

Grace Preserve Grace Stroll Garden

The Edwin and Gertrude Grace Preserve was part of an early 20th Century estate called Laurel Lodge. The stroll garden's landscaping was designed in a Japanese approach to frame views along the garden paths. On these moss lined trails, there are many mature mountain laurels. While disease has damaged some of these plants, there is still a showy display in the late spring. Keep an eye out for mountain laurel sprouting up from old stumps in an attempt to recover from this disease. If you look carefully, you will find other new life forming from decomposing material, such as a pine sapling growing out of the roots of a dead tree.

In contrast to the Japanese styled landscape is the historic log cabin, built in 1918, which looks distinctly American. It features chestnut log construction, with a large fieldstone fireplace in the center. From the front porch there is a good view out toward Centerport Harbor. There is also a side porch enclosed with glass windows on three sides. The Town of Huntington has recently restored this cabin and plans to use it for educational purposes. Near the cabin, there are many yews, which birds have likely reseeded from plants included in the original landscape design.



To reach the trailhead, drive through the cobblestone walls that mark the estate entrance on Arbutus, pass the first driveway on the left and stay to the left at the next fork. Park next to the tennis court.

You May See: American Beech, Black Birch, Black Oak, Chestnut Oak, Lowbush Blueberry, Mapleleaf Viburnum, Mountain Laurel, Pink Lady's Slipper, Red Maple, Red Oak, Solomon's Seal, Spicebush, Spotted Wintergreen, Trailing Arbutus, Tulip Tree, White Ash, White Oak, Eastern White Pine | Cooper's Hawk, Great-horned Owl, Red-tailed Hawk | Red Fox | Eastern Box Turtle



Location: On Arbutus Rd, off Centerport Rd. in Huntington.

Terrain: Some Hills | **Length:** 0.3 mi | **Parking:** In park | **Type:** Loop |

Surface: Ground | **Acreeage:** 23 | **Trailhead:** 40.879031, -73.365562

