Welcome to the Haverford College Arboretum

Feel free to explore the meadows, gardens, and wooded areas of the Arboretum, which encompasses the College’s entire 216-acre campus. We treasure its vibrant natural beauty and are delighted to share it with our friends and neighbors.

One of our best-loved features is the 2.2-mile Nature Trail, which roughly follows the perimeter of the campus. The trail was established in 1933 by the Campus Club, a group of alumni and students who wanted 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 of the trail go through the 18-acre Pinetum, showcasing the Arboretum’s conifer collection, past athletic fields and summer meadows that support wildlife, and alongside the scenic Duck Pond.

Please watch your footing on the Nature Trail and use it at your own risk. It is not maintained during the winter.

During your visit, please observe these courtesies:
- No bike riding on the Nature Trail.
- Keep dogs leashed and off the athletic fields; clean up after your pet.
- Dispose of waste and litter properly in trash cans or recycle bins.

Enhance your visit with the Arboretum Explorer, our searchable online tool.

Follow themed tours, find dedicated trees, and locate highlights of our collection. Scan the QR code or go to haverford.arboretumexplorer.org.

General Visitor Information
- The Arboretum is open daily (except Commencement Day in May) from dawn to dusk.
- Please park in the Visitors’ Lot.
- Public restrooms are in the Whitehead Campus Center on Coursey Road.
- Guided tours are offered seasonally. A fee is charged for group tours by appointment.

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.

Join Us

Help support the preservation of the oldest planned campus landscape in the country by becoming a member of the Haverford College Arboretum. Members receive a seasonal newsletter, discounts, and invitations to special events. Join or learn more at:

haverford.edu/arboretum/membership

Contact us: arbor@haverford.edu or (610) 896-1101

American elm (Ulmus americana)
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 Treaty Elm
Planted in 1915, this historic tree is a scion of an American elm planted on Haverford’s campus in 1840 and descended directly from the storied tree linked to the earliest encounters between the Lenape natives and William Penn in the 17th century.

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.