

FOUR LEVELS OF ACCREDITATION

Join the professional arboretum network

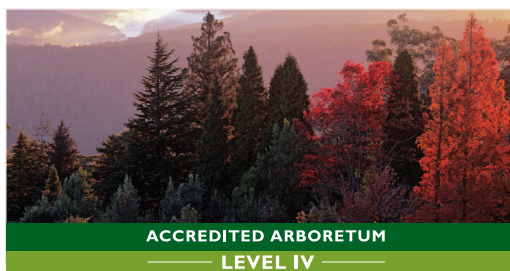
Different levels of accreditation recognize arboreta of various degrees of development, capacity, and professionalism.

	LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	LEVEL IV
Arboretum plan	■	■	■	■
Organizational or governance group	■	■	■	■
Labeled tree and woody plant taxa				
25+	■			
100+		■		
500+			■	■
Staff or volunteer support				
Volunteer or paid	■			
Paid management		■	■	■
Curator			■	■
Scientific or conservation staff				■
Public dimension				
Public access and at least one event per year	■	■	■	■
Enhanced public and educational programs		■	■	■
Substantial educational programming			■	■
Collections policy		■	■	■
Collaboration with other arboreta			■	■
Collections data sharing with networked collections			■	■
Agenda for tree science, planting, and conservation			■	■
Collections conservation				■
Conservation role in Global Trees Campaign				■

AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK of tree-focused professionals

In addition to offering the Arboretum Accreditation Program, ArbNet is also an interactive community that supports information exchange and collaboration. Through arbnet.org, individuals can:

- Access helpful resources.
- Participate in ArbNet member programs such as the BGCI/ArbNet Botanic Garden Partnership Programme.
- Read arboretum-focused news.
- Identify other arboreta to collaborate with in scientific, collection, and conservation activities.
- Engage with a vibrant social media community.
- Work collectively as part of a broad network to help advance the planting, care, and conservation of trees.



ACCREDITED ARBORETUM
LEVEL IV

The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden,
Mount Tomah, Australia



ACCREDITED ARBORETUM
LEVEL III

Průhonice Park, Průhonice, Czech Republic



BECOME ACCREDITED
GET CONNECTED

Strengthening the
arboretum community



VISIT ARBNET.ORG/ACCREDITATION
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC
ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS.

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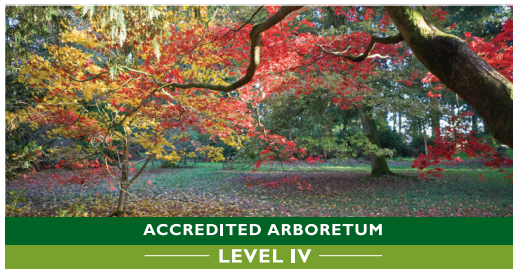
BE RECOGNIZED AND LEAD THE WAY

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is designed to:

- Recognize standards of excellence in tree-focused gardens.
- Foster professionalism of arboreta worldwide.
- Enable collaboration in scientific, collections, and conservation activities.
- Advance the planting, study, and conservation of trees.

ACCREDITATION

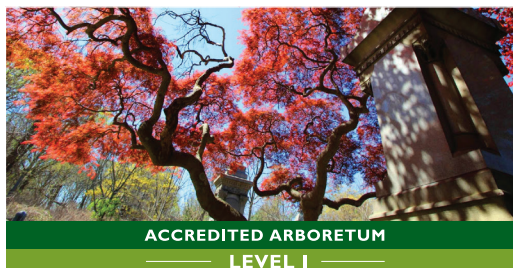
Strengthening the arboretum community



Westonbirt, The National Arboretum, Tetbury, U.K.



The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL



Mount Moriah Cemetery and Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA

ACCREDITATION PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Earn distinction in your community and be recognized for achieving specified levels of professional practice.
- Work toward higher professional standards once accredited.
- Identify other organizations at similar or higher levels of accreditation to provide comparative benchmarks and models for further achievement.
- Exert leadership and influence and serve as a model to encourage professional development in other organizations.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with other arboreta in scientific, collection, or conservation activities.
- Become eligible for funding opportunities and member programs like the BGCI/ArbNet Botanic Garden Partnership Programme.

HOW TO BECOME ACCREDITED

1. Complete the online application.
2. Accreditation applications are reviewed and a decision is made within two to four weeks.
3. The decision is based on your self-assessment and documentation of your arboretum's level of achievement against accreditation standards.
4. ArbNet staff may schedule future site visits.

ABOUT ARBNET

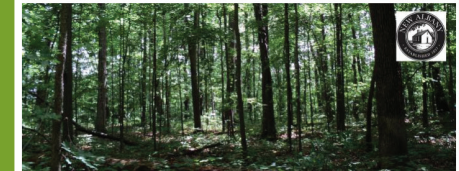
ArbNet is sponsored and coordinated by The Morton Arboretum in cooperation with Botanic Gardens Conservation International. ArbNet facilitates the exchange of information and the sharing of knowledge, experience, and other resources to help arboreta achieve their goals.



MORTON REGISTER of Arboreta

The Morton Arboretum has compiled a global database of tree-focused public gardens that is the basis for the ArbNet collaborative network. The Morton Register (arbnet.org/morton-register) is a constantly growing list, identifying organizations that collect and display trees, shrubs, and other woody plants for the benefit of the public, science, and conservation. Any tree-focused organization can be included in the Register, regardless of size. Organizations listed in the Morton Register are strongly encouraged to become accredited through the ArbNet Accreditation Program. ArbNet-accredited arboreta are highlighted on the Morton Register website with the official ArbNet accreditation badge and a link to their dedicated profile web page.

City of New Albany Arboretum at Swickard Woods



CITY OF NEW ALBANY ARBORETUM AT SWICKARD WOODS

DESCRIPTION

The New Albany Arboretum at Swickard Woods includes more than 30 different species of trees, some of which are 300 years old. Naomi Swickard, a descendant of one of New Albany's founders, and her husband Jim Fodor, wanted to share the beauty of their land with future generations. Through their generosity this is now possible, with the woodlands preserved in a park setting.



LEARN MORE

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