

## Welcome to Tower Hill

Tower Hill Botanic Garden is a year-round, living museum displaying the finest plants for cultivation in central New England, with appeal to both the amateur and professional gardener, as well as the general public.

Present features include the **Entry Garden** and **Court** which give visitors an informative overview of the garden and its themes.

The **Stoddard Education & Visitors Center** houses classrooms, a theater with an orientation video, a gallery, rest rooms, a drinking fountain, wheelchair loan and Twigs Café. Visitors will find books, tools, gifts, garden ornaments, live plants and film at *The Shop at Tower Hill*. The 8,000 volume library also contains periodicals, nursery catalogs, and exhibits of horticulturally related art.

An 18th-century style **Orangerie** or cool greenhouse, complemented by the new **Limonaia** or Lemon House, features winter blooming, temperate and subtropical plants from October through May. The **Winter Garden** showcases plants with winter and year-round interest.

Providing an educational experience in a beautiful setting, the **Systematic Garden** focuses on plant evolution and plant relationships.

## Garden Etiquette

For your own enjoyment and safety, and to protect and preserve the plants, follow these simple rules:

- Stay on paths or lawns.
- Leave all plants, flowers and wildlife undisturbed.
- Leave pets at home. Assistance animals welcome!
- Park in designated areas only.
- Enjoy your picnic, but no alcohol, please.
- No smoking in the buildings, or along the trails through fields and woodland.
- Dispose of trash properly.
- Youths under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Footwear and shirts must be worn at all times.
- Radios and musical instruments not permitted.
- No climbing on rock walls or statuary, running, barbecuing or active sports (*frisbee, ball playing, kite flying, biking etc.*).
- Commercial/wedding photography permitted by appointment only.

## Points of Interest

**Cottage and Vegetable Gardens** adjoin the circa 1727 Farmhouse. These smaller, inspirational gardens are intimate in scale. The **Farmhouse** houses Tower Hill's administrative offices.

**The Lawn Garden** offers more than 350 species and varieties of trees and shrubs, underplanted with groundcovers and low-maintenance perennials. Twin pergolas overlook the **Secret Garden** of fragrant plants.

Flanking the entrance drive is the **Harrington Orchard** featuring the **Davenport Collection** of 119 heirloom apple varieties. The trees are arranged according to the ripening times of the apples.

**The Wildlife Garden** surrounds a vernal pond and contains feeding stations and shelter for birds and bats. Plants attractive to birds and butterflies are being added. A "**Bird House**" protects human wildlife/observers from mosquitos while displaying information about some of the birds one may see in this area.

Visit the **Belvedere** for a dramatic view of Mount Wachusett and the Wachusett Reservoir. Continue north along the trail to Tower Hill Summit, the highest point on the property.

The 1 mile-long **Loop Trail** circles through managed natural areas including the **Inner Park and Wildlife Refuge Pond**. Intended as a naturalistic landscape, it displays a rich diversity of native species. Architectural features in the classical revival style, such as the whimsical **Folly** and **The Moss Steps**, provide interesting destination points.

## Hours

### Garden, Orangerie & Shop At Tower Hill

9<sup>am</sup>-5<sup>pm</sup> Tue-Sun & holiday Mondays

5-8<sup>pm</sup>, Wed, May-Sept, Serving Tapas at Twigs Café

**Gift Shop** also open Wed. evenings, May-Sept

**Library** 10<sup>am</sup> - 4<sup>pm</sup>; Tue, Thur & Sat

**Twigs Café** 11<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>

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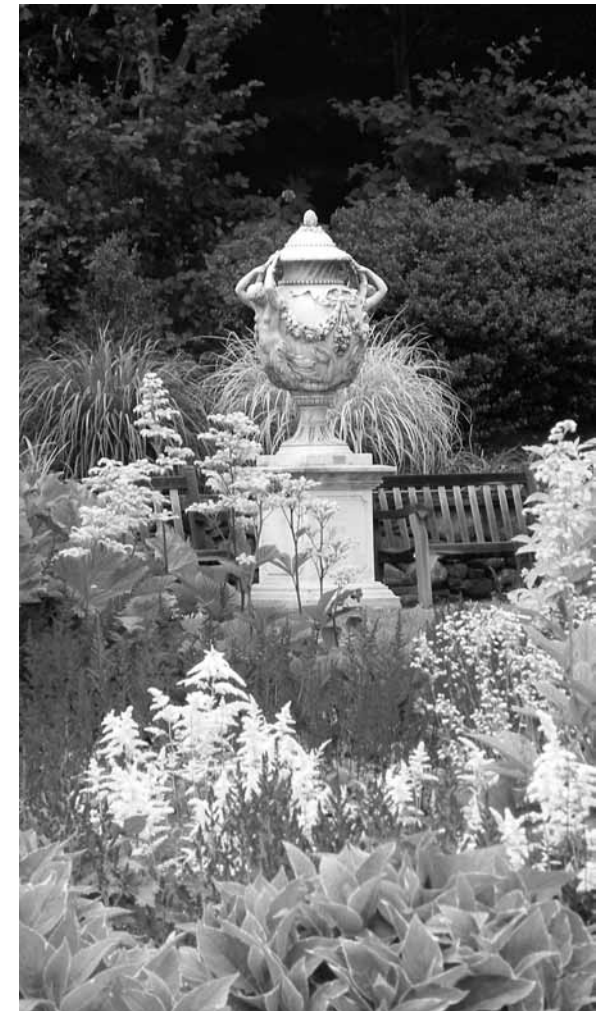


