ENTRY GARDEN
This garden demonstrates how to blend seasonal plantings such as tulips (spring) and annuals (summer) with trees and shrubs for color and abundance all year long. This garden also illustrates plants that can be used as a windbreak.

THE COURT: A GARDEN WITHIN REACH
The Court is a universally accessible space for peace, beauty, and learning for all. It features plantings chosen for their multi-sensory appeal, innovative moveable planters, raised beds, and a vertical green wall.

LAWN GARDEN
More than 350 species and varieties of woody trees and shrubs are located in plant communities that illustrate plants that can be used as a windbreak.

SECRET GARDEN
This enclosed garden features pastel and fragrant flowers through the spring and summer. Plants highlighted here are tolerant of most soil in spring and fall, and drier summer conditions. Children will enjoy searching for live frogs in the pool.

THE COTTAGE GARDEN
This intimate plot, located next to the original 18th-century Farmhouse (now administrative offices), brims with color in flowing lines from spring to fall, mingling bulbs, annuals, and perennials with trees and shrubs. Planted with a mix of shade- and sun-loving varieties, it’s a spring to fall, mingling bulbs, annuals, and perennials with trees and shrubs. Planted with a mix of shade- and sun-loving varieties, it’s a perfect model for visitors looking for inspiration for small gardens at home.

VEGETABLE GARDEN
Featuring organically grown heirloom and modern vegetables and herbs in color schemes that change yearly, the overall crescent shape and beds follow the curves of the Cottage Garden behind it, blurring the lines between beauty and function. Flowers attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Once harvested, produce is donated to local hunger-relief programs and used in our café.

WINTER GARDEN
This space highlights plants with bark, leaves or berries that look great in all seasons and are winter-hardy. In summer, dazzling combinations of annuals and perennials add another layer of complexity and interest. Note especially the Columnar Alaskan Cedars, Dogwoods, Paperbark Maple, Farges Filbert Boxwood hedges, Chinese Indigo, February Daphne, and the Stewartias.

CONSERVATORIES (LIMONAIA AND ORANGERIE)
Our seasonal conservatories (late September-early May) burst with color, texture, and fragrance throughout the winter. Each feature plants – some common, others much rarer – that can be successfully grown at home on a window sill or cold porch. In late spring we move these potted plants outside to soak up the sun until fall. Don’t miss the citrus collection, camellias, begonias, bromeliads and cymbidiums.

SYSTEMATIC GARDEN
This garden shows the evolution and relationship of plants within 28 families, using plants that are mostly familiar, to illustrate the Arthur Cronquist Integrated System of Taxonomy. The arrangements of daffodils, ornamental grasses, and New England-bred daylilies are particular highlights.

WILDLIFE GARDEN
From the Bird House, take quiet delight in watching birds, butterflies, and other woodland creatures from inside an enclosed structure, while the Wildlife Refuge Pond is perfect for spotting frogs, turtles, ducks, and more. Enjoy views of the wetlands from the Rustic Overlook.

APPLE ORCHARD
The Davenport Collection features 119 heirloom – now rare – varieties that were once common throughout New England. Special orchard tours and taste-testing available during Fall Fest weekends. Visit towerhillbog.org for event details.

OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY
Sustainability is a core value in all we do, and we express that in different ways throughout the garden. You may notice that the lawns are made up of diverse plant material – not a monoculture of one type of grass. We use organic methods, wherever possible, utilize grass clippings and shredded leaves as mulch, include native plants wherever appropriate and make a conscious choice to use heirloom, drought-tolerant, easy-cultivated, pest and disease-resistant plants in the landscape.