

It was particularly important that our Garden be accessible to those with special needs. Several modifications were made to accomplish this task, including the creation of wide, hard surfaced walk ways. We tried to make the paths look natural by staining the concrete and giving them an exposed, aggregate finish. This resulted in an attractive pathway and reduced the risk of people slipping or falling. In addition, we've modified the elevation of the original wooden moon bridge to allow wheelchairs and strollers to travel over it with ease. I employed a design trick on that moon bridge to enhance accessibility while preserving the typical look of the bridge by exaggerating the curvature on the outside elevation, to make it seem more arched than it was by fudging the elevation on the inside. This small adjustment expanded the number of special needs groups we are able to serve. The bridge was rebuilt later using concrete and wood to make it more weather resistant.