

WHY NATIVE PLANTS?

At THE BOWER we highlight the gardens and wilder spaces with plants native to our ecoregion that provide important ecological services. We showcase over 300 species of native trees, shrubs, ferns, flowering plants and grasses, about half naturally occurring and half introduced. Our goal is to enhance our 36 acres in a way that increases biodiversity, benefits wildlife, helps manage stormwater, and stores carbon...all the things that native plants do best!



The Sculptures



The sculptures at The Bower are selected to complement the native plant landscape. The sculptures range from intimate to large scale and represent a variety of materials and styles. All are designed for you to interact with them up close as well as enjoy each in its niche in the landscape. Our artists are as local as Shermans Dale and from as far away as Hungary and Switzerland.

THE BOWER

A Native Plant Landscape and Sculpture Park



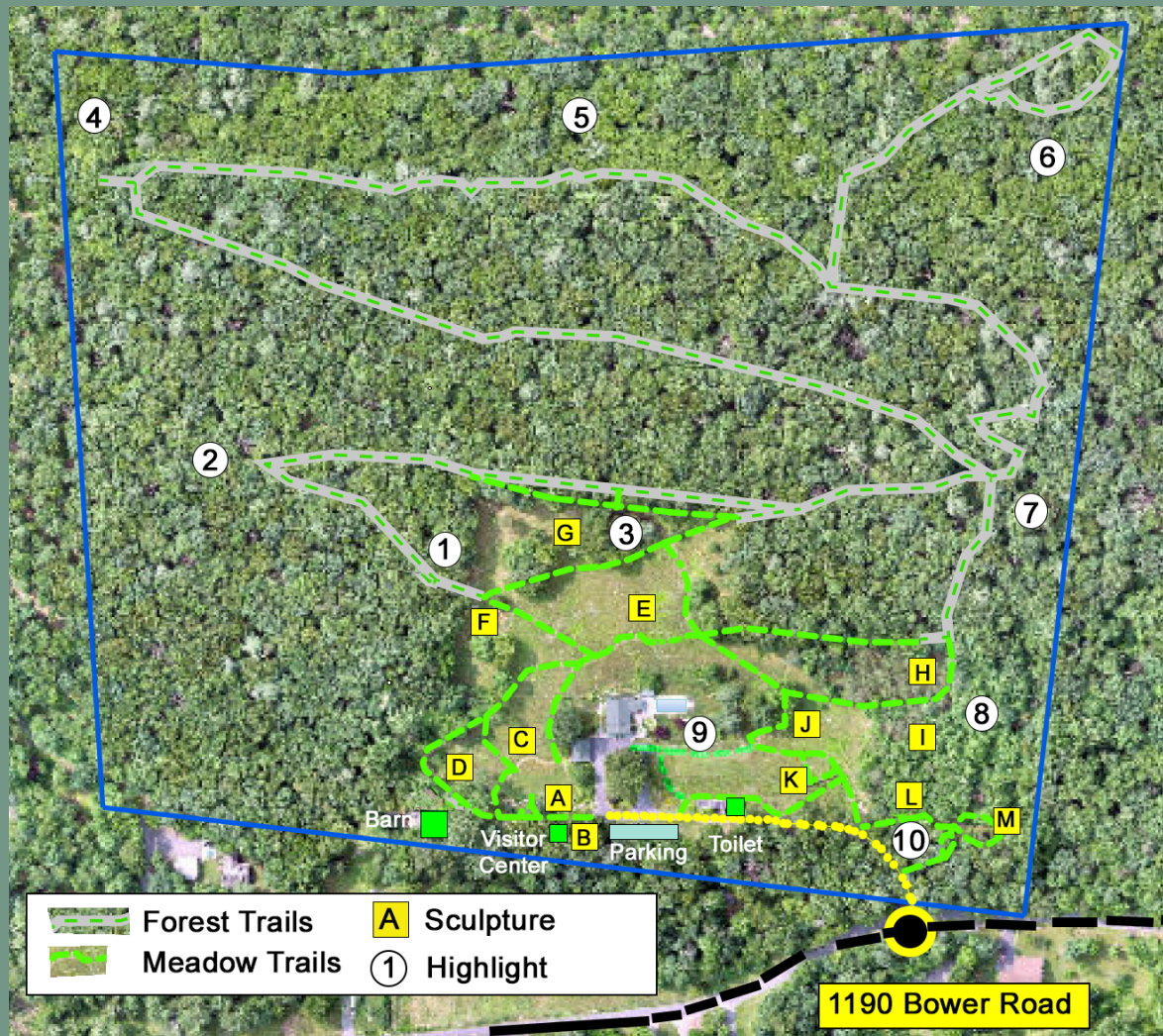
Visitors can enjoy a walk through the native plant gardens, meadow, savanna, forest, and wetland habitats, with sculptures carefully sited throughout. Wednesdays through Saturdays are open days 9:30-4. Appointments for group tours are available through our website. Learn more at <https://thegardenbower.com>



SCULPTURES

- A THE KISS** by Thea Alvin
Sinuous curving wall and arch; dry stacked local stone
- B HOMAGE TO SMITH** by Dina Wind
Welded recycled steel
- C GENERATIONS** by Bill Allis
Red Oak stella
- D TRANSCENDING TIDES** by Jeff Kahn
Kinetic aluminum sculpture
- E MARIPOSA** by Mark Pettigrow
Cast bronze abstract butterfly
- F PHASES** by Melanie Serkes
Welded and powder-coated steel
- G MOTHER EARTH** by Peg Belcastro, ceramics, and Bower stewards.
Natural materials.
- H THAIA** by Evelyne Brader-Frank
Carved marble
- I 7 GHOSTS: Life After Death** by Jesse Price
Recycled biomass
- J POLLEN** by Robert Koch
Welded and braised steel
- K RIDGE & VALLEY** by Rebecca Rutstein
Plasma cut weathering steel
- L HERON** by Bertalan Andrasfalvy
Cast and polished bronze
- M INTERSTICES** by Rebecca Rutstein
Steel cutouts and moss

TRAIL MAP



“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.” Lady Bird Johnson

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NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Woods Entrance** through the woods edge or savanna habitat to enter the forest.
- 2 The Stumpery and Deer Enclosure** Recycled stumps create a unique woodland garden next to fencing allowing growth when deer are excluded.
- 3 Cope Stone Walk** A large stone pathway over one of several meadow stone piles from early land clearing.
- 4 Vernal Pools** at the base of the escarpment in spring.
- 5 The Escarpment** Little Mountain juts steeply to the top, with boulders covering its north side.
- 6 Ridgetop Trail and Mt. Laurels** Steep spur trail goes up to the top of Little Mountain and our property line.
- 7 The Seep and Trunks** In spring, water runs here, feeding a small stream below. Kids can balance along fallen tree trunks and bounce on log branches.
- 8 The Pioneer Forest** With the meadow here unmowed since 2005, quick growth trees are reforesting this area.
- 9 The Mixed Border** This garden represents a mix of natives and non-natives, woody plants, forbs, and grasses and small sculptures.
- 10 Wetland Pools** A created wetland collection pools