



The
Explorer's
Guide to
Wyck

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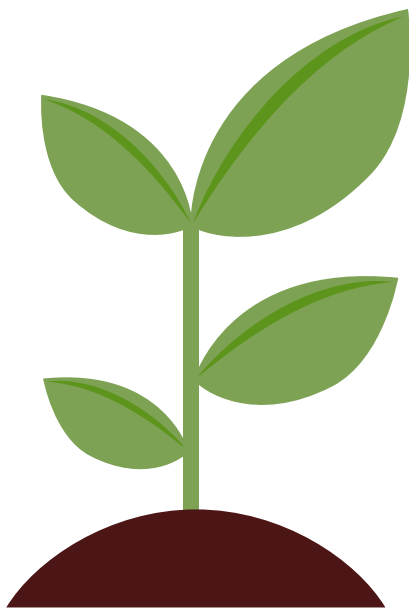
Welcome to the **Explorer's Guide to Wyck!**

Many explorers, scientists, and horticulturists lived at Wyck. They used their senses to explore and describe the world around them. They looked at different plants, animals, and other interesting things that make our world more livable and delightful!

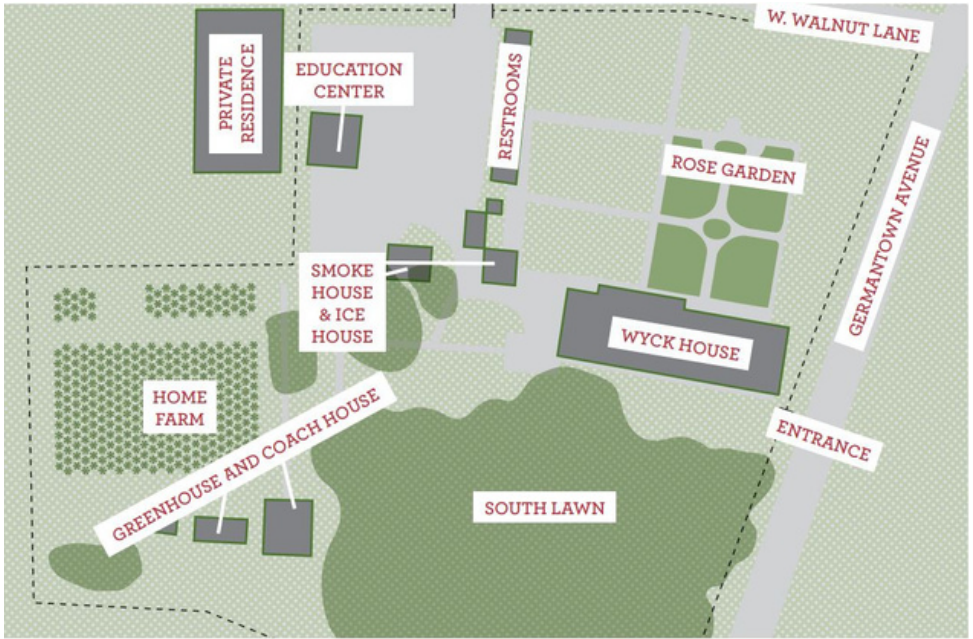
Fill out all of these pages to become an **Official Wyck Explorer!**

When you are done, ring the doorbell (during open hours) and receive your stamp!

Go start exploring!



