lyle L. Blundell, 1954

18. Frelinghuysen Shade Border

A border of shade-tolerant perennials backed by flowering shrubs and shade trees. Many of the perennials provide ornamental value primarily through their foliage.

Designed by Edith Edelman and Douglas Ruhren, 1999.

19. Daylily Walk

An American Daylily Society Display Garden featuring more than 200 historic and new cultivars from 120 years of hybridizing. The daylilies are organized chronologically by date of introduction and put on a great show in July and August. *Designed by Dorthe Hviid, 2003.*

20. Arboretum/Pinetum

This area of the Garden features a diverse selection of native and exotic trees including American beech, copper beech, honey locust, little-leaf linden, Ohio buckeye, downy hawthorn and yellowwood.

21. Foster Rock Garden

This large stone outcropping is home to plants adapted to the high winds, poor soils, harsh winters and sparse rainfall of mountain habitats around the world.

22. Hosta Garden

A shady part of the Garden that is perfectly suited for our collection of hardy Hosta cultivars interplanted with wildflowers and other woodland plants, framed by a backdrop of ferns.

23. Primrose Walk

The shade of old apple trees and moist soil make for a happy home for primroses. Here they form a patchwork of color in early- to mid-spring.

24. Pond Garden

A woodland water garden with a trickling waterfall showcasing plants that thrive in moist, shady conditions. The garden features native plants with bulbs and spring flowers stealing the show in May. *Design renovated by Anthony Archer-Wills, 2010*

25. Lucy's Garden

BBG's topiary collection showcases the horticultural practice of clipping plants into specific shapes. These living sculptures, surrounded by a copper beech hedge, were created from boxwood, yew, and arborvitae and represent animals as well as inanimate objects. A gazebo provides a shady spot to take a break from your tour.

Designed by Matthew Larkin, 2018

26. Martha Stewart Cottage Garden

An exuberant garden area incorporating heirloom varieties and modern cultivars of flowers and vegetables, interplanted in the English cottage garden tradition and anchored by a garden shed featuring a living sedum roof.

Designed by Martha Stewart, 2009

27. Rose Garden

Our rose garden contains hundreds of shrub roses in an informal setting anchored by a stone mill wheel. In collaboration with David Austin Roses, BBG is trialing a beautiful assortment of new English roses that are known for their color, perfume, and ability to repeat bloom even after their first spectacular show in June.

Designed by Michael Marriott, 2011. Stonework by Mark Mendel.

28. New Wave Garden

Embracing ecological principles that were popularized by Piet Oudolf and other European designers, this low-maintenance garden contains plants well adapted to its site and soil conditions. Despite its lush growth, the garden requires little weeding and no watering. The vigorous plants form dense plant communities, often self-seeding and spreading naturally. Our gardeners leave the spent foliage standing all winter. With snow and frost, this creates beautiful scenes and provides food and shelter for wildlife. In early spring, the garden is quickly renovated and cut back before new growth starts.

29. Herb Garden

First featured in 1937, this historic garden contains over 100 varieties of hardy and tender herbs, planted in terraced hillside beds according to their use and ornamental value. The excellent drainage of the steep and sunny site allows us to grow herbs that might otherwise not like our challenging climate.

Design renovated by Page Dickey, 2009

30. Meadow Walk

A mown path meandering through this uncultivated space invites exploration of a large meadow and woodland edge. Through careful intervention, we plan to enrich the meadow ecology with increasing numbers of wildflower species, while invasive weeds will be selectively removed to create a new balance of plants.

31. Herb Production Garden

Behind our Center House you will find a sunny garden where BBG's Herb Associate volunteer group grow the culinary herbs used in making products that are sold in the BBG Shop. Crops include annual herbs such as basil and marjoram, perennial herbs like lavender and mint, and even edible flowers. These ingredients are turned into delicious mustards, vinegars and herb mixes.

32. Procter Mixed Border Garden

An old-fashioned mixed border garden planted with trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and bulbs in a predominately cool, pink, blue and purple color scheme.

Designed by E. Gillette Wilcox, 1965

33. Center House

The oldest structure on BBG's property, this 18th century farmhouse was recently renovated and expanded to include a botanical art gallery, reference library, teaching kitchen and classroom. Don't miss our stunning living wall in the entrance foyer!