

The Sensory Garden is a unique, barrier-free garden where visitors of all abilities can experience nature.

It is designed with wide pathways and raised flower beds that encourage the use of all five senses—touch, taste, smell, sight and sound.

Although the design of the Sensory Garden addresses the needs of visitors with challenges, it also provides volunteer and educational opportunities for the general public.

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum is a volunteer non-profit conservancy whose mission is to preserve Laurelwood Arboretum as an oasis for the enjoyment of nature and to provide opportunities for environmental awareness through educational programs, community involvement and outreach activities.



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Welcome to the Sensory Garden



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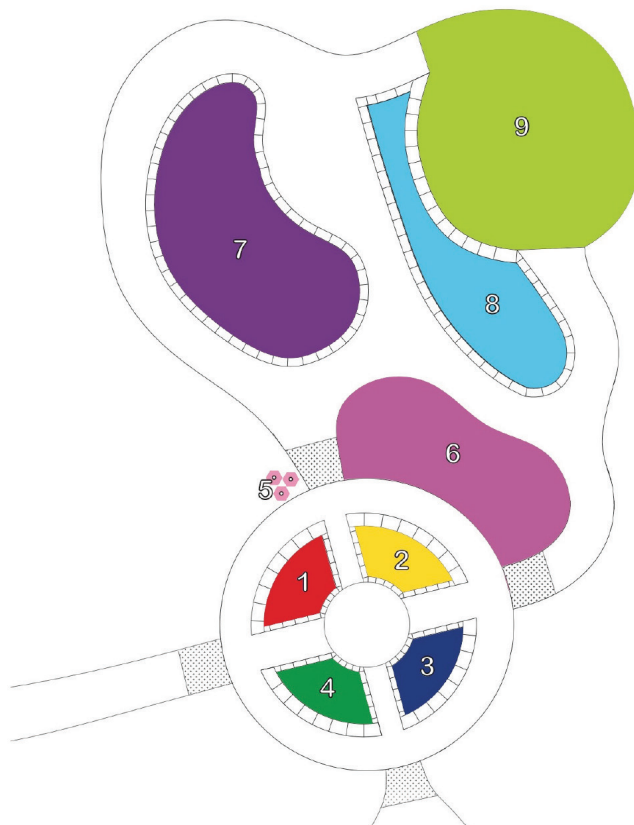
Laurelwood Arboretum is one of very few public parks in the area that features a space designed specifically for children and adults who have visual, physical, or emotional impairments.

The sensory garden is recreated anew each year and maintained by the horticultural staff and volunteers.

This special place was funded by Passaic County Open Space Commission, Lions Clubs of Wayne and West Milford, Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum, and Wayne Township.



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Designed for the Senses

1. Touch: Soft, spiky and smooth plants like jade, succulents, hens and chicks, ornamental grass, and sedum in this raised bed edged in riverstone.
2. Taste: What nature has to offer like basil, sage, thyme, stevia, nasturtium and oregano.
3. Sight: Take in the color explosion of geraniums, abutilon, veronica, four o'clocks, and other annuals.
4. Smell: Fragrant flowers and herbs like geraniums, Vick's plant, Asiatic lily, lemon verbena.

5. Sound: Relax and enjoy the sounds of our water feature and listen to the birdsongs and breezes in the surrounding trees.

6. Pollinator Bed: Observe bees, butterflies, caterpillars and other pollinators moving from plant to plant, like butterfly weed, swamp milkweed, blood flowers and dill.

7. Lavender Bed: Enjoy the delicate color and fragrance of English lavenders 'Hidcote,' 'Munstead' and 'Phenomenal.' The bed is edged in thyme.

8. Tropical Bed: Full of vibrant overwintered plants from our greenhouse, including banana, coleus, tropical plumbago, and red-flowering hibiscus.

9. Learning Circle: A place for quiet contemplation and educational gatherings.



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