

## Heritage Museum & Gardens

If you have not been, add the Heritage Museum and Gardens to your bucket list of 2021 activities. Located just an hour south of Milton in Sandwich, this gem is now open for the season. I went for the first time when my youngest son was a year old and have made it a perennial favorite each summer. Just like the name says, it is a 100 acres of beautiful trails and manicured grounds with color everywhere. Regardless of when you visit, you will see flowers in bloom so even if you go once in Spring and once in Summer, it will be a different experience altogether. Personally, I love the hydrangea garden which can be seen to the right (photo taken in 2011).

In addition to walking trails, there is an indoor carousel which is always a huge hit with my sons. Located in the same building is a collection of impressive art and military miniatures. In addition to the carousel, there is an outdoor “discovery” or play area suitable for children ages 2-10 that is similar to an outdoor classroom. Children can play in so many different areas like the movement area, performance area and/or splash area. The crown jewel of Hidden Hollow is the tree house. I do not want to give too much away because it is such a special sight to see for the first time. As if this already does not all sound so magnificent, there is also an impressive American Automobile Collection ranging from 1899-1965.

From art to automobiles to flower gardens and tree houses, this is a destination that will surely capture everyone's interests. When reserving the pass at the library, be sure to simultaneously check the Heritage Museum and Gardens website to make sure there is space to visit on the day you choose. To receive the discount, add the code on the ticket while purchasing your tickets online at <https://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/about-us/visit/>.

