

Arboretum Park/ Anne Frank Memorial Garden



Arboretum Park is an active use park with four tennis courts, two handball courts, a playground, a baseball field, and two basketball courts. In June 2010 the Anne Frank Memorial Garden was unveiled in a small section of the park. The memorial commemorated the life of Anne Frank with a sculpture of a girls dress from the 1940s, quotes from her diary, and two Chestnut trees. While in

hiding, Anne could see little of the outside world other than a chestnut tree, and that tree symbolized freedom for her. Other sculptural works in the memorial incorporate images of children's handprints, a demolished cement wall, and a colored glass and cement walkway. These images were included to symbolize other events in the holocaust, such as Kristallnacht, and to memorialize all the children who died in the genocide. Steve Dubner, who designed and constructed the memorial, was inspired by the drawings of local students made in response to a town-wide design contest. The project was funded by the Town's EOSPA program. The Arboretum Park trail meanders through the memorial garden, circles around the athletic fields and courts, and returns to the parking area.

You may see: American Linden, Chinese chestnut, European Beech, Hickory, Japanese Maple, Red Oak, Sycamore, Weeping Willow, White Oak

American Robin, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird



Location: On Wilmington Dr off Bagatelle Rd in Melville

Terrain: Flat | **Length:** 0.6 mi | **Parking:** Parking Lot | **Type:** Loop

Surface: Ground | **Acreage:** 13 **Trailhead:** 40.781175, -73.375373

