

300 Years of Philadelphia Horticultural History

Places to Visit

[Cedar Grove](#), West Philadelphia

1746 country house of prominent Quaker family, relocated to West Fairmount Park.

[Bartram's Garden](#), Southwest Philadelphia

Historic home and garden of botanist and plant collector John Bartram. Extensively researched 18th century-style gardens as well as community gardens and programming.

[The Woodlands](#), West Philadelphia

Home of William Hamilton and at one point one of the largest country estates in the region. Became a cemetery in 1840; historic mansion preserved along with some landscape elements.

[Lemon Hill](#), Fairmount neighborhood of Philadelphia

Named after the hothouse-grown fruit that were raised onsite during the early 1800s, Lemon Hill is now part of the Fairmount Park system. Historic house is closed but grounds containing a few 19th century landscape elements are open to the public.

[Andalusia](#), Bensalem, PA

Magnificent 18th/19th century estate on the Delaware River with extensive gardens and majestic views. House and garden are open for tours on a limited basis.

[Wyck](#), Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia

Homestead of nine generations of the same Quaker family and site of the oldest rose garden in the country. Best to visit in May when the roses are in bloom but gardens and farm are interesting throughout the growing season. House is also open for tours.

[Laurel Hill Cemetery](#), Hunting Park neighborhood of Philadelphia

Extensive early-era rural cemetery that is open to the public. Not to be confused with West Laurel Hill Cemetery which was established later.

[Fairmount Park Horticultural Center](#), West Fairmount Park, Philadelphia

Site of the 1876 World Exposition, publicly accessible horticulture center and greenhouses are located within the footprint of the now-demolished Horticulture Hall.

[Morris Arboretum](#), Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia

One time estate of John and Lydia Morris, now a large public garden. Highlights include one of the only intact 19th century ferneries, historic rose garden, and many architectural elements as well as extensive modern gardens.

[Longwood Gardens](#), Kennett Square, PA

Massive, spectacular garden, once an estate of Pierre DuPont. Peerless gardens, fountains, conservatories.

[Philadelphia Flower Show](#), Center City Philadelphia

Oldest flower show in the United States and largest indoor flower show in the world. Typically held the first week of March at the Philadelphia Convention Center.