



# Stoneleigh Natural Lands

*a natural garden*

**open** Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00AM–5:00PM  
closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

**dogs and other pets are prohibited.**  
Service animals are welcome for guests with disabilities.  
Please use caution when walking along the drives as they are occasionally used by service vehicles.

**1 entrance**

**2 parking lot**

**3 garden entrance**

**4 welcome kiosk**

**5 main house**

The Tudor Revival-style Main House was built in 1900 and served as a family home for more than 100 years. Native plants have transformed the surrounding terrace gardens, and a large London planetree sculpture welcomes guests and wildlife with its striking form. The Main House is open for programs, pre-arranged group tours, or private rentals only. It is also the office and archives of the Organ Historical Society.

**6 great lawn**

Designed by the famed Olmsted Brothers in the 1920s, the Great Lawn is framed by towering trees to create a secluded yet expansive space. The no-mow edge boosts the lawn's ability to support biodiversity and reduces the need for fossil fuels and staff time.

**7 pavilion (picnic area)**

**8 catalpa court**

Named for the state champion catalpa tree that shades this area, Catalpa Court includes a chemical-free, cascading-edge water garden that uses plants for filtration, offering habitat for birds, amphibians, and other wildlife. The 200-foot-long wildlife hedge along the east edge features over 60 different trees and shrubs.

**9 pool house (restrooms ) and bog gardens**

Circular bog plantings are set into a bluestone patio, which is in the shape of the swimming pool that was once here. They are filled with pitcher plants and other moisture-loving native plants that have adapted to low-nutrient growing

conditions by trapping insects and absorbing their minerals.

**10 hare sculpture**

This playful carving depicts the Haas family members who once called Stoneleigh home. (Haas means "hare" in Dutch.) The sculpture is a replica of the original, which succumbed to the elements after decades of exposure. We continue the family's tradition of dressing the hares for special occasions.

**11 pergola**

The Pergola is an original design feature dating to the early 20th century that we restored and enhanced in 2019. It reflects the Beaux Arts period of garden design, which emphasized formal geometry, defined garden rooms, and symmetry.

**12 circle garden**

Another Beaux Arts-style feature, the Circle Garden's stone walls are surrounded by century-old arborvitae and false cypress, which were allowed to grow for decades without any shearing. At the center, the turf once used for croquet is now a magical place for special events.

**13 oval garden**

An Olmsted Brothers design, the Oval Garden is a garden room defined by native plants, hedges, and three custom arbors. These concrete and steel structures mimic the twisting forms of the nearby hundred-year-old mountain laurels using a technique called faux bois ("false wood" in French).

**14 meadow vista**

An original Olmsted Brothers design, the Meadow Vista offers beauty as well as essential nesting area and food for songbirds, nectar for pollinators, and shelter for insects—the foundation of our food web.

**garden etiquette**

**please don't...**

- Do not climb trees.
- No bicycles, skateboards, scooters, motorized vehicles, or lawn games.
- No smoking or alcohol.

**please do...**

- Picnicking is permitted in the pavilion. Please pack up all trash and food scraps, and take them with you.
- Amateur photography is welcome. Professional photography by permit only. Drones are prohibited.
- Ask questions! Our garden ambassadors love to share their knowledge.