

Four Levels of Accreditation

Join the professional arboretum network

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

	L-I	L-II	L-III	L-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 organizations			■	
Collections data sharing with networked collections				■
Tree science, planting, and conservation activities			■	
Substantial and integrated woody plant conservation (<i>ex situ</i> and <i>in situ</i>)				■

Visit arbnet.org/accreditation for more information about specific accreditation requirements.

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 I

Arderne Gardens, Cape Town, South Africa



ACCREDITED ARBORETUM LEVEL II

Gathering Place (GGP Parks, LLC), Tulsa, OK, USA

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**Become Accredited.
Get Connected.**

Strengthening the
arboretum community

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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



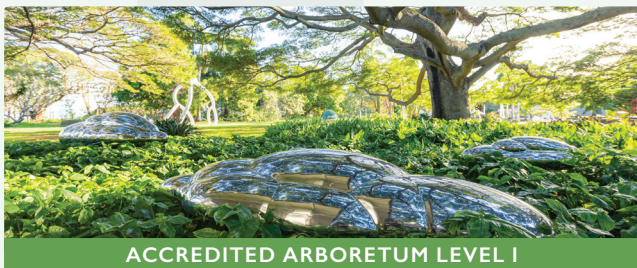
ACCREDITED ARBORETUM LEVEL II

Arboretum De Nieuwe Ooster, Amsterdam, Netherlands



ACCREDITED ARBORETUM LEVEL IV

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN, USA



ACCREDITED ARBORETUM LEVEL I

Imua Discovery Garden, Wailuku, HI, USA

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 such as 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 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.

