



1 DRAKES CORNER ROAD

Shuttle service is required for this garden. No parking is allowed at the property.

Parking: Please park at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1128 Great Road, where an attendant will direct you to the shuttle.

This lush estate was featured in Princeton Magazine and represents the finest work of landscape designer Ronni Hock, who will be on-site during the tour. Beginning in the backyard in 2018 — with little more than a bluestone patio in place — Ronni and the owners fashioned a delightfully ambitious vision to create an outdoor living space for a growing family and an intimate circle of friends. The entrance of large brick walls, connected by a refurbished iron gate, leads into a magnificent pergola covered with flowering vines adjoining several patios, a pool, pool house and greenhouse. Expansive perennial gardens of evergreens, redbuds, dogwoods, and crabapples (all intended to attract pollinators) surround, embellish, and soften each of these structures, enriching the family's experience with all the transformative sights and smells that Mother Nature can provide.

2 A SECRET JEWEL BOX GARDEN 204 Mt. Lucas Road

Parking: Available on the east side of Mt. Lucas Road as well as nearby on Red Hill Road, Jefferson Road, and Laurel Road.

This jewel box garden behind a gate incorporates NJ native plants and non-invasive perennials into a traditional design. Its small footprint is the surprising home to the fifth largest American Elm tree in NJ, along with an array of perennials that attract butterflies and hummingbirds. The garden was designed with family dinners and neighborhood parties in mind. It features a small lawn and gravel driveway, surrounded by trees, flowering shrubs, and perennials. The lawn area in the front yard was dramatically reduced by the addition of several large planting beds. The garden constantly evolves over the season, making it an ever-evolving source of joy!

3 BOXWOOD COTTAGE 100 Quarry Lane (off of Mountain Avenue)

Parking: Available on Pardoe Road and walk across Mountain Avenue to Quarry Lane.

The gardens at Boxwood Cottage are composed of five distinct garden “rooms”, each with its own design, style, and purpose: the Front Garden, the North Garden, the White Garden & Croquet Lawn, the Working Garden, and the Studio Garden. Designed to provide habitat for wildlife and a peaceful setting for visitors, the gardens feature birdbaths, birdhouses, feeders, and multiple lounging areas, blending formal and natural aesthetics. The property's name reflects the owner's love of boxwood, with 18 species and cultivars present throughout the garden, totaling 379 plants, arranged to appear as if growing naturally.

4 A HAVEN ON HAWTHORNE 31 Hawthorne Avenue

Parking: Please park along the south side of the street. Ample parking is also available on Moore Street and Jefferson Road.

This Spanish Colonial Revival home, located in the heart of Princeton, was built circa 1930 and features a charming combination of formal and lush plantings. Designed for a small city plot, the garden delivers instant impact. Changes in level, and intentional focal points featuring tuteurs, a sweet garden shed, and other focal elements create a sense of depth and richness. A variety of entertainment spaces allow guests to enjoy the serene views.

5 GRANDE ANIMA 31 Hodge Road

Parking: Available on Morven Place and Boudinot Street. The Boudinot Street garden and Morven Museum & Garden are within easy walking distance.

Walk through the shiny green gates past this circa 1924 house into a verdant and private backyard. The space takes its cue from formal European gardens but adapted to a more contemporary and casual home with an eye to creating cozy nooks to dine, chat, read or congregate in both sun and shade. A stately wall of 25' Carpinus trees encloses multiple focal elements that create a sense of panorama and vista. There are raised beds for both a cutting garden and kitchen garden constructed from repurposed granite curbing, a serene pool, English lead fountain, Italian bronze statue, and a magnificent pergola all interconnected by bluestone and pea gravel terraces and pathways. The lush greenery, formal hedges and blooms in soft tones contrast effortlessly with the hardscaping to provide a serene and luxuriant backyard.

6 BOUDINOT STREET ■ 27 Boudinot Street

Parking: Available on Boudinot Street and Morven Place. Grande Anima and Morven Museum & Garden are within easy walking distance.

