

A Review of Our Trip to the Maine Botanical Gardens

By Jack

On the last day of our vacation, we decided to take a trip to the Maine Botanical Gardens. They were spectacular! We walked out of the visitors center into the Great Lawn and Ledge Garden, the Rose and Perennial Garden, the Slater Forest Pond and the Woodland Garden. There were lots of plants (mostly flowering ones, although there was a big patch of mosses), but a few caught my eye because of their names. There was a Treasure Island, Jack Frost, Bluebeard and several others with funky names that I can't remember. I tried to find ones with all my friend's names in them, but at this I failed, although I did find a few.

Then we continued down the trail. We passed through the Haney Hillside Garden, where a lovely little man-made waterfall trickled down the rocks and we got sprayed by sprinklers. The Voyo Meditation Garden had a lot of rocks, a lovely patterned walkway and a pond in a polished granite bowl. Dad ran off into the woods to see the shoreline. Then we had a snack at a big stone couch (they aren't that comfy, let me tell you), and walked off to look at the fairy house village. The fairy house village was really cute! You could step through the gate and build your own fairy house. All the materials you needed were there, in the Gnome Depot! We also saw an enormous metal pine cone sculpture, and walked through the Giles Rhododendron and Perennial Garden, which contained a big (machine run) waterfall. After that, we came back to the Visitor Center and I drew a picture of a plant with my new sketchbook and special pencils.