

Hahn-Warner Arboretum

A Place to Grow



Sugar Maple Leaf and samaras. More commonly referred to as "helicopters," "whirlers," "twisters" or "whirligigs," samaras are the winged seeds produced by maple trees. (#18 and #44 in Hahn-Warner Arboretum)

The Hahn-Warner Arboretum is a unique six-acre parcel of town land that now harbors about thirty trees of different species planted over time since 1970 when the project was begun by George Hahn, a science teacher at the Michael E. Smith Middle School, and Edwin T. Warner, the South Hadley Tree Warden. The Arboretum is atop a gently sloping hillside bordered by Stony Brook on the east and north and by the athletic fields of the Middle School on the south and west. The Arboretum serves as an educational resource and as a nature park for town residents. The area is maintained by the Conservation Commission with a number of volunteers of the South Hadley Volunteer Conservation Corps. The South Hadley Tree Committee works with the Middle School to organize an annual Arbor Day celebration, held at the Arboretum, at which students are awarded for their essays on Arbor Day themes and a tree is planted in honor of an individual who has made significant contributions in protecting the town's natural resources. The Arboretum is a special place to explore at any time of year.

Want to get involved in maintaining the Arboretum or other South Hadley Conservation lands?

Join neighbors of all ages who volunteer to care for South Hadley's precious open space.

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