

THE ARBORETUM AT PENN STATE

H.O. SMITH BOTANIC GARDENS

**Welcome through Childhood's Gate,
the children's garden in the H.O Smith Botanic Gardens.**

This is your garden—a place of transformation, discovery, and learning. Experience the unique history, beauty, and culture of our region. Be inspired to become a steward of our world for every generation.

In addition to the Arboretum rules, in the children's garden we ask that visitors please:

Be curious

This is a learning landscape for children of all ages to explore together. Our garden guides are here to support your experience in the garden. Wander, wonder, explore, and ask questions.

Be safe

Children twelve years of age and under must be in the company of an adult who is responsible for their supervision at all times.

Please keep two feet on the ground. It is not safe to climb on the walls, cave, discovery tree, or large boulders in the garden.

Our rocks are tools for learning. They are not for throwing.

There are several water features within the children's garden. Wading is permissible in the In and Out Creek and in the water on the floor of the Limestone Cave, but children should not enter the water features near the garden entrance.

Be respectful

Please enjoy and learn about our plants by sight, smell, or gentle touch, but do not pick or damage them.

Please remain on the paths and do not walk in the garden beds.

Learning materials and tools are to remain in the garden for others to enjoy.

Be aware of the needs of others in the garden.

Be responsible

Help keep our garden clean. Please use our trash and recycling bins.

The Garden is growing, just like you. Thank you for helping us to take care of it.