

## Garvan Woodland Gardens Hot Springs, Arkansas

Garvan Woodland Gardens is a wooded oasis of naturalized gardens, rock formations, and streams and lakefront property. In 2009, The Acorn Group joined Terra Design Studios to develop its interpretive master plan. This work included identifying interpretive media for both a children's garden and preschool discovery garden.



### Evans Adventure Garden

Families experience their first dramatic view of Evans Adventure Garden from atop a curving, treetop bridge. The bridge gently lowers visitors to a rockscape that frames the walkways and stream that meander through this remarkable space.



These boulders also create the nooks and crannies older children seek—caverns, waterfalls, and ledges that invite the curious.

We identified panels, flip lids and flipbooks, poetry, and other media for this garden. Their purpose is to suggest exploratory activities for older children without dashing spontaneous play.



### Preschool Discovery Garden

While older children set out to explore Evans Adventure Garden, younger children will be at home in the Preschool Discovery Garden. Designed specifically preschoolers, this space beckons young explorers to engage in imaginary play among toadstool rings, fairy houses, tree houses, and smooth logs and boulders. Here, the media focus on child-centered exploration and development of the basic skills of a naturalist.

