

The Guthrie Loop

Named for Dr. Roland L. Guthrie, longtime Arboretum Curator and WVU Professor of Biology, this trail loops through a three-acre lawn area with specimen trees and shrubs.

The Service Road

The Service Road is the Arboretum's widest "trail" and provides the easiest route up or down the hillside. Bicycles are permitted to use the Service Road to get between the Evansdale campus and the Caperton Rail-Trail. The Service Road also connects with many Arboretum foot trails.

The Strausbaugh Trail

Leading from the Guthrie Loop, the Strausbaugh Trail passes through a well-drained woodland area where Oaks, Hickories, and Maples grow abundantly. Spring wildflowers conspicuous along this trail include Twinleaf and Celandine Poppy. Named for Dr. P. D. Strausbaugh, former head of the WVU Biology Department, this trail passes a small lawn area planted with trees and shrubs native to eastern North America.

The Sheldon Trail

Named in honor of Dr. John Lewis Sheldon, WVU Professor of Botany in the early 20th century, this trail is one of the favorites during the spring wildflower season. Virginia Bluebells, Dwarf Larkspur, Bloodroot, Twinleaf, Sessile Trillium, and Wild Ginger carpet the forest floor in April.

The Cliff Trail

This narrow trail passes cliffs of Morgantown Sandstone high on the hillside. Sharp-eyed visitors to this area may see signs of the small coal mine that operated here long ago.

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WVU Department of Biology
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The Taylor Trail

Named for Dr. Leland H. Taylor, former Professor of Zoology at WVU, this trail winds through the Arboretum's best example of a Beech-Maple forest. Towering Oaks and Hickories also grow on this steep site, providing excellent habitat for Fox Squirrels.

The Melvin Brown Trail

Large Oaks dominate this trail that bends around the hillside. Spring wildflowers found here include Twinleaf, Wild Geranium, and Dwarf Larkspur. The trail's name honors Dr. Melvin L. Brown, distinguished botanist from Mineral County, major benefactor of botanical education at WVU, and donor of many of the Arboretum's planted trees and shrubs.

The Rumsey Trail

This trail leads through a surprisingly deep and secluded hollow where Trilliums and other wildflowers grow in profusion under stately Walnuts and Oaks. This trail is named in memory of William Earl Rumsey, WVU and state of West Virginia entomologist and an avid botanist.

The Granville "Island" Trail and Silver Maple Trail

These trails curve through a floodplain forest and across Granville "Island," now attached to the Morgantown shore but a prominent landmark in the Monongahela River during the 19th century. Many kinds of birds may be seen near the shore where massive Silver Maples, graceful Black Willows, and delicate Jewelweeds grow in moist, silty soil.

The Nuttall Trail

Skirting the edge of the floodplain, this trail leads past the "lagoon," where Arrowhead, Cattail, and other aquatic plants grow in a wet area that was formerly a river channel. The trail's name honors the memory of Lawrence William Nuttall, an amateur botanist from Fayette County, West Virginia.

The Amphitheater

Located in the woods near the Guthrie Loop, this eighty-seat facility is used as an open-air meeting place which may be reserved by contacting the WVU Department of Biology at 293-5201.



Core Arboretum

Mission: The Core Arboretum supports teaching, research, and service efforts of West Virginia University by providing resources and opportunities for the study and enjoyment of plants, animals, and natural processes. Old-growth hillside and floodplain forests are maintained in their natural state, with plantings limited to previously cleared lawns.

Open dawn until dusk on the Evansdale Campus of West Virginia University, Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia. Managed by the Department of Biology, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University.

The 91-acre Arboretum was established August 4, 1948. An elevation drop of approximately 200 feet from the Arboretum entrance on Monongahela Boulevard to the Monongahela River presents a variety of natural habitats in which several hundred species of native West Virginia trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants may be seen. The Arboretum's varied habitats and its location on a major river also make the area an excellent site to observe many kinds of birds.

Designed primarily as an outdoor laboratory for teaching and research, the Arboretum is also important for its aesthetic and educational value to the public. The Arboretum is a place for research and study and a place for rest and relaxation. Three miles of foot trails lead through the area. The Caperton Rail-Trail also passes through the lower Arboretum for one mile.

The Arboretum’s name honors its founder, distinguished WVU botanist Dr. Earl L. Core.

For more information about the Core Arboretum, contact the WVU Department of Biology, 304-293-5201.

CORE ARBORETUM

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LEGEND

- arboretum boundary
- A lawn area
- steep or slippery section
- bicycle trails
- 1 one of a number of areas where this flower grows in season

0 500 ft.
1.5 inch



← To Interstate 79

Monongahela Boulevard / U.S Route 19 / WV Route 7

Coliseum Parking

Coliseum

Guthrie Loop

Arboretum Parking

To Downtown Morgantown →

Amphitheater

Melvin Brown Trail

Taylor Trail

Service Road

Rumsey Trail

Caperton Rail-Trail

Power Line

Tower

Silver Maple Trail

Granville Island Trail

Strausbaugh Trail

Sheldon Trail

Nuttall Trail

Nuttall Trail

Wet Area

Cliff Trail

Coltsfoot

Blue Violet

Spring Beauty

Bloodroot

Twinleaf

Dutchman's Breeches

Virginia Bluebells

Trout Lily

Sessile Trillium

Yellow Violet

Celandine Poppy

Great White Trillium

White Violets

Wild Ginger

Wild Blue Phlox

Wild Geranium

Dwarf Larkspur

Mayapple

Plume Lily

Solomon's Seal

Jack-in-the-Pulpit

Wild Strawberry

Early Aril

Mid-April

Late April

Early May

Late March