

terrain altéré altered terrain

Lupinus polyphyllus

Eutrochium maculatum

Leucanthemum vulgare

Symphytotrichum novae-angliae

Monarda fistulosa

Trifolium pratense

Achillea millefolium



Visible or not, borders are sites of friction. They restrict access and experience, and depending on one's perspective can be considered either an obstacle or a feature. Situated in a meadow—a microcosm of ecological interactions—this earthwork amplifies the duality of borders from outside and inside, above and below, together and apart. Horizontal borders are more abundant in the landscape, though are ambiguous and may be difficult to perceive. Mountains, deserts, rivers, and oceans present environmental boundaries, yet are also habitats themselves. The clouds form a ceiling above our heads, the horizon divides earth and sky, while the tree line marks an extent of growth. *Terrain altéré* / *Altered Terrain* exists on the border of terrestrial and subterranean realms of the biosphere, the thin layer of life that clings to the outer limits of the planet. With a palette of pre-existing native and introduced flora, ephemeral pooling, and reshaped earth, visitors interact physically and perceptually with no singular experience of the garden. Ascending, descending, or wandering, views of the garden and perception of borders are continually transformed.

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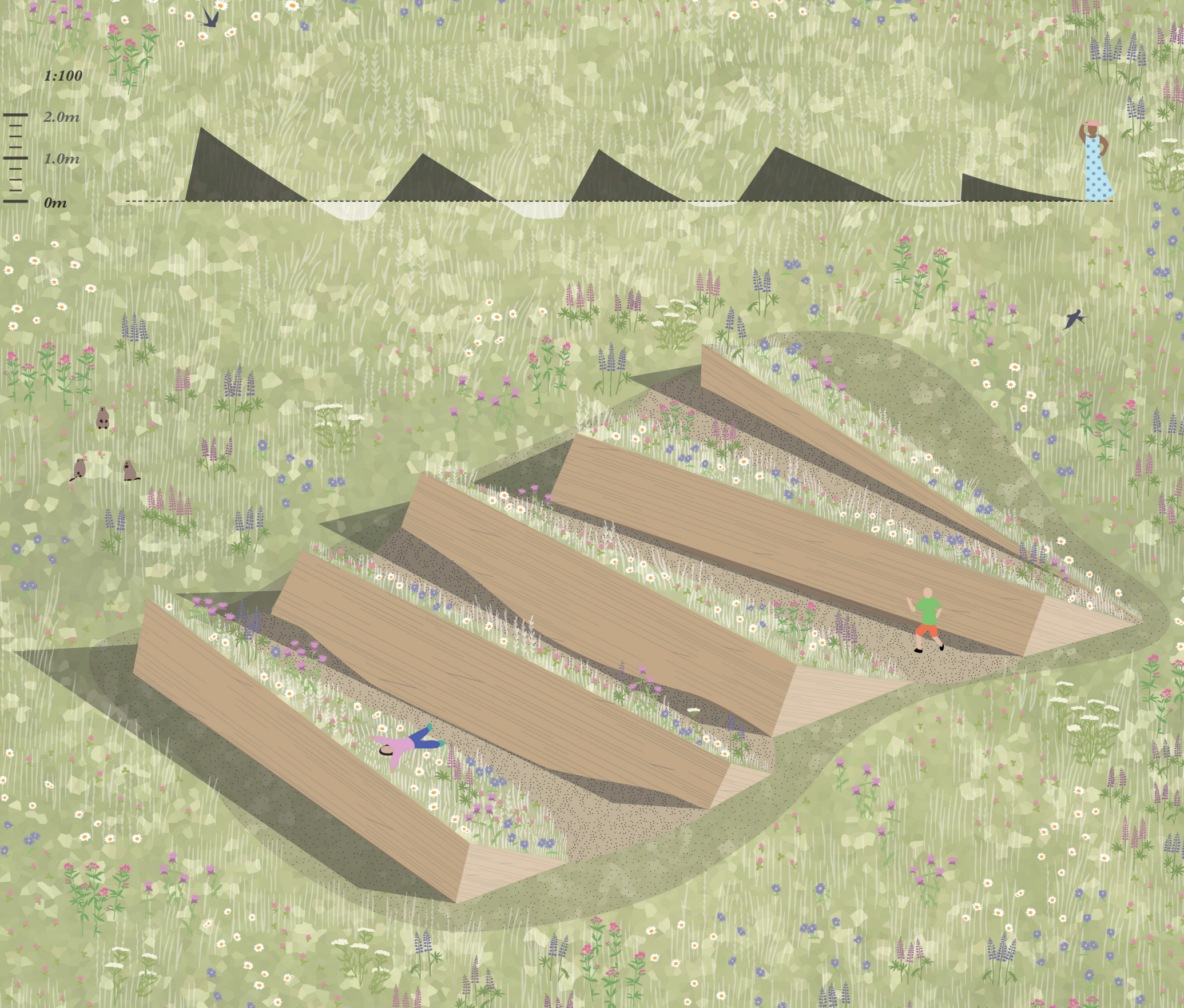


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