WHEN MAYOR THOMAS SWANN DEDICATED DRUID HILL PARK IN 1860, HE PROCLAIMED:

"We are here today for a noble purpose. We are here to dedicate this park to the whole people — no matter from what remote land... no matter to what sect or religion they belong... no matter in what field of labor... however elevated or however humble. We are here to proclaim equality of rights to all, and to dedicate this park, now and forever, to the people of this great city."

150 years later, 745-acre Druid Hill Park continues to provide the people of Baltimore with a wide variety of opportunities for communing with nature and for social, cultural, and athletic activities. The Park includes the 135-acre Maryland Zoo and 135 acres of woodlands. The third oldest major landscaped public park in the United States, it was purchased by the City in 1860. The park is located at the juncture of the hilly Piedmont Plateau and the gently sloping Coastal Plain.

SPECIAL GARDEN

The Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens contains year-round displays in the 1888 Palm House, the Orchid Room, Mediterranean House, Tropical House and Desert House, plus seasonal outdoor flower beds. 3100 Swan Drive 410-396-0008 (B3)

THE MARYLAND ZOO IN BALTIMORE established in 1876, now focuses on wildlife conservation & education, 135 acres. www.marylandzoo.org (B2)

RESEARCH/CONSERVATION

Maryland Zoo activities: African black-footed penguin, bog turtles, Panamanian golden frog, and more than 20 Species Survival Plans (B2)

COMMUNITY GARDEN

City Farms rent plots to gardeners. Fenced, water source. 410-396-0181 (C2)

NOTABLE TREES ~ exemplary specimens and/or trees associated with historic people, places, or events.

1 **Osage Orange** (Maclura pomifera) (A2)
2 **European Larch** (Larix decidua) (A2)
3 **Overcup Oak** (Quercus lyatra) (C3)
4 **Sassafras** (Sassafras albidum) (B3)
5 **English Oak** (Querus robur) State Champion (A2)
6 **Black Gum** (Nyssa sylvatica) (C3)
7 **Memorial Grove**, Oaks, Weeping European Beech (A3)
8 **Oak groves** (B3, C3)
9 **Taylor's Grove**, Loblolly Pines and Bald Cypress (B3)
10 Cherry groves – April bloom (C3)

MATURE FOREST

1 Mixed Oak/Tulip Poplar/Beech/Ash (A2)
2 Beech/Yellow Poplar (A1, B2, C2)
3 Beech (B1)
4 White Oak/Beech (B2)

WILDLIFE WATCHING

1 **Maryland Zoo** in Baltimore (B2)
2 **Druid Lake** (D3)
3 Woods (A2, B1, C2, C3)
4 **Conservatory** (Chimney Swifts at dusk,when migrating)(B3)

WATER FEATURE

1 **Druid Lake**, a 55-acre city reservoir containing 365 million gallons of Baltimore's drinking water. (D3)
2 **Boat Lake** (inside zoo) (B3)
3 **Three Sisters Ponds** (to be restored) (A2)
4 **Stream** by Parkdale Ave (B1)

SCENIC VIEWS & VISTAS

1 **Druid Park Lake** by Wallace statue for park views (C3)
2 **Moorish Tower** vicinity for views of city (D3)
3 **The Lawn** view from Mansion House (B2)

ECO-SPIRITUAL SITE

1 **Zen Garden** (being created 2010-2011) (B1)
2 **Three Sisters Ponds** (to be restored) (A2)

HISTORIC FEATURE ~ *Entire Park is listed on National Register of Historic Places.*

1 **Original Entry Arches** completed 1868, made of Nova Scotia sandstone, Tuscan Doric design (C4)
2 **Moorish Tower**, 1870, white marble, 18" thick walls (D3)
3 **Tennis Court** (gone) site of segregation-defying 1948 match (B3)
4 **Rogers Buchanan Burial Ground** used 1750-1896 for family of original estate owners (A2)
5 **St Paul's Lutheran Cemetery** predates park, 1854-present (C3)
6 **Druid Lake Dam**, 1863-1871, first major earth-filled dam in USA, National Water Landmark (D3)
7 **Segregated Swim and Tennis Memorial** marks site of segregation era "colored" facilities (C3)
8 **Edmunds Well**,1865, remnant of ornate springhead where citizens could draw fresh water (B3)
9 **The Promenade**, led to bandstand (B3)

HISTORIC BUILDING

Mansion House, 1801, only remaining structure from original Druid Hill estate, later enclosed in pavilion, now Zoo Administration Building (B2)
2 **Palm House**, 1888 (B3)
3 **Reservoir Pump House**, 1871-1882, now Recreation & Parks Headquarters (D3)
4 **Reptile House**, 1870s, built as reservoir pump house (A2)
5 **Maryland House**, manufactured for 1876 Exposition in Philadelphia, then disassembled and brought back to park, now Zoo Education Building (B2)
6 **Blacksmith Shop**, built before 1888 (C2)
7 Shelters & "Exotic" Pavilions, 1880s, some originally trolley stops:
a) **Liberty** (B3) d) **Latrobe** (C3) g) **Swan** (C3)
b) **Chinese** (C4) e) **Parkie** (C3) h) **Atrium** (C3)
c) **Sundial** (C3) f) **Columbus** (C3) i) **Boathouse**(B3)
8 **Council Grove Pavilion**, now zoo entrance (B3)
9 **Grove of Remembrance** rustic pavilion, 1919 (A2)

PUBLIC ART

1 **Christopher Columbus**, 1892, given to city by Italian residents for 400th anniversary of 1492 (C3)
2 **George Washington**, 1858, moved to park 1885 (C3)
3 **Wallace the Scot**, 1893, donated by his descendent (C3)
4 **Richard Wagner**, 1921, donated by United Singers of Baltimore (B3)
5 **Sundial** 1892, relocated to Conservatory Rose Garden (B3)
6 **Mosaic Paving,** 2010, by Joyce Scott (B3)
7 **Gwynns Falls Gateway,** 2010 by William Cochran (B3)
8 **Lions** at zoo entrance plaza, cast iron, relocated from Crimea Estate in Leakin Park (B2)

PLAYGROUNDS & PLAYFIELDS

1 Football field (D3)
2 Baseball field (A2, B3, C3)
3 Basketball courts (D3)
4 Soccer field (B3,D2)
5 Tennis courts (C3, D3)
6 Volleyball courts (C3)
7 18-hole Disc Golf Course (A2)
8 Playground (B3, C3)
9 Exercise stations (C3, D3)
10 Swimming pool (D3)

BEST WALKS

1 **Druid Lake** Reservoir Loop (C4)
2 **Jones Falls Trail** (B1 to D3)

BICYCLE TRAILS

1 **Reservoir Loop**, 1.5 miles (D3)
2 **Jones Falls Trail**, 2.75 miles in park (B1)
3 **Mountain Pass Road** (challenging hills) (C2)

PUBLIC TRANSIT TO PARK

1 Mondawmin Bus Hub and Metro Station (A3)
2 Woodberry Light Rail Stop (C1)
3 Trail connection to Penn Station (D3)

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