This stately home, built c. 1906, sits on property once part of the Morven estate and is surrounded by gardens designed and planted by its original owner, Rev. Joseph H. Dulles, of the Princeton Theological Seminary. The current owners, both respectful of tradition and seeking to revitalize the grounds, have spent more than twenty years designing, updating, building and planting, harmonizing with the symmetry and gracious proportions of the house and its luxuriant surroundings. Hardscape features, including a completely reimaged pool, spa, and dining terrace, are complemented by perennial borders, yew hedges and slate walkways. Large holly trees frame vistas across the property, while a shade garden was thoughtfully designed in the rear. Diverse perennials attract pollinator species while augmenting the color-scape of the grounds across all four seasons.

7 Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street

Parking: Please note that the parking lot at Morven will be closed. Nearby parking is available at Borough Hall, One Monument Drive, and the Center for Modern Aging Princeton, 45 Stockton Street.

Morven's garden has been central to its presence since the eighteenth century — and today it's yours to explore. Visitors experience more than two centuries of gardens on five acres, beginning with the catalpa trees that line the front of the property, recalling the thirteen once planted there by Richard Stockton before the American Revolution. The jewel box of the grounds is the Colonial Revival Garden, restored in this century to represent the garden of Helen Hamilton Shields Stockton.

8 OLDEN LANE ■ 89 Olden Lane

Parking: Available on nearby side streets, including Battle Road, Haslet Avenue, and Ober Street. Limited parking is also available along Olden Lane.

This historic home blends distinctive design, rich materials, and gardens rooted in tradition. Designed in 1928 by Pennsylvania architect R. Brognard Okie, the fieldstone buildings reflect his Colonial Revival style, arranged to evoke a small village. The current owners have expanded the property while preserving key details, including the original “lollipop” picket fencing — an Okie hallmark. The landscape, first designed by Thomas H. Sears and later modified by Abram Linwood Urban, features native plantings, a small apple orchard, and a colonial-style kitchen garden with hand-woven wattle raised beds.

9 UPDIKE FARMSTEAD 354 Quaker Road

Parking: Available in the parking lot up the paved driveway.

The Historical Society of Princeton is headquartered at the six-acre Updike Farmstead, which consists of a late 18th/early 19th century farmhouse, a large barn built in 1892, a double-bay wagon shed and corn crib (recently restored in Fall 2025), a raised-bed, organic garden and beloved windmill, recognizable within the HSP logo. The Farmstead is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places and lies within the Princeton Battlefield/Stony Brook Settlement Historic District. HSP's dedicated garden volunteers will be on-site to answer questions throughout the day.

THINGS TO KNOW

The Princeton Garden Tour will take place rain or shine. We encourage guests to plan for a full day exploring Princeton's remarkable private gardens and historic sites. The tour is self-guided, and gardens may be visited in any order. Carpooling is encouraged whenever possible. Need assistance during the tour? Volunteers wearing a pitchfork-and-straw-hat pin will be available throughout the day to help answer questions.

MUSEUM ACCESS

- Admission to both **Morven Museum & Garden** and the **Historical Society of Princeton at Updike Farmstead** is included with your Garden Tour ticket.
- Guests are encouraged to visit the exhibitions and historic spaces at each location during the day.
- Be sure to stop by the museum gift shops for unique books, gifts, and garden-inspired items.

ATTIRE AND COMFORT

- Comfortable walking shoes are strongly recommended.
- Garden paths and terrain vary from site to site and may include gravel, grass, uneven surfaces, or muddy areas.
- Some properties may have limited accessibility for wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers.
- Restrooms and water refill stations are available at Morven and HSP only.
- We recommend bringing a light rain jacket or umbrella in the event of changing weather.

VISITOR GUIDELINES

- Please respect each garden as a private space by remaining on designated paths and avoiding planted areas.
- Pets are not permitted on the tour.
- If a garden appears crowded upon arrival, consider returning later in the day.
- Please observe all traffic and parking regulations.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND LIABILITY

- We invite guests to share photos from the day using #PrincetonGardenTour2026 and tagging @HSP and @MorvenMuseum on social media.
- By attending the tour, guests acknowledge that photographs and video recordings may be taken for use by HSP and Morven in future promotional materials and social media.
- Guests who prefer not to appear in photographs should notify a volunteer.
- Participation in the tour is voluntary, and attendees assume responsibility for their own safety and personal belongings.

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