Site Map

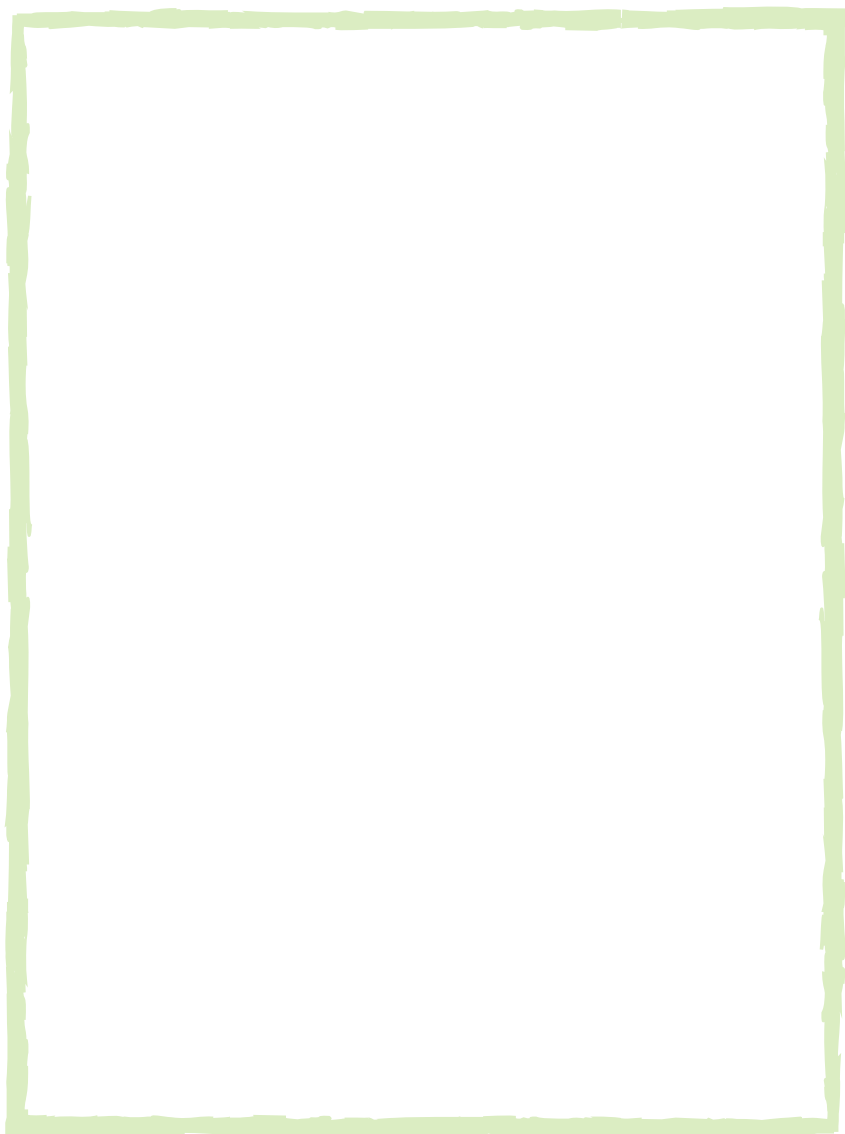


Wyck House is open for tours Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from noon-4pm. Take a tour to learn about Wyck's scientists and explorers.

Wyck's rose garden, home farm, and lawn are open to explore any time!

Wyck was home to many
HORTICULTURISTS. A **horticulturist** is
someone who studies plants.

Look around the grounds. Draw the most
unusual plant you can find!



Visit the Wyck Rose Garden. Did you know that it is the oldest rose garden in the United States still growing in its original layout?

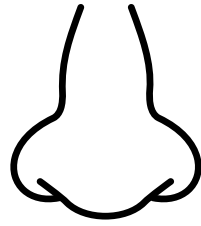


The garden is home to many rare types of roses, but they only bloom once a year. When the roses are not blooming you can see Rose Hips, where the seeds are.



Roses from Reuben Haines' nature journal

Use Your Nose!



One way scientists distinguish plants is by their SMELL. Some plants smell good. Some plants smell bad. Some plants don't have any smell at all.

Find a flower in bloom or
an herb in the home farm garden. Smell it
and describe the scents here.
Draw it below.

Type of plant:

