

The Arboretum's mission is  
education, research,  
conservation,  
and to demonstrate how  
introduced plant species  
and native plants  
grow in a  
high desert environment.



Wilbur D. May Arboretum &  
Botanical Garden  
**Jr. Naturalist  
Guide**



For ages 10 & younger



# How to Earn a Scout Naturalist Patch

1. Fill out your name, mailing address, and phone number.
2. Complete your Naturalist Guide.
3. Mail your completed guide and \$1 to

**May Arboretum  
1595 N. Sierra St  
Reno, NV 89503**

We will mail you back your completed guide  
and a Scout Naturalist Patch!



# A Place to Call Home

Just like us, animals have a home. Where an animal lives is called a **HABITAT**.

*What kind of habitats are here in the  
Arboretum?*

*Draw or write about your ideas below*

*HINT: Think about what kind of animals live here.*

# The Secret Garden

The Arboretum is full of hidden paths.

Go explore and see if you can find a  
secret garden!

My secret garden is ...

My secret garden feels ...

My secret garden has ...

What kind of plants grow in your secret garden?

## This Guide Belongs To:

Name

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Mailing Address

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Phone Number

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# Hiking Adventures in Washoe County

- Wilbur D. May Arboretum
- Bartley Ranch Regional Park
- Davis Creek Regional Park
- Galena Creek Regional Park
- Lockwood Trailhead
- Silver Lake Trail
- Slide Mountain Trail
- And so much more!

*For a complete list of trails, parks, and open  
space in Washoe County visit:*

[www.washoecounty.us/parks](http://www.washoecounty.us/parks)

## What did I hear today?

Draw or write about the coolest sound you  
heard at the Arboretum.

Location:

Date:

# What did I see today?

Draw or write about the coolest thing you saw at the Arboretum.

Location:

Date:

# Explorers Log

Date	Where Did You Explore?

## **\*Happy Trail Tips\***

1. Stay on trail
2. Keep voices low to not scare away wildlife
3. Bring a notebook to record what you see

# Leaf, Scale, and Pine Needle Rubbings

1. Find a leaf you think is interesting.
2. Set your leaf on a hard surface.
3. Place the white sheet of paper on top.
4. Use the side of your pencil to color over the leaf.
5. Record your Nature Notes.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 for pine needles and scales too!

## Nature Notes:

*Where did I find this (leaf, needle, scale)?*

*What does the rubbing show me?*

*What does it remind me of?*

# Wonder Willow

*Grab a seat at Evans Creek Bridge &  
take a look around...*

What do you See?

What do you Feel?

What does it Remind you of?

What do you Wonder?

# Arboretum Bingo

1. Explore the Arboretum.
2. Put an "x" on what you can find.
3. Try to get 3 in a row, vertical, or diagonal.
4. Bingo!



# Leaf Rubbing



Leaves come in different shapes and sizes  
just like us!

Nature Notes:

## Pine Needle



You can tell pine trees apart by how many needles they have!

Nature Notes:

## Scale Rubbing



Scales are a kind of leaf. What do they feel like?

Nature Notes: