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Using a construction technique known as "shotcrete," April made the Limestone Cave in Childhood's Gate Children's Garden. In this playful, multi–level space, children can explore the subterranean world that is a vitally important feature of our limestone valleys. She also created the children's garden's Discovery Tree, spicebush caterpillar, two coral fossils, nautilus bench, and mushrooms.



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