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TIP: A knock-out plant, the Blue False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*), resists unwanted, hungry rabbits and deer. However, this native plant serves as a major larval stage host of the Wild Indigo Duskywing. It's versatility makes it valuable for dry and moist garden soils.
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¿Que pasa?



Nature PlayScape:

Click [here](#) for updates on the grand opening of the *Marge & Charles Schott Nature PlayScape at the Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods*, scheduled on August 16, 2011. This 1.6 acre outdoor setting, is noted to be the largest Nature PlayScape in the country.

Designed by a collaborative team of GWD-C, Rachel Steele Robinson, and Luke Schelly, the PlayScape is intended for open-ended, creative, unstructured play, using natural local materials. CNC and the design team also worked closely

with Robin Moore and Dr. Nilda Cosco, who were commissioned to complete the conceptual design and programming facilitation.



A must-see summer delight:

Awesome giant outdoor sculptures: *David Rogers' Big Bugs at Glenwood Gardens*. Concerts, movies, and educational programs coincide with this summer exhibit. Lectures by entomologist and biologist, Dr. Doug Tallamy, highlight the program experience. Visit: <http://www.greatparks.org/BigBugs/>

Et cetera

1. Check out a comprehensive website filled with valuable gardening resources: www.gardenforever.com
2. Before you savor a sip of *Caffè Mocha*, ask your Starbucks server if a complimentary bag of coffee grounds is available at the counter for you to take home. This recycled product may help elevate soil nutrients and aerate the soil in a small planting bed.
3. Images can be deceiving (see photos below):

(left) Ophidiophobics can relax-- it's only a garden hose unraveled in the grass.

(right) Jasmine, the studio's new mascot, stares with an interesting extreme foreshortened pose.



Principal's corner: Subscribe to free articles about eco-travel issues: <http://www.examiner.com/ecotravel-4-in-cincinnati/sharon-floro>

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