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 range of program offerings, and other Delaware Valley plants in the Scenic Loop, Wister Rhododendron Garden, Fragrant Garden and more.

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

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**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.

**More Information**

For more information please visit [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org).

**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 learn about edibles in the Vegetable Demonstration 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, search the Stopford Family Meadow Maze, visit the Magical Path 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 wheel-chair 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.

**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.

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.

**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

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, our around the Scenic Loop, and around the Wister Rhododendron Garden.

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

**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](http://www.tylerarboretum.org).
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 allee of fragrant historic varieties.
Crabapples - Beautiful spring flowers followed by colorful fall fruits.
Native Woodland Walk - Shade loving native plants.
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. Magical Path
11. Lenape Wigwam
12. Thoreau's Cabin
13. Animal's Hideaway
14. Meadow Overlook
15. Basking Circle