

# GHOST GARDENS, LOST LANDSCAPES: A WALKING TOUR OF WHAT'S DISAPPEARED

**GHOST GARDENS** explores **lost, vanished, or forgotten Philadelphia gardens, landscapes, and animals.** GPS coordinates guide you to sites **that no longer exist**; once there, you can use your mobile browser to **hear and see more** about what was once where you are standing.

## GET STARTED!

To search for the caches, enter the coordinates in a mapping or GPS application. The GPS coordinates get you to the **general vicinity of the cache**—and then you have to look. Use each location's title to guide you, and if you need extra help, decode the clue. Think sneaky—given the location's title (and clue, if you use it), where would you hide something? Inside each cache are directions on how to **access images of and information about** the lost, vanished, or unacknowledged where you are. The sites are listed in order of their distance from the APS Museum, but you can search for them in any order.

**IMPORTANT!** Do not let other people see you find (or re-hide) the box! The boxes need to stay hidden for everyone's enjoyment. Place the box back where you found it. If you don't have a mobile browser, take one of the cards with you to access the information from home.

If you get really stuck, see <http://ggll.weebly.com/caches.html> for pictures of the hiding places.

**Caches sometimes go missing.** If you believe a cache has been lost, you can let us know at [museum@amphilsoc.org](mailto:museum@amphilsoc.org).

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## To decode the clues:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

### Norris garden: 39 56 55.7514 N, 75 8 56.616 W

*Distance from APS Museum: less than 100 feet.* This is three vanished, forgotten, and overlooked sites, rolled into one because of the security requirements of this area. The cache is located near the entrance facing the colonial buildings, at ground level. You can reach it from a comfortable seated position! You do not need to enter any landscaped areas (although plants keep it hidden). It is a small, clear container the size of a deck of cards. Hidden with the permission of Independence National Historic Park (INHP).

**Clue:** Ynzccbfg arne orapu

### Clarke Hall: 39 56.860 N, 75 08.788 W

*Distance from previous location: approximately 0.2 miles.* Elaborate gardens once backed onto the creek that flowed here—but both creek and gardens are long gone. The coordinates should get you to the street just east of the cache, which is in the park-like area. You do not need to enter any landscaped areas to find it (although plants keep it hidden). The cache is a small, clear container the size of a deck of cards. Hidden with the permission of INHP.

**Clue:** Perrx orq, oevpx nepu

### Elephant in Philadelphia: 39 57 1.9764 N, 75 8 46.7304 W

*Distance from previous location: approximately 0.2 miles.* This site marks the visit of the first elephant to the United States, which was exhibited near this cache during the winter of 1797. Since this area is busy, the cache is located on a site off the beaten path (where you will also find a little-known mini-park). The cache is a small, clear container the size of a deck of cards. It is hidden at ground level.

**Clue:** Punva yvax srapi

### M'Mahon's seedhouse: 39 56 57.1914 N, 75 8 36.636 W

*Distance from previous location: approximately 0.2 miles.* This site marks the store of the Philadelphia nurseryman who raised the seeds sent back from the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The cache is a bit north of its original location, now a parking lot. The hiding spot is one of the few places near the former store where you can still glimpse the Delaware waterfront. The cache is a small, clear container the size of a deck of cards and is below eye level. Warning: the hiding spot is not the cleanest spot!

**Clue:** Nyryl genfu pna

### Pepper's Greenhouse: 39 56 58.3758 N, 75 9 12.837 W

*Distance from previous location: approximately 0.6 miles.* **ALTERNATE START:** you might choose to begin here, approximately 0.3 miles from the APSM. This was once the home of Philadelphia's wealthiest man. The cache is a magnetic electrical plate cover. Open it carefully as the contents may spill out! Hidden with the permission of the store manager.

**Clue:** Ernq n obbx

### Botanic garden: 39 56 48.3354 N, 75 9 6.1914 W

*Distance from previous location: approximately 0.3 miles.* Although the cache is located inside the park, it can most easily be retrieved from outside the wall. You do not need to enter any planted areas to find it (although plants keep it hidden). The cache is a small, clear container the size of a deck of cards. Hidden with the permission of INHP.

**Clue:** Ovttrfg gerr ba Fvkgu

### Cherry Garden: 39 56 24.6474 N, 75 8 37.86 W

*Distance from previous location: approximately 0.4 miles.* NOTE: This is the furthest point from the APSM, approximately 0.9 miles. Philadelphians used to flock to this site to enjoy river views, an elaborate garden, alcohol and entertainment. But that pleasure spot disappeared over 200 years ago. The cache is hidden almost as close to I-95 as you can get, at ground level near evergreens. The cache is a small, clear container about the size of a deck of cards.

**Clue:** Evtug bs uryc, ubyrvr