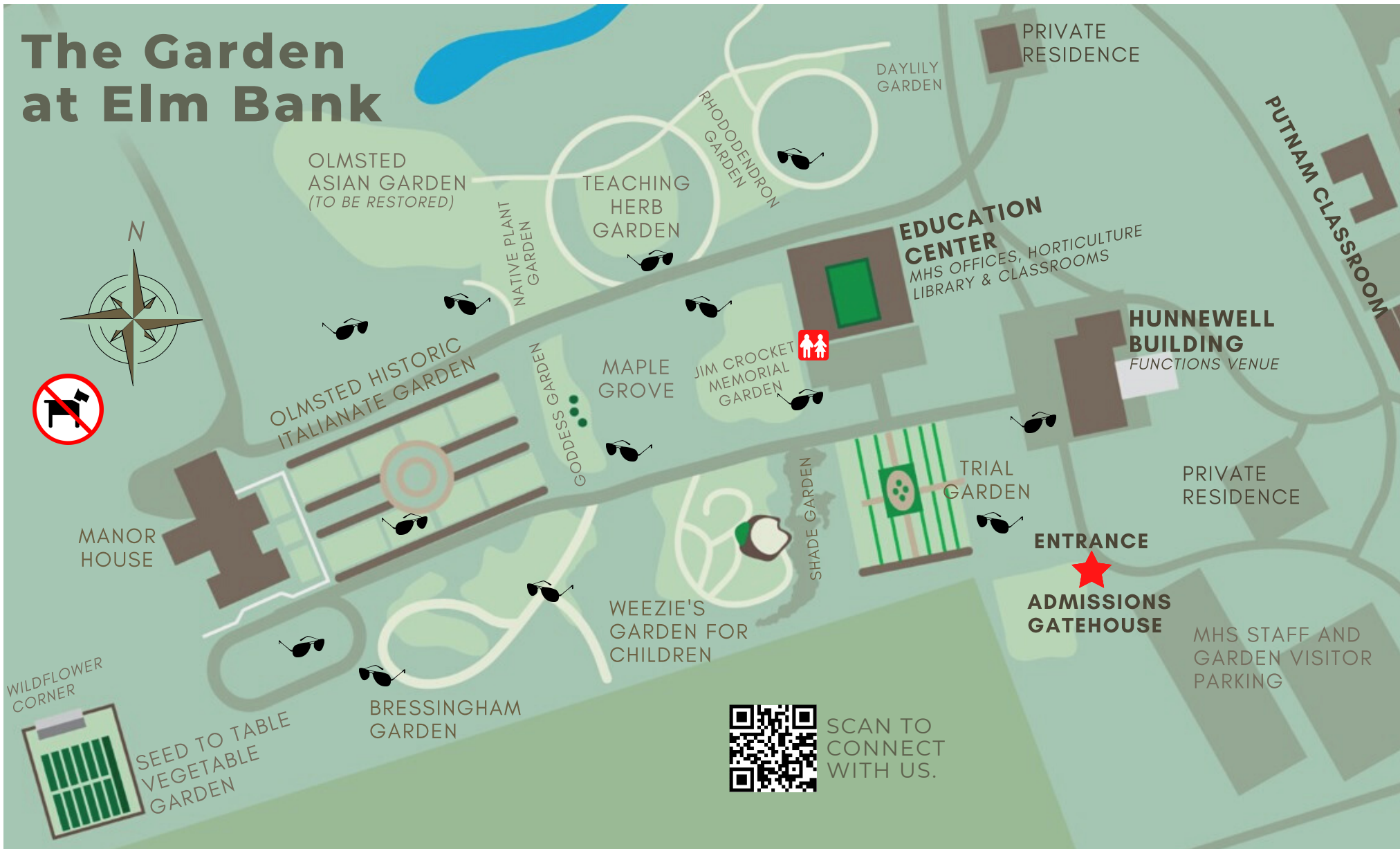


The Garden at Elm Bank



The garden is an integral part of Massachusetts Horticultural Society (MHS), a nonprofit with a mission dedicated to encouraging the science and practice of horticulture and to develop the public's enjoyment, appreciation, and understanding of plants and the environment. MHS leases the garden area from the State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).



Restrooms are located on the west side of the Education Center.



Service Dogs Only. Help us maintain the quality of the garden by leaving pets at home.