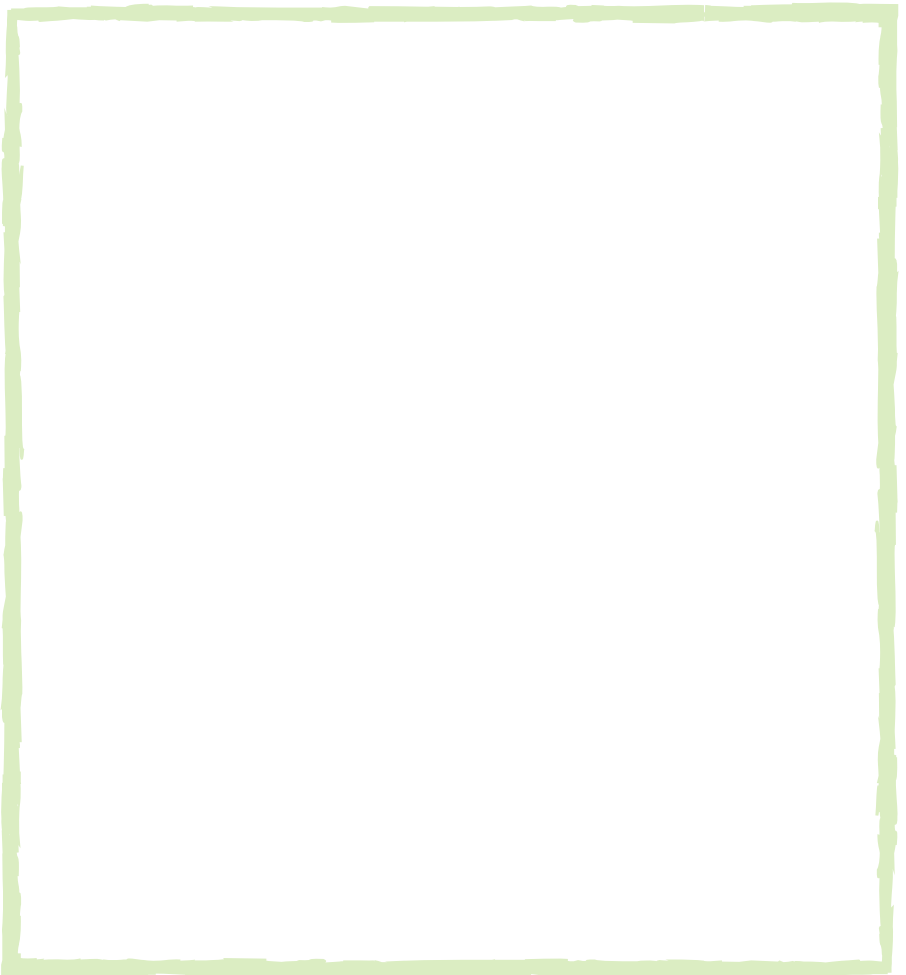
Smells like:

Reminds me of:

Nature Rubbing

Many explorers like Reuben Haines drew pictures in their nature journals, but sometimes they took rubbings to depict the texture of what they found.

To make a **rubbing**, place the leaf **underneath this page**. Then use your pencil to rub across the leaf in the box below.



Some scientists like **Ann Haines** recorded the weather every day. This helps us to see how the weather changes from year to year.

Ann Haines recorded the weather at Wyck for over 50 years!

Ann measured the temperature, atmospheric pressure, precipitation (whether it rained or snowed), and whether it was cloudy or not.

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An Explorer's Weather Journal



