

9. Dorothy's Way This 500-ft path traverses the gentle slope parallel to Brook Road. It is believed that many of the plantings along its length were part of a Knippenberg hybrid trial area. The rhododendrons usually bloom in late May. The memorial trail was constructed by volunteers of all ages and the wooden arbors at each end were Eagle Scout projects.

10. Brook Road Continue alongside the brook and pass several bridges built by Boy Scouts. See if you can spot the "Fairy Tree" and the "Door to Nowhere". Notice the tall white oaks, magnolias, river birch and a magnificent climbing hydrangea reaching high into the upper story of a tree.

11. Lilac Walk Just before the South Rock Garden on the right is the entrance to the naturalized area "Back 40" and a collection of lilacs including blue "President Lincoln" and deep purple "Monge". Full bloom usually occurs around Mother's Day.

12. South Rock Garden One of Dorothy's favorite gardens. It has been maintained for many years by the Passaic County Master Gardener volunteers and is currently being renovated by members of the North American Rock Garden Society and Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum volunteers. The garden also features a bridge built by an Eagle Scout.

13. Dawn Redwood An unusual tree once known only from fossils but then discovered in China in 1947. It is one of the few deciduous, cone-bearing trees. Bright green needles turn brick red before shedding in autumn. This specimen was gifted to the Knippenbergs and was one of the first planted in the US.

14. Ridge Road Offers unique views of the arboretum and features rare collections of hybrid rhododendrons and tall Eastern Hemlocks, remnants of old growth ravine forests that have existed since the last ice age.

15. Edith Bogue/Southern Magnolia At the corner of Ridge Road and long Valley Road is a beautiful specimen featuring long, broad, glossy leaves. It is the hardiest of the magnolias and has 4" fragrant flowers in July followed by red fruit in September and dried pods throughout the winter.

16. Hybrid Rhododendron Collection A grove of Dexter Rhododendrons grows just past Long Valley Road on the right. Charles Dexter, a hybridizer from Cape Cod, created some of the most beautiful big-leaf rhododendrons. On the left side are small-leaf, rhododendrons hybridized by Guy Nearing. Nearing was a gifted botanist in New Jersey where he hybridized hardy and dwarf rhododendrons

17. Spring Garden Directly facing you at the intersection of Ridge Road, the Fairway and Easy Way is a statuesque Kousa (Japanese) Dogwood. It is a deciduous tree native to eastern Asia with extremely showy flowers in late spring. Bulbs at its base are in bloom from April to May.

18. Easy Way Named because of a gentler slope than Home Hill. It takes you back toward the Knippenberg Center. The hillside is covered with white foxglove in early summer because, loyal to Dorothy's wishes, staff and volunteers remove the errant pink ones that occasionally appear.

1. Knippenberg Center for Education and Greenhouse Provides space for educational programs, exhibits and community activities, resource library and handicapped-accessible restrooms. Funding was provided by the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust, the Wayne Township Open Space Fund and Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum. All the furniture, rugs, electronic equipment were donated by local supporters. The adjacent Educational Greenhouse complements the site, offering opportunities for hands-on programs and activities.

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2. Native Plant Demonstration Garden The landscape border for the Knippenberg Center offers sustainable landscaping for the environment and opportunities for native plant education. Funding for the garden was provided by the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust and the Ira A. Roschelle, MD Family Foundation.

3. Sensory Garden As the name implies, a garden of colorful blooms, interesting textures, restful sounds and fragrant blossoms for the senses of sight, touch, hearing and smell. This space can be negotiated by wheelchairs, and raised flower beds permit easier access by handicapped visitors. Gardens are renewed each year by the horticultural staff and volunteers. The Lions Club of Wayne initiated a revised layout on the original site of a braille trail created by Dorothy Knippenberg and a local girl scout. Funding was provided by the Passaic County Board of Freeholders, the Lions Club of Wayne and Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum.

4. Summer Garden This colorful garden features an Adirondack-style bench designed by David Robinson. Funding was provided by a close friend of Dorothy Knippenberg.

5. Upper Greenhouse Originally a rhododendron propagation greenhouse, it now serves as the working greenhouse for Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum volunteers who grow plants for plant sales and display gardens.

