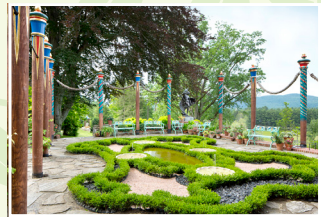


Trustees Public Gardens Where Inspiration Grows

Explore these twelve inspiring places as they grow and change throughout the seasons and the years. Many Trustees gardens have undergone significant rejuvenations in recent years, thanks to the generosity of Members and supporters. Ranging in size from one to 165 acres, our gardens provide opportunities for quiet reflection, artistic inspiration, and the joy of discovering horticultural treasures.

1 Naumkeag STOCKBRIDGE

This National Historic Landmark began as a family summer cottage, lived in for two generations by the Choate family. Starting in 1926, Mabel Choate and renowned landscape architect Fletcher Steele created Naumkeag's striking Modern garden rooms. These include the famous Blue Steps, the whimsical Afternoon Garden, the walled Chinese Garden, the Peony Terraces, and Rose Garden.



2 The Mission House STOCKBRIDGE

The garden at The Mission House, a National Historic Landmark, is one of only three surviving Fletcher Steele designed masterworks open to the public (Naumkeag being another). The gardens reflect Steele's interpretation of Stockbridge's 18th-century garden history overlaid with interpretive spaces for Stockbridge-Munsee traditional plantings.

3 Ashintully Gardens TYRINGHAM

This symphonic landscape was created over thirty years by composer John McLennan, Jr. The gardens blend several natural features—a rushing stream, native deciduous trees, drumlins, and mountain meadows—with a designed landscape arranged in a series of sweeping lines and interlocking spaces.

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4 Farandnear SHIRLEY

Located on the site of the former summer home of accomplished political scientist and professor Arthur Banks and his family, this reservation features open fields, a pinetum with more than 80 specimen conifer trees, perennial gardens, a cranberry bog, 2.7 miles of wooded trails, and fields of wildflowers.



8 Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate CANTON

Designed by noted architect Charles Platt in 1902, this 90-acre country retreat includes a formal walled garden, terraces, a Camellia house, and kitchen garden, surrounded by broad lawns, meadows, and a former gentleman's farm.

9 Governor Oliver Ames Estate EASTON

These former grounds of a 19th-century estate include a winding road and paths traversing wooded hills, meadows, and ponds under the dappled shade of century-old arboretum trees. The footprint of the greenhouse complex can be found behind an historic carriage house. A succession of unusual trees have been added for the enjoyment of future generations.

10 Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens NEW BEDFORD

In the heart of New Bedford, these six acres include beautifully landscaped gardens, historic buildings, and greenhouses which were once visited by the likes of Martha Stewart and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

5 Stevens-Coolidge House & Gardens NORTH ANDOVER

A newly expanded array of bountiful gardens and native plantings complements this former farm turned early-20th-century estate by Helen Stevens and her husband John Gardner Coolidge, and preservation architect Joseph Everett Chandler. The property includes a walled rose garden, greenhouse, serpentine brick wall, and potager, along with accessible pathways to enhance your visit.



6 Castle Hill on the Crane Estate IPSWICH

Modeled after the gardens of Renaissance Europe and offering magnificent ocean views, this 2,100-acre National Historic Landmark displays the creative genius of five nationally recognized landscape architects and two architects set amidst some of the best coastal views in Massachusetts.



7 Long Hill BEVERLY

The Trustees' most horticulturally diverse property, this 114-acre hillside features five acres of sweet aromas, vivid colors, and botanical diversity laid out in a series of separate garden rooms. A new Horticultural Learning Campus was completed in 2023, featuring a greenhouse and workspace, outdoor gathering areas, and classroom and lecture space in the property's refurbished farmhouse.



11 Armstrong-Kelley Park OSTERVILLE

At 8.5 acres, this garden and woodland oasis features rare trees, shady trails, and flourishing gardens. Look for more than two dozen rare species of trees, along with rhododendron and other shrubs, a delightful Children's Garden, and an expanded Water Garden.



12 Mytoi MARTHA'S VINEYARD

This Japanese-inspired stroll garden on bucolic Chappaquiddick Island offers serenity and a place of contemplation. Paths wind through Japanese maples, pines, and flowering shrubs, highlighting views within the garden.

For a detailed look at each of The Trustees' gardens and the reservations that house them, visit thetrustees.org/gardens