

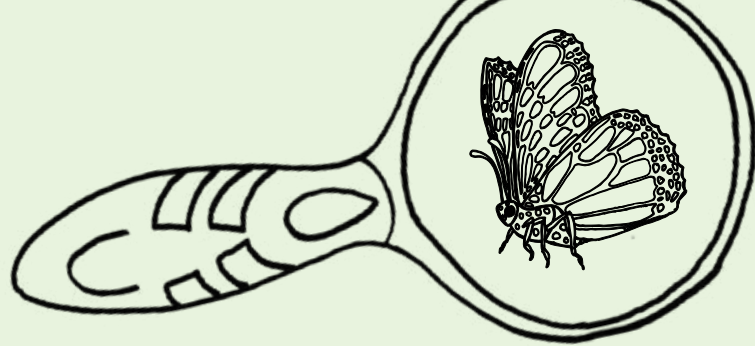
The background of the entire page is a repeating pattern of black and white line drawings of flowers and butterflies. The flowers are of various sizes and orientations, some with five petals and some with six. The butterflies are also of various sizes and are shown in different poses, some with wings spread and others with wings folded. The pattern is dense and covers the entire page.

## Conservatory Garden Discovery Journal

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## Welcome, Park Explorer!

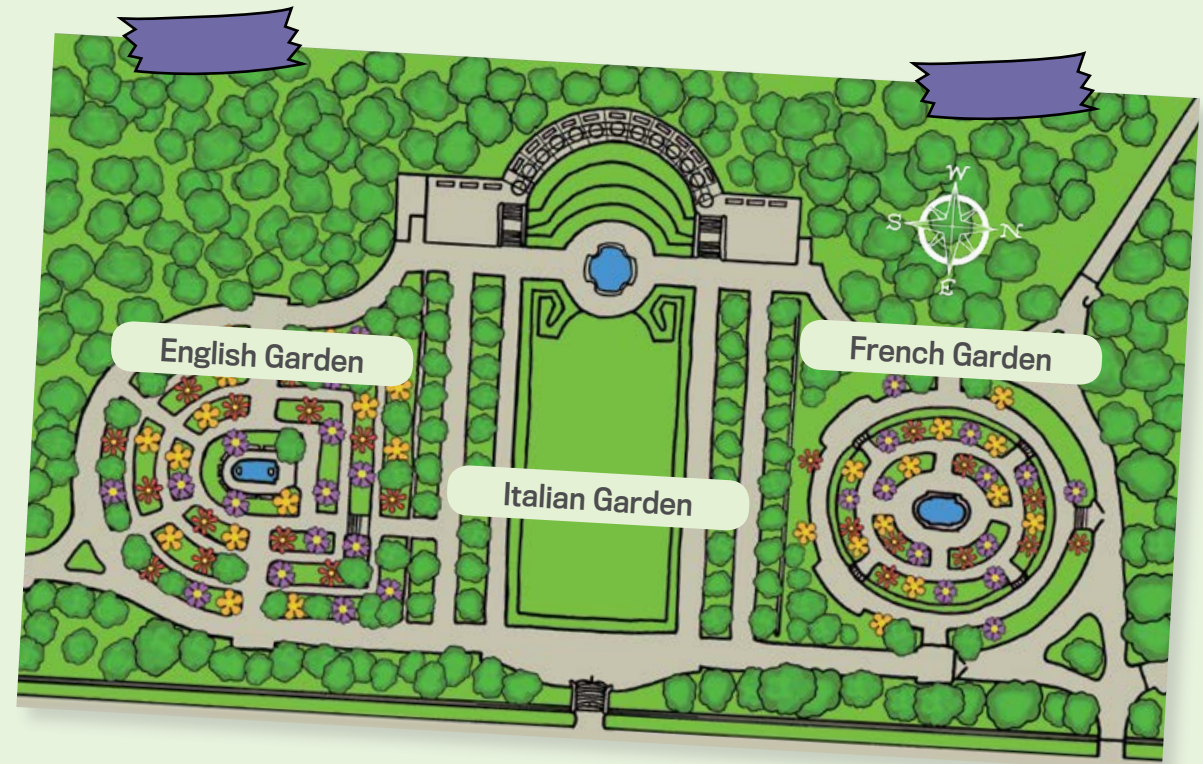
This journal is your guide to exploring Conservatory Garden as a **designer**, a **gardener**, and a **naturalist**. By completing the challenges on these pages, you'll discover how designers, gardeners, and naturalists are also **stewards**, or caretakers, of this special place. With millions of visitors each year, it takes a lot of hard work to keep Central Park's landscapes healthy and beautiful.

The Central Park Conservancy is the official steward of Central Park. But we need your help, too! As you explore Conservatory Garden, follow the Park Explorer's Code of Conduct:

- ✓ **Stay on the path.**  
Stepping on the flower beds can damage plants and disturb animals.
- ✓ **Take pictures, not souvenirs.**  
If every visitor took home a flower or leaf, there wouldn't be any left.
- ✓ **Shhhhhh.**  
Keep your voices down. Conservatory Garden is a quiet zone.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ \_\_\_\_\_

Add one more guideline for Park Explorers to follow, so they can be stewards, too!



## Discover!

As you explore, pay special attention to what you see in the garden in addition to plants. Is there a beautiful fountain, or a vine-covered walkway?