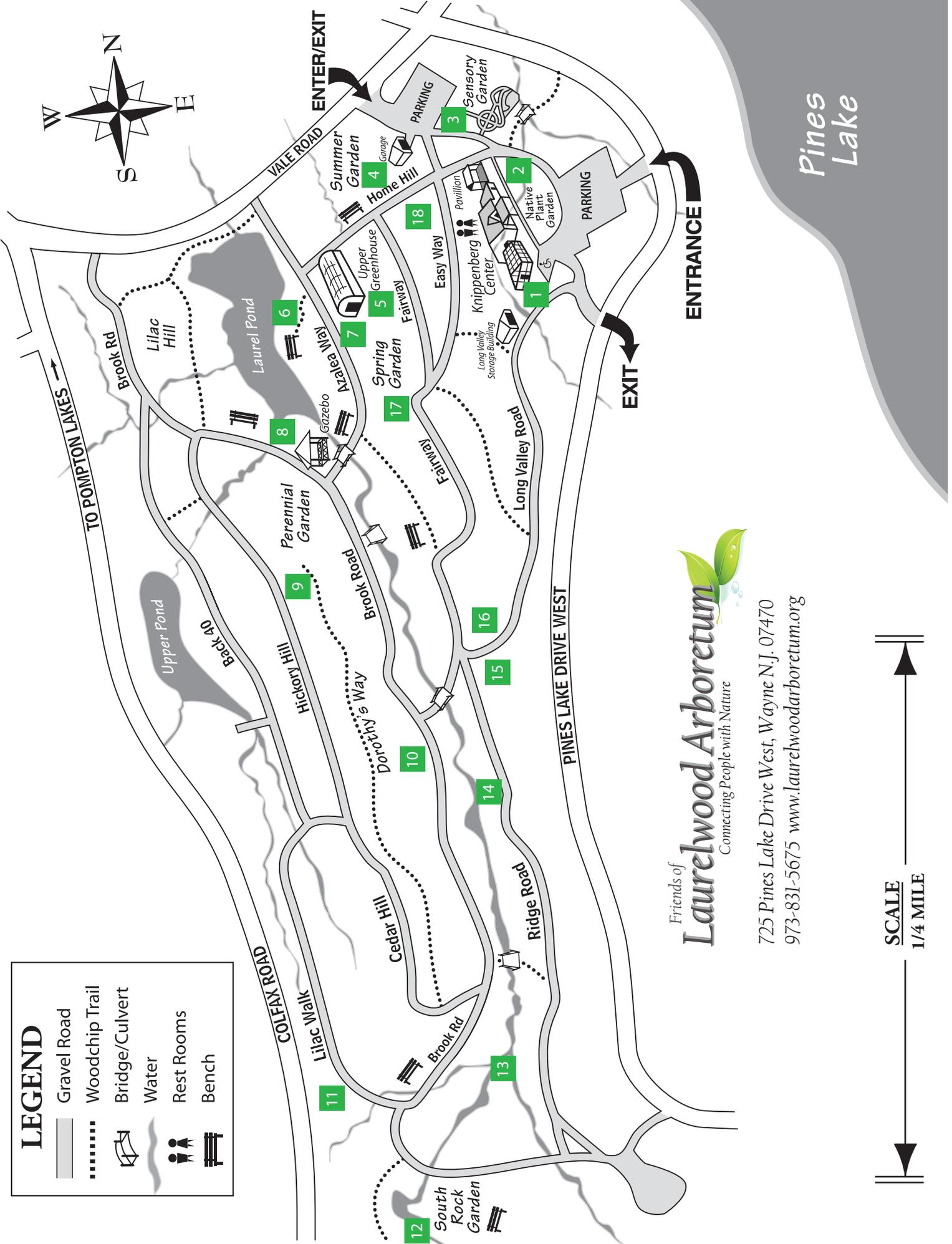
6. Laurel Pond One of the first construction projects in the arboretum, it is an expansion of an existing stream that helps to manage drainage and occasional seasonal high water. It is the primary irrigation source for the gardens.

7. Azalea Way A spectacular path especially in mid-May when azaleas, hybridized by Joseph Gable of Pennsylvania, are in full bloom. Among the hybrids are Othello, Snow and Rose Greeley.

8. Knippenberg Memorial Gazebo Constructed on the site where Dorothy and her volunteers would sit on a ring of tree stumps after a long work session. Overlooking the pond, the gazebo was created by David Robinson using wood of the osage orange and red cedar. Funds were provided by a close friend of Dorothy Knippenberg.

LEGEND

-  Gravel Road
-  Woodchip Trail
-  Bridge/Culvert
-  Water
-  Rest Rooms
-  Bench



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