

Campus Gardens & Arboretum



A Capen Garden

Located on the northeast edge of campus, this garden is essential for teaching horticulture. Features include a rustic rose arbor, perennial beds, a knot garden, and fountain. A formal gazebo, honoring Jill Ker Conway, hosts a spectacular spring display of tulips and colorful summer annuals.



B Happy Chace '28 Garden

Gardens surround and beautify the 1920s president's residence and offer panoramic views of Paradise Pond and Mount Tom. The garden was redesigned in 2016 and includes herbs, annual and perennial displays, and some lovely mature tree specimens in the landscape around the house.

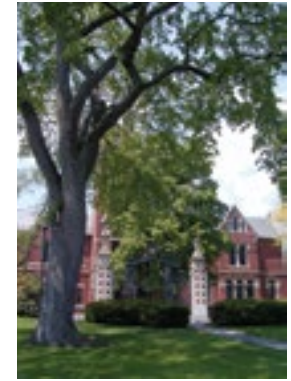
C Japanese Garden

Built in the 1980s and redesigned in 2017, the garden is situated on the hillside along Paradise Pond below the President's house. It incorporates elements of Japanese design within the context of a New England setting and features stone statues and lanterns plus rocks from the surrounding region. The rock formations are designed to represent events in the life of Buddha. Visitors are invited to pause for contemplation and scenic views of Paradise Pond and Mt. Tom.



The Campus Arboretum

The entire Smith campus is a living museum of over 1,200 types of woody plants. The collection is used for study and research, while at the same time providing a pastoral environment for learning and enjoyment. For more information on our trees please see our tree guide.



D Wildflower and Woodland Garden

Understory trees, shrubs, ferns, and wildflowers grow under a mature canopy of native hardwoods and conifers in the wooded ravine below the President's house. A path with bridges over the stream provides a means through the woodlands. Best seen in early spring.

E The Systematics Garden and Perennial Border



Beds are arranged according to evolutionary relationships, allowing students to observe and compare flower types and growth forms. Featured are economically

important, botanically interesting, and ornamental species. The adjacent Ruth Brown Richardson Perennial Border extends along the wrought iron fence.

F The Rock Garden

Home to about 2,000 alpine, dwarf, and woodland plants, this garden is the most intensively cultivated area on campus. The garden was created in 1897 and was modeled after the rock garden at Kew Gardens in London. It is at its peak in April and May.

