

CLARK–LANDSBAUM DEMING PARK
HOLLY ARBORETUM

Terre Haute, IN USDA Hardiness Zone 5b

Last year there were ten days when the temperature dropped below 0 °F (−17.8 °C). The average is only three to four days. The coldest was −14 °F (−25.6 °C) in February. There were 19 days above 90 °F (32.2 °C) while the average is 33 days, so it was a cool summer. From July through November rainfall was below average, with July through October being very dry. The average rainfall per year is 44" (111.8 cm). The actual rainfall last year was 40" (101.6 cm).

A new entryway was built out of sandstone, and an informational kiosk was constructed. It describes holly varieties and how holly may be used in landscaping. It also provides visitors with a brief history of the arboretum. An entryway dedication was held in September and tours of the arboretum were provided.

Some hollies were removed this year. *Ilex serrata* × *verticillata* ‘Harvest Red’ was growing too close to a creek and was undercut by water. *Ilex opaca* ‘Weber’, *I.* × hybrid ‘Libbee’, and *I.* × hybrid Oakland™ died and were removed.

In the fall of 2014 ten large hollies, balled and burlapped, 8–10' (2.4–3.1 m) tall, were ordered for the arboretum. However unexpected circumstances arose and they were not delivered until May 2015. These new hollies are:

- 2 of *I. opaca* ‘Georgianna’
- 2 of *I. opaca* ‘Klein #1’
- 1 of *I. opaca* ‘Virginia Giant’
- 3 of *I. opaca* ‘Longwood Gardens’
- 2 of *I.* × *meserveae* ‘Mesgolg’ Golden Girl™

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