**Circle the garden you're exploring now.**

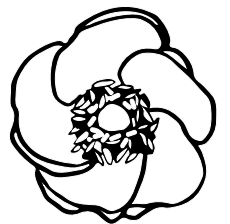
English

Italian

French

**In this garden, I notice...**

**In this location, I feel...**



## Planning a Living Painting

Gardens are living paintings! But instead of using paint, some **designers** use plants to create artwork. Garden designers choose the plants according to how they grow, and in what season they bloom. When selecting and arranging plants, garden designers think about how plant colors, shapes, sizes, textures, and patterns (and even smells!) complement or contrast one another.

### Discover!

Draw two leaf shapes and two flower shapes that you observe.

A 2x2 grid of boxes on a light green grid background. Each box contains a small icon in the top-left corner: a leaf in the top-left and bottom-left boxes, and a flower in the top-right and bottom-right boxes. An arrow points to the bottom-left box with the text 'Draw your leaf shapes here!'. Another arrow points to the bottom-right box with the text 'Draw your flower shapes here!'.

Garden designers plan the style of each garden. Some gardens are designed to look very orderly, with flower beds planted in rows and plants and shrubs neatly trimmed. Others are designed to look wild, almost as if the garden has grown without any planning.

### Discover!

Choose a flower bed to draw, and pay special attention to how the plants are arranged.

A large square box with a light green background and a purple scalloped border. It is hanging from a black dot at the top center by two thin lines. Below the box is a white label with a black border and a black arrow pointing to it. The label contains the text 'Name your living painting!'.

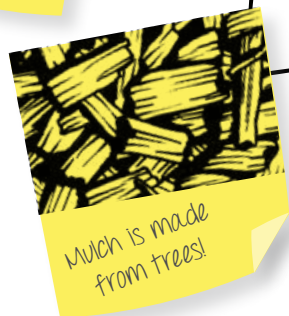
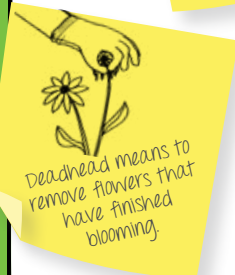


# Who Makes a Garden Healthy?

**Gardeners** work hard to keep Conservatory Garden healthy and beautiful all year. Here are just some of the things a gardener may do during the day.

## ONGOING GARDEN PROJECTS

- ✓ Add new plants to change how the garden looks each season.
- ✓ Water the plants to help them grow.
- ✓ Add mulch around trees to protect roots and hold water.
- ✓ Remove litter to keep the garden beautiful.
- ✓ Remove weeds so that the other plants have enough room to grow.
- ✓ Deadhead plants to promote new flower growth.
- ✓ Prune trees and hedges to keep the plants healthy and to maintain their shape.
- ✓ Teach visitors about the garden and its history.



Draw a gardener taking care of Conservatory Garden!

Keeping trees, shrubs (tree-like plants that have multiple woody stems), and vines healthy is an important part of a gardener's job. By pruning, or cutting back branches, gardeners make sure that the plants maintain their shape and grow stronger in the future.

## Discover!

Look closely at a tree, shrub, or vine. Can you find where this plant was pruned? Draw the evidence you see and complete the Garden Project Report.

## GARDEN PROJECT REPORT

Today's Project: Pruning

Plant type: ☐ tree ☐ shrub ☐ vine

Pruning evidence I observe:

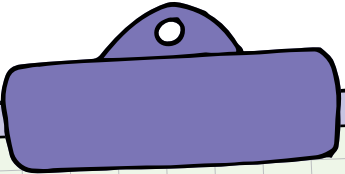
I think this plant was pruned ☐ recently ☐ a while ago because I notice...

## Not Just for People!







**Naturalists** learn about animals by observing how they interact with their surroundings – what the animals are doing, and where they are doing it. Conservatory Garden is a habitat, or home, for many animals that live in New York City for some or all of the year. The plants and plant beds provide animals with resources – food, shelter, space, and even water – that allow them to survive in an urban environment.

## Discover!

Complete the Animal Survey by recording the number of insects, mammals, and birds you observe.



### ANIMAL SURVEY


 <b>Insects</b> On the ground  On plants  Other  _____ Insects	 <b>Mammals</b> On the ground  On plants  Other  _____ Mammals	 <b>Birds</b> On the ground  On plants  Other  _____ Birds
<b>TOTAL</b> _____ <b>Animals</b>		

## Discover!

Complete the Animal Card for one animal you observe in the Garden.

### ANIMAL CARD

**Animal Name**  
 \_\_\_\_\_



Draw your animal here!

**Location**  
☐ Tree ☐ Plant ☐ Fence ☐ Bench ☐ Rock ☐ Flower ☐ Leaf  
☐ Pathway ☐ Flower bed ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Behavior**  
☐ Eating ☐ Flying ☐ Singing ☐ Resting ☐ Climbing ☐ Walking  
☐ Crawling ☐ Drinking ☐ Building ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Interesting Observation**  
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## Healthy Cities Need Healthy Parks!

Conservatory Garden is one of many special places in Central Park where people can enjoy and explore the outdoors. Since urban parks provide so many benefits to people, people need to be stewards of urban parks – including Central Park!

### Discover!

Review your Conservatory Garden discoveries and complete your journal with the following entry.

**Being an urban park steward is important because...**

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## Central Park is MY Park!

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Steward






## Discover Central Park!

The Central Park Conservancy offers a variety of Discovery Programs to help children explore Central Park and develop skills for inquiry, all in the world's greatest outdoor classroom.

**Learn more: [centralparknyc.org/discovery](https://centralparknyc.org/discovery)**

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