

Cameron / Masland Mansion Garden

Water Tower

The Native Habitat Garden

Providing homes for wildlife in our backyard not only benefits the animals, but also gives us hours of enjoyment. Butterflies, birds, and other creatures add beauty and excitement to our landscapes. A wildlife refuge can be created in any size yard with the appropriate plants and design. To create a wildlife habitat, we need to provide food, water, nesting sites, and protection from predators and the weather.

Compost Demonstration Area

Composting is easy and requires little investment. These compost bins range from inexpensive homemade bins to purchased units. Smaller systems are suitable for kitchen scraps while larger units accommodate lawn and garden wastes.

The Herb Garden

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Medicinal Herbs

Dye Herbs

Culinary Herbs

Fragrance Herbs

The Shade Garden

Composting

Woodland

The Native Habitat Garden

Shrub

Meadow

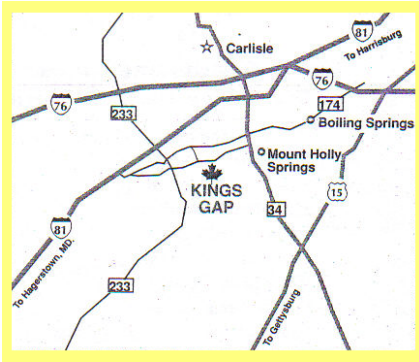
Pond

Key

- signs
- bird box
- bench
- cold frame
- water hydrant
- sun dial

Trees Shrubs and Vines

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 climbing roses | 9 fothergilla | 17 common sweetshrub | 25 American holly | 33 Virginia sweetspire | 41 buttonbush | 49 hydrangea | 57 sour cherry |
| 2 sweet cherry | 10 Indiancurren coralberry | 18 catawba rhododendron | 26 summersweet/sweet pepperbush | 34 river birch | 42 caryopteris | 50 viburnum spp. | 58 black gum/tupelo |
| 3 white currants | 11 green hawthorn | 19 Virginia creeper | 27 spicebush | 35 American yellowwood | 43 potentilla | 51 shamrock holly | 59 rose |
| 4 chaste tree | 12 mountain laurel | 20 tulip tree | 28 American cranberrybush viburnum | 36 eastern redbud | 44 butterfly bush | 52 Japanese holly | |
| 5 shadblow serviceberry | 13 common winterberry | 21 Carolina silverbell | 29 flowering crabapple | 37 sassafras | 45 bourbon rose | 53 peach | |
| 6 hawthorn | 14 lowbush blueberry | 22 oakleaf hydrangea | 30 red osier dogwood | 38 northern bayberry | 46 What is this? | 54 native oakleaf hydrangea | |
| 7 bottlebrush buckeye | 15 dwarf fothergilla | 23 inkberry | 31 golden St. Johnswort | 39 sourwood | 47 deutzia | 55 snowball viburnum | |
| 8 common witch hazel | 16 red chokeberry | 24 alternate-leaf dogwood | 32 rat stripper | 40 trumpet honeysuckle | 48 doublefile viburnum | 56 spirea | |



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Garden open sunrise to sunset



Virginia creeper

The
**MANSSION
GARDEN**
at
Kings Gap



eastern redbud

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**The Cameron / Masland
Mansion Garden**

History

The garden was established in 1992 as a cooperative, educational project of the PA Bureau of State Parks and the Cumberland County Master Gardeners. This outdoor classroom inspires and teaches about the benefits of gardening, while demonstrating environmentally sound techniques and designs that can be used in home landscapes.

Surrounded by a stone wall, the garden is located between the Cameron / Masland Mansion and the Education Building. The mansion was built in 1908 on top of South Mountain overlooking the Cumberland Valley. The original garden, created from wagonloads of soil brought up the mountain from miles away, provided supplemental food for the mansion's first owners.

The Herb Garden

A wide variety of different herbs in four thematic beds surround a sundial in a traditional symmetrical layout. Visitors can see edible and medicinal herbs, as well as herbs used to dye cloth and provide fragrance.

The Native Habitat Garden

Learn how to attract wildlife to your home landscape. By creating a variety of homes for wildlife in our own backyards, we can help many species overcome the loss of habitat resulting from land development. Plants chosen for this garden are native to North America, mainly to the northeast. Native plants adapted to their local environment often require less water and are usually more disease resistant. These under-used plants can be beautiful additions to our yards and gardens.

The Shade Garden

If a garden lacks the necessary exposure to sunlight, it may be difficult to grow certain plants. This area features species that can tolerate more shade than others.

Compost Demonstration Area

This section of the garden features a variety of composting units showing how to convert organic wastes to compost. Composting provides gardeners with a rich organic soil conditioner that helps to reduce the amount of waste we contribute to landfills and incinerators.

**Kings Gap Environmental
Education Center**

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www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/kingsgap.aspx



**The Penn State Master
Gardener Program**

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