Today's Date: _____

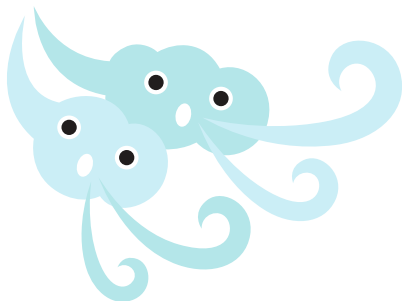
Is it sunny or cloudy? _____

Is it hot or cold: _____

Is it raining or snowing? _____

Does the air feel wet or dry? _____

Is it windy?: _____



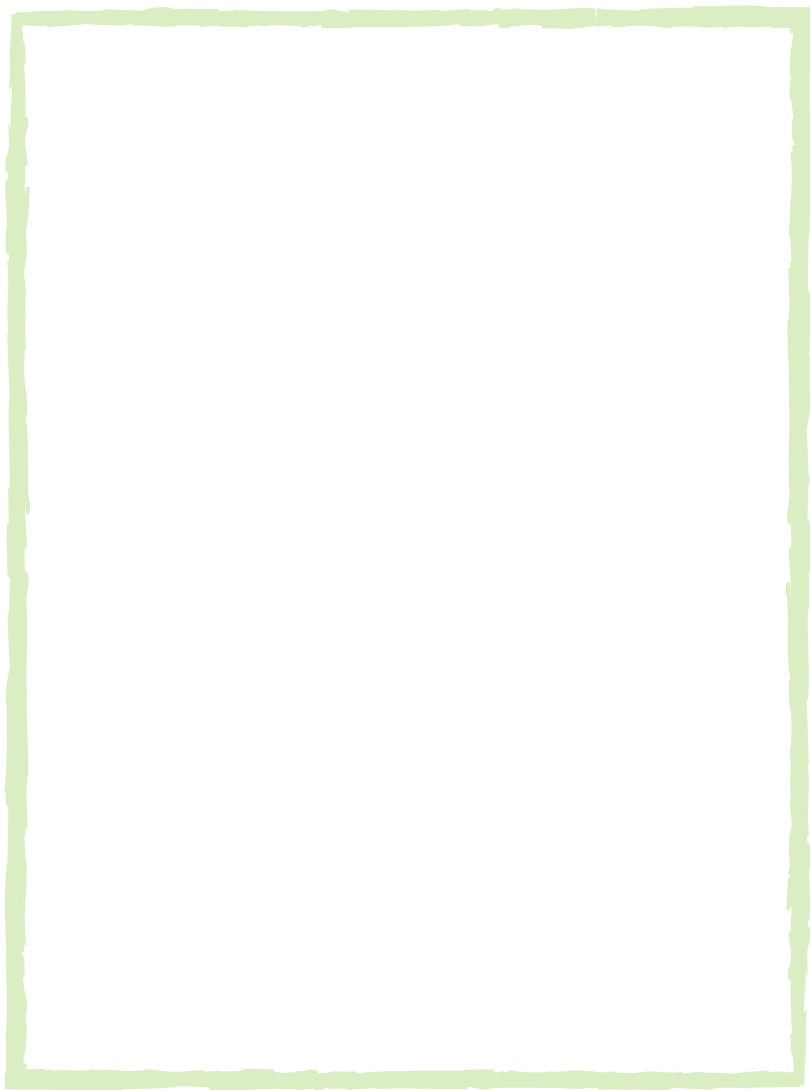


Most honey bees live in boxes so beekeepers can collect the honey. These houses are called
APIARIES.

Before apiaries, bees lived in skeps, like this old one at Wyck.



Imagine what it looks like inside an **apiary** or other bee house. What kinds of things do you think you might find?
Draw your imaginary bee house here.



Food for Thought

Wyck's residents passed down many **receipt books**. Today we would call them cookbooks, and they have over 1,000 recipes to try!



The people who lived at Wyck grew much of their own food on the farm. Have you ever grown your own food? Different fruits and vegetables grow at different times of the year.

Visit Wyck's Home Farm to see what is growing!

What Season is it? (circle one):
Spring Summer Fall Winter

What is growing on the farm right now?

What is your favorite fruit or vegetable?

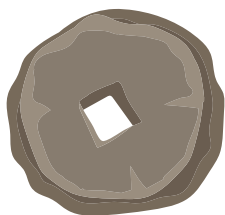


That Rocks!

We can find many rocks on the ground around us. Sometimes a rock is just a rock, but sometimes it can be something more.

Reuben Haines collected many rocks and brought them to Wyck. He even brought fossils of really, really, really old animals to the house.

What rocks can you find? Are they big or small? What color are they? Do they have any interesting markings?



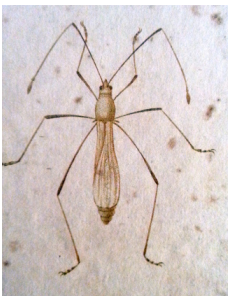


BUG OUT!