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# Garden Map

A Visitor's Guide to  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden



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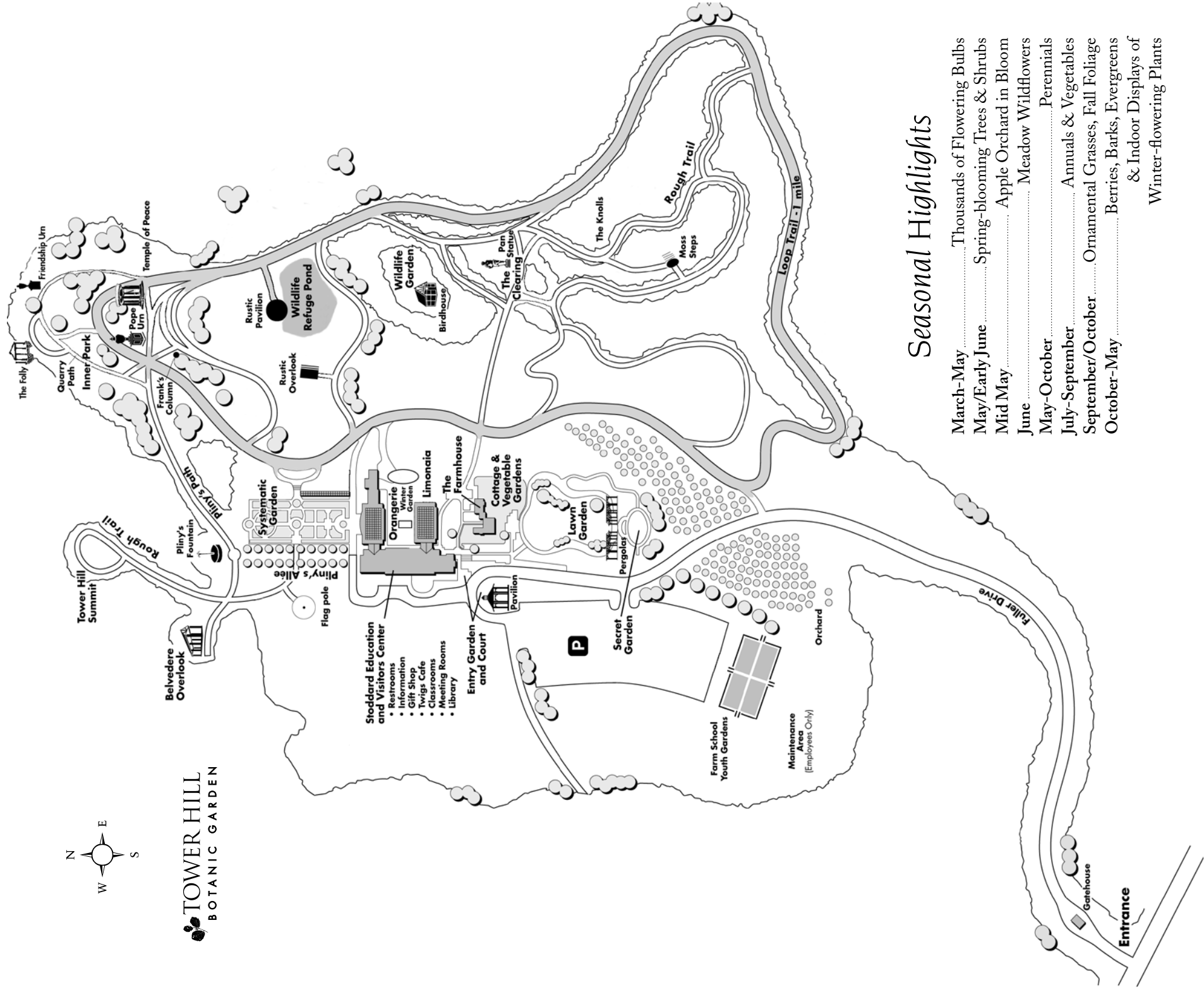
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- Stoddard Education and Visitors Center**
- Restrooms
  - Information
  - Gift Shop
  - Twigs Cafe
  - Classrooms
  - Meeting Rooms
  - Library

## Seasonal Highlights

- March-May ..... Thousands of Flowering Bulbs  
 May/Early June ..... Spring-blooming Trees & Shrubs  
 Mid May ..... Apple Orchard in Bloom  
 June ..... Meadow Wildflowers  
 May-October ..... Perennials  
 July-September ..... Annuals & Vegetables  
 September/October ..... Ornamental Grasses, Fall Foliage  
 October-May ..... Berries, Barks, Evergreens  
 & Indoor Displays of  
 Winter-flowering Plants