

# Other Order (sound walk app) Instructions

## Android and iOS (Apple)

[http://www.terirueb.net/other\\_order/](http://www.terirueb.net/other_order/)

Download app from Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Launch app: You will see the MAIN screen.

LISTEN TO INTRO!

When you press "play sound walk" you will see the MAP screen appear.

You must be in Bussey Brook Meadow to use this app.

iOS version is optimized for iPhone 5+: For iPhone 4S and below, you may need to wait some time for GPS to sense your location. Reboot device to prompt location lock.

When you see your position appear, you may begin the walk (in either direction from South Street Gate or Washington Street Gate).

Additional info regarding plants and history can be accessed at any time via the INDEX menu.

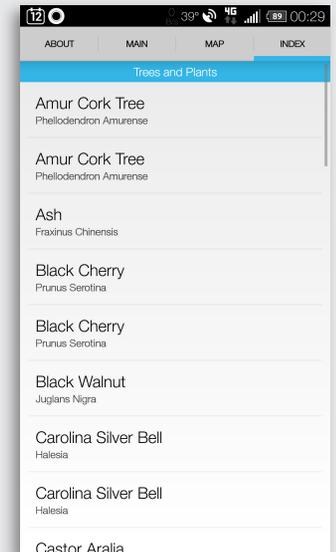
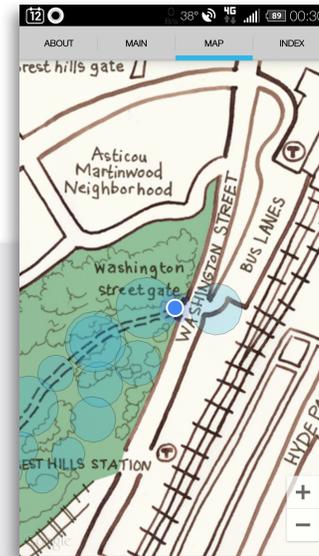
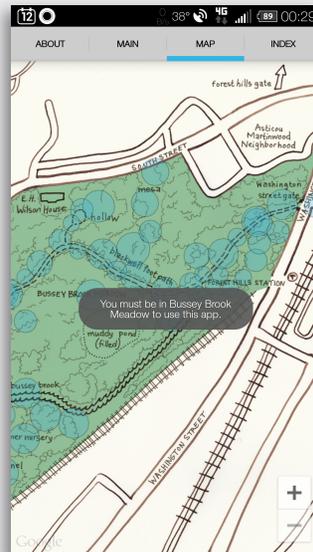
By clicking on any of the plants, you can view their images.