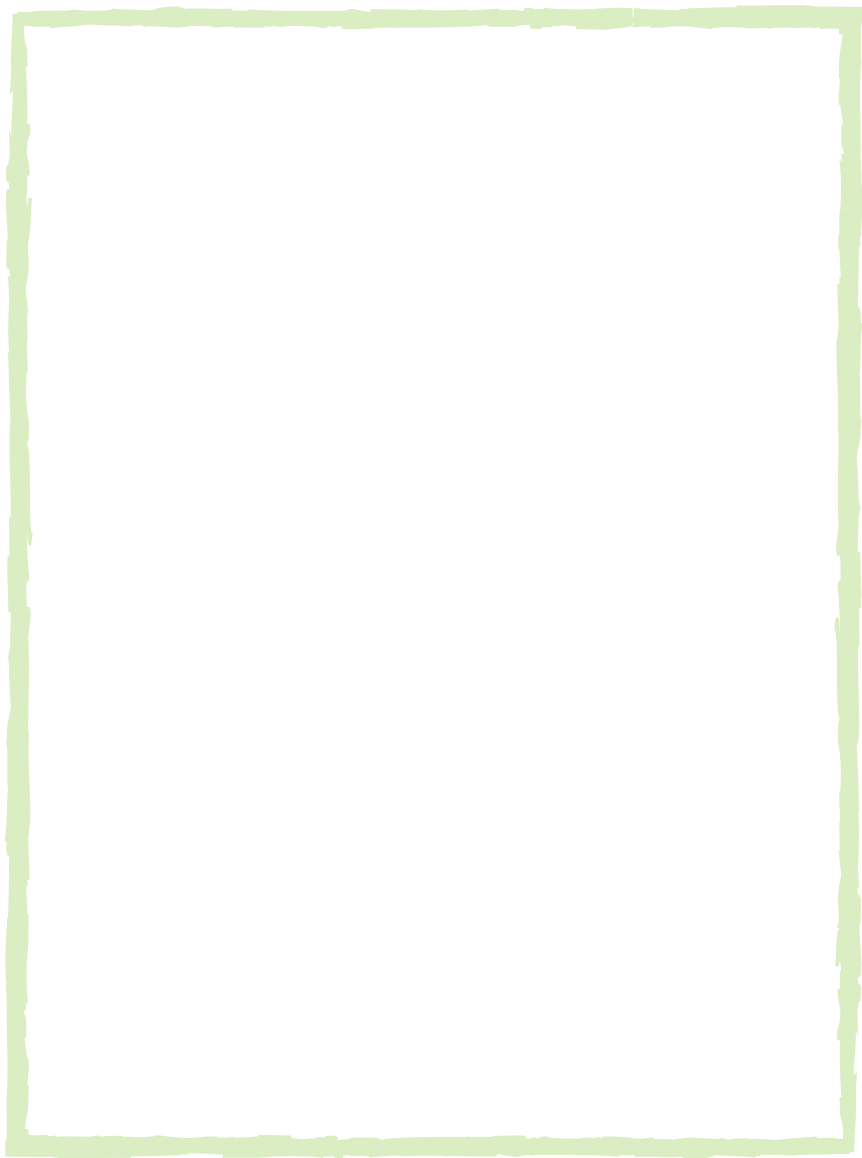
You may find bugs yucky, but sometimes bugs can be helpful. They often become food for birds or other animals. Some eat dead plant materials. Worms help make the soil good for planting. Some bugs even eat bad bugs!

What bugs do you see around Wyck?



Mosquito, from Reuben Haines' nature journal

What else did you see ?
Document your other sightings here!

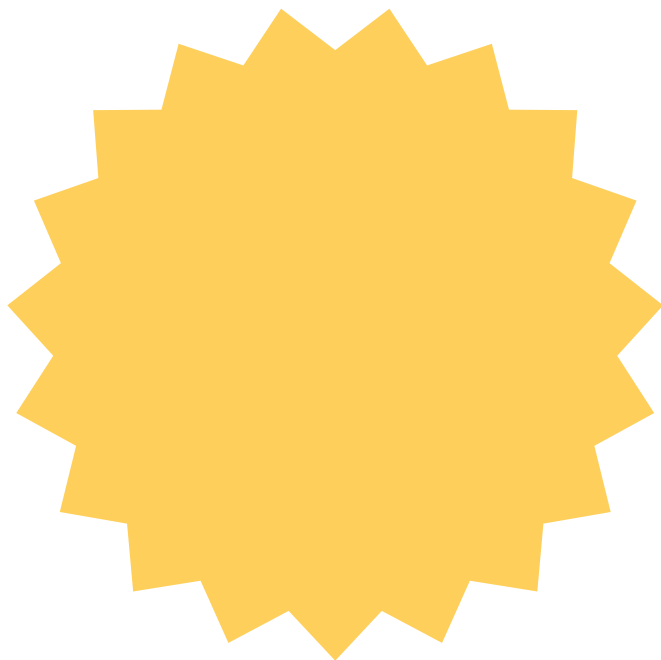
A large, empty rectangular box with a thick, hand-drawn green border, intended for documenting other sightings.

When stamped, this booklet certifies its holder is an official Wyck Explorer.

Name:

Age:

Wyck Explorers love to learn about their natural surroundings. They care about the well-being of the plants and animals and do their part to understand and protect them.



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