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Mon-Thurs 10am-7pm | Friday-Sun 10am-4pm

Bressingham Garden

Added in 2007 and designed by plantsman Adrian Bloom of Bressingham, England, this garden was installed in two days by more than 200 volunteers. It is a four-season garden that uses 'mass planting' techniques to create visual impact. Island beds full of perennials and trees create functional and beautiful residential landscape example.

Trial Garden

The first garden installed by MHS; it is one of three trial gardens in New England, and tests new and unreleased varieties of annuals and perennials, as well as heirloom vegetables. Plants under trial are grown beside similar, established varieties and are judged based on suitability for growing in zones 5 and 6.

Hartley Botanic Greenhouse

Installed in 2017, this beautiful greenhouse displays how home gardeners can accommodate and use a greenhouse on their property.

Shade Garden

This garden features a variety of hosta and other shade-loving plants, many donated by the New England Hosta Society.

Weezie's Garden for Children

Designed by Julie Messervy, this layout highlights small 'rooms' in one large space, created to engage the senses and spark imagination. Rooms include a pollinator garden, backyard wildlife garden, and more. A highlight of this garden is the misting water feature surrounded by colorful stones. These stones are petrified wood, a form of fossil, which ties into the prehistoric plants and Ginkgo tree growing near-by.

Goddess Garden

These statues are the Roman goddesses Flora, Ceres, and Pomona. They were originally installed on the facade of the 2nd Horticulture Hall in Boston. In 2020 these goddesses received a much needed cleaning and restoration. See their full story on our website.

Jim Crockett Memorial Garden

This relaxing area is a favorite for picnics and catching up with friends. Dedicated to honor Jim Crockett (of PBS's 'The Victory Garden'). Crockett was a member of Alpha Tau Gamma fraternity at Mass Stockbridge School who donated this perennial shade garden.

Daylily Garden

This garden features more than 100 varieties of heirloom daylilies. Visit in early summer for a sea of blooms.

Olmsted Italianate Garden

This garden was designed by Percival Gallagher of the Olmsted Firm and functioned as a room of the Manor house with its tall, hedged walls. The Camperdown elms (trees nearest the house) are grafted trees and original to Gallagher's design. The fountain is a 14th century Spanish baptismal font, purchased by Alice Cheney-Baltzell on her honeymoon. During evening garden events this fountain illuminates with a rainbow of colors.

Olmsted Asian Garden

This garden was part of Olmsted's original 1907 design, and is currently under restoration. A handful of trees in this area are original to the design, along with the slate pavers you will find circling the pond.

Manor House

Alice Cheney-Baltzell was the last individual who lived on this property. In 1907, she hired Carrere and Hastings to design the house (this firm also designed the NY Public Library) and the Olmsted Brothers to design the gardens. It was built at the same time as the Hunnewell Building (which functioned as the carriage house). Learn more about the history of Elm Bank on our website.

Native Plant Garden

This garden space has evolved from a mostly grass and daffodil garden, to now include a wide variety of native plant species. It is a vital teaching space and a designated Pollinator Pathway.

Teaching Herb Garden

Planted like a clock, each wedge has a theme highlighting the herb's use or history. This garden is maintained by the New England Unit of the Herb Society of America.

Allan Peyton Memorial

Rhododendron Garden

Planted here are unusual small-leaved varieties of rhododendron and varieties that can grow in full sun. Find shade varieties near the garden entrance. Visit in spring for optimum blooms.

Seed to Table

Vegetable Garden

This garden was established with the purpose to help people learn about growing their own food. From raised beds to potted containers, this garden showcases different ways home gardeners can find success.

Upcoming Events

Garden Tails, Drop-in Storytime
Mondays & Wednesdays, 11am.

Arbor Day Celebration, April 30 & May 1
Enjoy a variety of tree-themed educational activities from leaf rubbings & trail walks to scavenger hunts and tree anatomy, this event is designed for families to learn about a variety of tree topics.

Micro-Topia, May 6 & 7
Wander the gardens and browse goods from curated vendors, watch master chefs and mixologists, attend garden lectures. *Free admission for MHS members.*
Visit Masshort.org for more information

Garden Etiquette

- Walk only on paths and lawns, not in garden beds
- Leave the plants and animals as they are
- Keep the garden smoke-free
- Carry out what you bring in and do not leave belongings unattended
- Sports activities, pets, bikes, trikes, scooters, and loud sounds belong elsewhere
- Please keep your children in sight
- Photography sessions are not permitted without an appointment

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