

THUYA GARDEN & ASTICOU TERRACES

- 1 Thuya Landing Dock** – Accessible by boat or by a path from the lower parking lot on Peabody Drive, the dock and landing offer a covered shelter to enjoy a waterfront view of the activity in the harbor. The landscape is planted with native plants that can handle dry conditions with salt spray.
- 2 Curtis Memorial Patio** – A clearing in the hillside honors Joseph H. Curtis who established the Asticou Terraces Trust in 1909.
- 3 Stone Lookout**
- 4 Lookout Pavilion**
- 5 First Lookout Shelter**
- 6 Asticou Terraces** – This approach to the garden was conceived in the early 1900s by Joseph Henry Curtis. Today the trail is a series of paths traversing the hillside covered with native vegetation including abundant mosses and lichens. It includes 200 granite steps and a 200' rise in elevation. This may be a difficult hike for people who have health problems or mobility issues.
- 7 Main Entrance & Carved Wooden Gates** – Designed by Charles Savage and carved by Gus Phillips from local cedar, the gates feature two dozen plaques of flora and fauna, some local, some mythical.
- 8 Thuya Lodge** was the summer rusticator home of Joseph Henry Curtis, a civil engineer from Boston. He built the Lodge between 1912 and 1916 and owned it until his death in 1928. Lodge visitor hours are listed on entrance kiosk and the Preserve's website at GARDENPRESERVE.ORG.



- 9 Lower Pavilion** – This covered seating area is a relaxing way to enjoy the border garden, the butterflies, and hummingbirds.
- 10 Brook Garden** – A shaded nook with a water feature is planted with native vegetation.
- 11 Upper Pavilion** – This covered seating area located at the northern axis provides a panoramic view of the entire length of the garden.
- 12 Map House Gate** – Leads to hiking trails.
- 13 Caterpillar Garden** – In their larval stages, most species depend on a narrow selection of plants for food, and often these plants are in short supply in gardens. This garden has plant groups that are food for butterfly species that have been recorded here at Thuya.
- 14 Woodland Path** – Woodland plants and mosses native to Mount Desert Island that thrive in dry shade surround this peaceful path.
- 15 Border Gardens** – The border beds edged in pink granite stone are planted with a blend of perennials and annuals, both native and exotic, that serve as nectar sources for pollinators.
- 16 Spring House** – The original water source for the Lodge.
- 17 Savage Memorial** – Tucked near the Eliot Mountain Trail gate, this tribute to garden designer Charles Savage is surrounded by tended moss and shade-loving plants.
- 18 Eliot Mountain Trail Gate** – Leads to hiking trails.