

# Toddler Toolkit: Exploring The Gardens with Sound

**Hello friend!** Use this guide to experience sounds in the Dixon gardens with your tiny tot!

**Little ones have sharp ears.** Though it sounds simple, getting calm and quiet to hear the birds chirp and the chipmunks chitter can be tough as a grown-up, let alone as a child who is new to the world.

**Throughout each season** the buffet of sounds will change in this special garden. Visit again for a new sound experience!

## Active Sounds:

- Take a winding walk through the gardens. As you move, make and mimic the sounds together!
- Do feet crunch on gravel?
- Are there leaves to step on?
- Do fingers splash in water?
- What other sounds can you make?



## Passive Sounds:

- Find a place to stand very still, get really small, and listen to it all. Pause and close your eyes.
- Hold hands, listen, and name the sounds together!
- Are tree leaves rustling?
- Do you hear the buzz of garden tools?
- Are any animals talking? Moving?
- What other sounds do you hear?



*At the end of the day, which sounds were your favorite?*