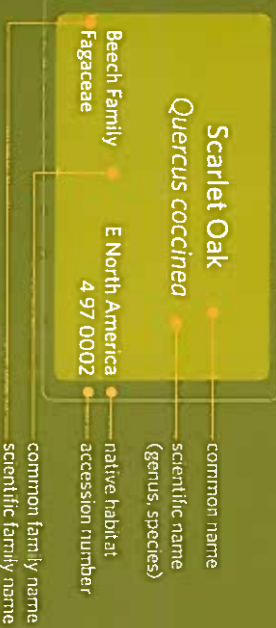


## How to Read a Tree Label



### COLLECTION OF SMALL MAPLES

These small-scale maples have year-round appeal: attractive leaves, colorful fall foliage, and unusual bark—in a suitable size for home landscapes.



### UMBRELLA MAGNOLIA

The exotic-looking leaves of the Umbrella Magnolia can be nearly two feet long and eight inches across!



### NANCY OLSON CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Cross the bridge to enter our Children's Garden with its hedge maze and colorful theme gardens. Our garden mascots are waiting to meet you.



### FOUNTAIN GARDEN

Visit the site of many weddings and formal events: an elegant garden with fountains and a gazebo.

### VISITORS CENTER

### DEMONSTRATION GARDENS

Six idea gardens provide inspiration for your own gardens and hands-on opportunities to explore plants.



### GARDEN PAVILION & TERRACE CLARCOR PAVILION



**AMERICAN CHESTNUT**  
Once plentiful in North America, only a precious few mature American Chestnuts survive since a disastrous blight in the early 1900s.

### EUROPEAN LARCHES

The trees in this former nursery row are conifers, but not "evergreens." Larches change color in fall and drop their leaves.



### ALTERED TREES

Many conifers are propagated to display unusual growth characteristics.



### AMUR CORKTREE

This tree's extra thick bark might look familiar, but it's not quite thick enough to be used for commercial cork (which is harvested from the Cork Oak).



SPECIALTY GARDENS	
A. CONTEMPORARY PERENNIAL GARDEN	E. FOUNTAIN GARDEN
B. VI BATES WOODLAND WILDFLOWER GARDEN	F. PONY GARDEN
C. RHODODENDRON & AZALEA DELL	G. HOSTA GARDEN
D. NANCY OLSON CHILDREN'S GARDEN	H. DEMONSTRATION GARDENS
	I. ORNAMENTAL GRASS GARDEN
	J. PREHISTORIC GARDEN

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- MAIN TRAIL AREA
- ATM
- WOODED WALKING TRAIL AREA
- WOODED WALKING TRAILS
- BUILDINGS
- PARKING

## Amenities

Restrooms and water fountains can be found in the Visitors Center and on the south side of the Clarcor Pavilion.

### Accessibility:

- All buildings and paved garden paths and trails are accessible to strollers and wheelchairs.
- Klehm is in ADA compliance and will assist in providing for individuals with special needs. Call for special accommodations.
- A limited number of wheelchairs are available at the Visitors Center.

## Attractions

### Garden Store

Our Garden Store, located in the Visitor Center, carries a variety of local artisan merchandise, unique garden art, gift items, snack and cold beverages. We thank you for your purchases, as all Garden Store proceeds benefit Klehm Arboretum and its education and outreach programs. Members of the Arboretum receive a 10% discount on all purchases.

### Library

The resources of the Harding Horticultural Library, also located in the Visitors Center, are available whenever the building is open. This reading and reference library, open to the public, provides information about botany and horticulture to Klehm Arboretum staff, volunteers, members, professional horticulturalists, students, and gardeners.

## Visitor Etiquette

Klehm Arboretum is kept beautiful and healthy for your enjoyment and learning. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Be Kind

It is permissible to pick up leaves, seeds, or cones that have fallen to the ground, but please refrain from picking leaves, fruits, or seedheads from trees or other plants. Stay on paved paths, nature trails and grass. Footsteps elsewhere crush plants and damage soil. Leave everything here for others to enjoy.

### Be Safe

Please do not climb on trees or hang from branches. Only leashed, well-behaved pets are allowed on the grounds. Please clean up after your pet. Pets may not be left in cars during your visit.

### Be Respectful

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No bikes, skateboards or in-line skates. Respect others in your group and other visitors. Photos and video for personal use are welcome.

**Forest Preserves**  
Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden  
is a partnership with the Forest Preserves  
of Winnebago County

## The History of Klehm

Klehm owes its unique collection of mature trees and shrubs to our site's 60-year history as a nursery. See if you can spot the old nursery tree configurations!



- 1923 to 1968: William Lincoln Taylor, a landscape architect, ran Rockford Nurseries on this site with his brothers Everett and George. The Taylor brothers planted seeds and cuttings from around the world.

- 1968 to 1985: When the Taylor brothers retired, they sold their nursery and its tree-filled land to Carl Klehm who continued the business with his sons. In 1985, the Klehm brothers donated the land to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve to be used as an arboretum named after their parents, Carl G. and Lois Klehm.



- 1989: The Winnebago County Forest Preserve offered use of the site to the Northern Illinois Botanical Society—and Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden grew from the legacies left by two families of nurserymen.

# TRAIL GUIDE

**Klehm**  
ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

### Hours

Open daily, year round.  
Hours vary by season.

Visit [klehm.org](http://klehm.org) or call for hours.

### Admission

\$6 for adults; \$3 for senior citizens (age 62+);

\$3 for children (under 18);

free admission for members and children age 3 and under.

Admission is free on the first Tuesday of the month.

Klehm is less than two hours from Chicago and Milwaukee, and about an hour from Madison.

### Visit [klehm.org](http://klehm.org)

- Check out our membership benefits and join us today!
- See our schedule of year round events and programs.
- Get details about holding corporate events and weddings at Klehm.



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## Your Day at Klehm

Klehm Arboretum provides a uniquely wonderful place to enjoy a beautiful and safe natural landscape.

With quiet spaces for contemplation, others for horticultural demonstration, and another designed for a child's play, you can choose the places most intriguing to your personal interest.

- Use your visit to help understand plants and their important relationship to people.

- For children, Klehm offers educational opportunities that trigger discovery and engender life-long learning.



- Klehm demonstrates standards of horticultural excellence through creative displays, collections, and educational programming.

