

Story Circle

Share a joyful memory from your time in the garden today. What new things did you learn or see? What did you like most? Ask an adult what they like about Weezie's Garden, and have them share a story from when they first learned to love gardening.



After you explore Weezie's Garden for Children, return to the Visitors Center to claim a special prize!

Garden Map



Garden Guidelines

- Be gentle with the plants, please keep their roots in the ground.
- Please no wading or swimming.
- Respect the wildlife (we like that they live here), remember that the plants provide them the food they need to eat.
- Adults stay with your children, help cultivate their love of gardening.

*A fun, family guide for exploring
the Children's Garden.*

Weezie's Garden for Children Family Discovery Guide



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Drop-in Children's Programs: Tuesday-Sunday 10am - 11am

Garden Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10am - 4pm

Explore the Garden!

Enchanted Woodland

If you were a fairy or gnome where in our woodland would you make your home? Could you build a fairy house near your home? *Remember, no plants or other living things should be harmed to make a fairy house.*

Buzz About Pollinator Garden

In this garden, plants grow to provide food and habitat for pollinators, animals that move pollen from one plant to another. This helps plants to make fruit and seeds. Pollinators include many types of bees, moths, butterflies, beetles, bats and hummingbirds. How many different pollinators can you see? Are they all the same? How are they different?

The Garden Classroom

Here in this hands-on classroom, we host children's programs every Tuesday to Sunday from 10-11am. Can you attend a program today or in the future? What do you want to learn about in our classroom?

Backyard Wildlife

There are many animals that can live in a garden: birds, insects, chipmunks and frogs (to name a few). Close your eyes and listen for the sounds of wildlife. Sit quietly for a minute and count how many different animals you hear. Open your eyes, be still and see if any critters come closer to you. What are the animals doing in the garden? How can you create wildlife habitat in your own backyard?

New England Waterways

The water cycles through this fountain like water flows through different habitats in nature. Can you find areas that look like streams, bogs, ponds or falls? Look for plants and animals that need these water ecosystems to live and grow. Share with your friends and family how you can protect water so it's available for the people, plants and animals that need it.

Dinosaur Garden

The plants in this garden have grown on Earth for millions of years, even before the dinosaurs! Touch the bark of the trees and feel the leaves (*keep them on the plant*) How are these plants different from plants in other parts of the garden?

Naturalist's Study

Go on a hunt through the garden! Find something you have never seen before—like a plant, a bug or a bird. If you can, take its picture! Go to the twig tower to find the Naturalist's Study. Can you use the field guides to figure out what type of plant or animal you found? You can share your photo with Mass Hort at Facebook/Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Seed to Table Garden

Plants nourish our bodies and bring our senses to life! Explore the Tea Party Garden, First Nation Foods, and Grandma's Veggie Patch. Find a plant you have eaten recently, what is it called? Can you find a plant that smells like lemons or one that has very soft leaves?

Does your family have a favorite food memory or recipe that contains plants that grow in this garden? Share these memories with others in your group.