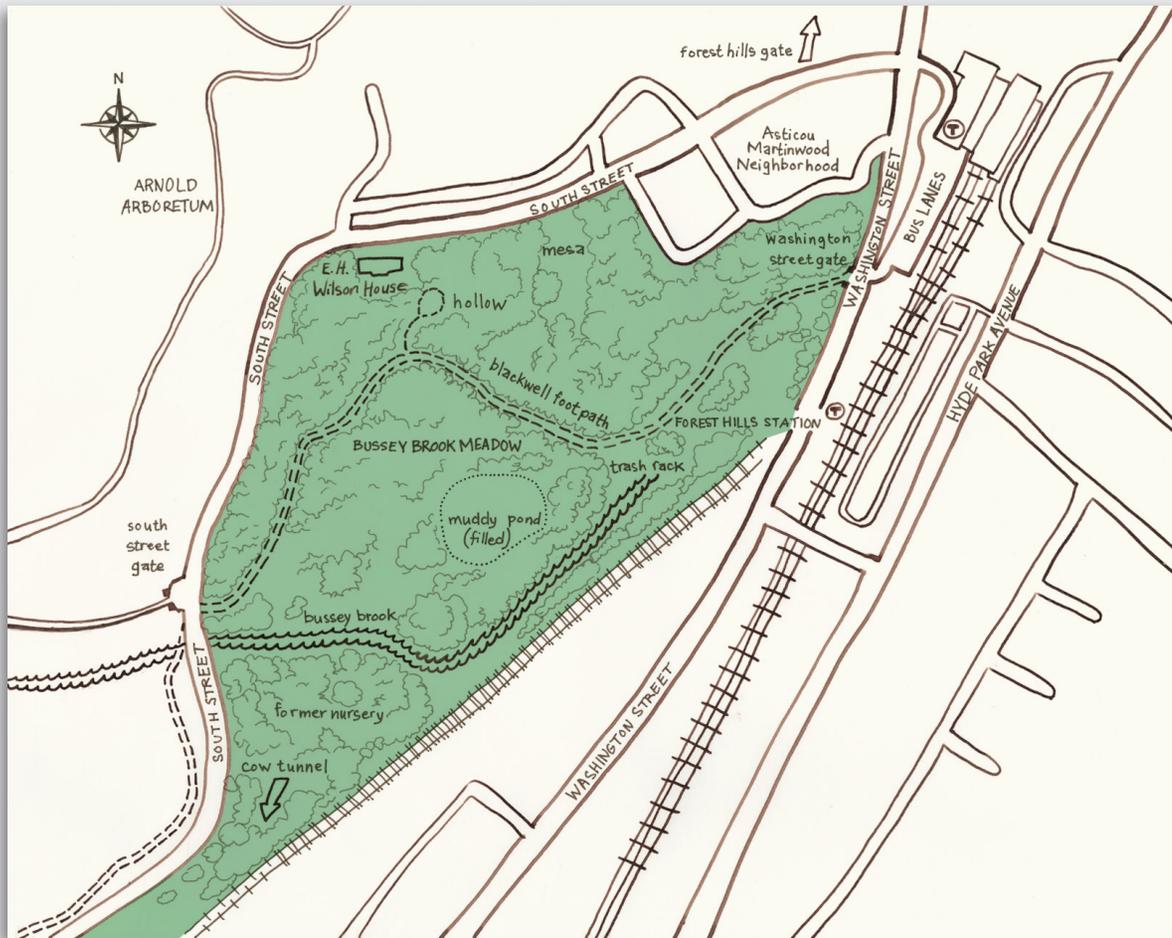


iOS (iPhones, iPads)



Android Devices





**Other Order (2014)**  
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## GUIDE TO APP MENUS

### MAIN MENU

play / stop intro  
 start / stop sound walk  
 reset sounds (resets all sounds to their starting point)

### MAP

Shows your position as sensed by GPS. You must be in Bussey Brook Meadow to use this app.

### INDEX

Provides additional info about plants and trees mentioned in the voice over. Also offers some historic info and historical context to the work of John Blackwell and Genie Beale in preserving BBM as an "urban wild".

"Other Order" is a sound walk set in the spontaneous landscape of Bussey Brook Meadow at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. Where the formal plant collections of the Arboretum present visitors with carefully arranged and maintained specimens organized according to systems of botanical classification, Bussey Brook Meadow is a less easily categorized "emergent" ecology -- an urban wild that has evolved through informal processes of management that have left it open to colonization by spontaneous vegetation and the ever-shifting impacts of human interventions.

The sound walk presents a blend of recorded conversations and sounds drawn from and inspired by the landscape itself. Resilience is the hallmark of such emergent ecologies, as illuminated by the voice of the Arnold Arboretum's retired Senior Research Scientist, Peter Del Tredici, as he accompanies a variety of guest visitors on walks through the meadow. The tracts that make up the contemporary Bussey Brook Meadow parcel have been owned and governed by disparate parties since the 1600s, including private farmers and residents, Harvard University, the Bussey Institute and the City of Boston. Designated as an "urban wild" in the 1970s and later brought together as a unified parcel, the site was incorporated into the Arnold Arboretum indenture in 1996. To link the Arboretum's historical landscape and Forest Hills Station, the Blackwell Footpath opened in 2001, named after urban planner John Blackwell who dedicated over 30 years to the preservation of Boston urban wilds.

Bussey Brook Meadow is now managed as a living laboratory for urban ecology. It is a site where human interventions including agriculture, landfills, sewer and transportation corridors interact with biological processes, and together they are allowed to run their "natural" course. Despite a long history of abuse and neglect, the site has evolved to its current state as a functional urban wetland. The careful observer will be rewarded with discoveries both delightful and perhaps disturbing in this "Arboretum gone wild."

The sound walk is a GPS-enhanced software application that senses the participant's movement and location in the landscape and in response, plays back sounds at specific points through the landscape. Visitors are encouraged to download the app in advance of their visit and wear headphones for optimal listening. Please be mindful of bicyclists and other pedestrians on the trail.