OUR MISSION

The mission of the Haverford College Arboretum is to steward the College’s historic tree collection while fostering a connection between our 216-acre campus and those who work, visit, study, and reside here. Maintaining the health, diversity, and history of the tree collection honors William Carvill’s original 1834 landscape design, while our educational programming ensures continued engagement with this unique and treasured asset.

Penn Treaty Elm
(Ulmus americana)

A direct descendant of the Penn Treaty Elm raised from seed survives on Barclay Beach and is perpetuated by seedlings gathered by the Arboretum staff in spring.

WELCOME to the Haverford College Arboretum

Our 2.2-mile Nature Trail roughly follows the perimeter of the 216-acre campus.

The trail was established in 1933 by the Campus Club, a group of interested alums and students, to showcase the College’s growing collection of trees and shrubs and encourage bird-watching. Athletic teams soon found the trail an excellent place to train.

Today, portions go through the Arboretum’s conifer collection in the 18-acre Pinetum, past athletic fields and summer meadows that support wildlife, and alongside the scenic Duck Pond.

Please observe these simple courtesies so others may enjoy the trail as well: no bike riding, keep dogs on a leash at all times and off athletic fields, clean up after your pet, and dispose of all waste and litter in a trash can or recycle bin.

Watch your footing; trees have roots! The dirt and gravel trail, open dawn to dusk, is generally shaded and flat. But use it at your own risk. The trail is not maintained during the winter season.

Public restrooms may be found in the Whitehead Campus Center, Coursey Road.

Haverford College Arboretum Hours

The Haverford College Arboretum is open every day of the year (except Commencement Day in May) from dawn to dusk. Please park in the Visitors’ Lot.

Free Arboretum guided tours are offered seasonally. Call (610) 896-1101 for dates. A fee is charged for group tours by appointment.

Join Us

Help support the preservation of this, the oldest planned campus landscape in the country, by joining the Haverford College Arboretum Association. Members receive a seasonal newsletter, seasonal discounts, and invitations to special events.

Find out about upcoming events, support our renewal efforts, and become a member of the Arboretum at haverford.edu/arboretum or (610) 896-1101. Volunteers are always appreciated.

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**HIGHLIGHTS for Visitors**

1. **Duck Pond**
   The 3.5-acre pond is home to many native species of birds, mammals, fish, and reptiles. The adjacent Skating House hearkens back to the pond’s early history as a skating and sledding venue.

2. **Penn Treaty Elm**
   It is said that in 1682, William Penn made a pact of peace and unity with the Lenni Lenape Nation under an American Elm. Planted in 1915, this tree is a direct descendant of the famous Penn Treaty Elm.

3. **Nature Trail**
   Open from dawn until dusk, our popular 2.2-mile pedestrian trail roughly follows the perimeter of our 216-acre campus. Please leash and clean up after your pets. Never allow your pets to urinate on saplings!

4. **HaverFarm**
   Designed to integrate sustainable food and agriculture into the lives of students, faculty, staff, and community members, the HaverFarm distributes produce to community members, the Dining Center, and local food banks.

5. **Ryan Pinetum**
   More than 300 trees are labeled with their common, scientific, and family names. Gold labels denote State Champion Trees. Enter from Featherbed Lane or the Nature Trail.

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