



Enjoy the beautiful gardens and plantings on the Nature Center grounds.

The Green Briar Nature Center and Jam Kitchen are open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm, May through December, and Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, January through April. Tour Groups that come during the week can watch staff preparing the jam products and are free to observe the process and ask questions.

Admission for Group Tours is \$1 per person, payable by cash, check or credit card - Visa, MC or Discover. A visit to Green Briar takes about one hour.

If possible, we ask that tour groups make reservations at least one week in advance by emailing: joan@thorntonburgess.org or by calling Joan at 508.888.6870 or faxing Joan at 508.888.1919. A second option is to please have the Step-On-Guide, or driver, call at least one to two hours prior to visit.

All buildings and grounds are handicap accessible.

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Group Tour Brochure

The Green Briar Nature Center
and Jam Kitchen

“Jammin’ Since 1903”



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What You Will See When You Visit

A perfect stop for Group Tours, the historic Jam Kitchen is located at the Green Briar Nature Center on Discovery Hill Road, just off Route 6A in East Sandwich. Group Tours visiting the historic building will savor the aromas of fresh fruits cooking on the stove or baking in the heat of the sun. The historic kitchen dates back over 100 years, when Ida Putnam opened the Jam Kitchen in 1903. Today the kitchen is a living, thriving hub of activity, where jams and jellies, salsa and pickle products are made the old-fashioned way using methods dating back to circa 1890-1900.

Group Tour visitors will be able to taste some of the many products produced by the Jam Kitchen, then make a selection from the stocked shelves of the Gift Shop. Varieties include Beach Plum Jelly, Cranberry Relish, Strawberry Jam, Bread & Butter Pickles—the list goes on and on!

Since 1979, the Jam Kitchen has been operated by a non-profit environmental education organization, the Thornton W. Burgess Society, as part of its Nature Center. All of the kitchen's income is used to support the Society's natural history programs, which inspire reverence for wildlife and concern for the natural environment in the tradition of the famed children's author and naturalist, Thornton W. Burgess.

Everything is close by and requires very little walking. The Green Briar Nature Center also features natural history and art exhibits. It has a live animal exhibit including rabbits, turtles, snakes and other small creatures. The Nature Center grounds are also home to the Shirley G. Cross Wildflower Garden, the only garden of its kind on Cape Cod. Located on the shores of Smiling Pool and adjacent to the "Briar Patch" of Thornton Burgess's stories, Green Briar is a sanctuary of peace and beauty in all seasons.



*A resident swan glides across the Smiling Pool.
Photo by Don Fleet*



Visitors stroll through the Wildflower Garden.



Cranberries from area bogs are ready to be used in a number of delicious kitchen products.

Ample free parking is available for bus tours and large passenger vans. Passengers can disembark at the building entrance, and vehicles can then park in the enlarged parking area. Large groups will be divided by Green Briar staff to ensure an orderly flow. Some will enter the kitchen, Cranberries from area bogs are ready to be used in a number of delicious kitchen products.

while others can enjoy the grounds and exhibits. The staff will make sure that all enjoy the same tour.

The Gift Shop is fully stocked with jam products, natural history related gifts, books and items featuring Thornton Burgess' beloved animal characters.