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Each season brings new colors, textures, and moods to the landscape. Explore the Virginia Native Plant Trail to learn about woodland, meadow, and wetland plants. Perennial gardens surround the historic Quarters building, and a raised herb garden showcases culinary, medicinal, and ornamental herbs.

At the heart of the Arboretum is its natural beauty, including great stands of oaks and maples, one-third of the world’s pine species; a spectacular ginkgo grove; rolling meadowland; mountain vistas; and Rattlesnake Spring, host to many wetland plants and animals. The collection of 6,000 trees and shrubs includes many native species and their exotic relatives.

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Public Programs

FOSA offers exciting public programs all year long for all ages. Children’s programs include Young Naturalists and Summer Camp. Family offerings include fly and butterfly programs and full moon walks. Visit us online to learn about our collections and gardens and to see what programs are coming up. View our schedule at blandy.virginia.edu.
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- **10% discount in Our Shop**
- **Online quarterly newsletter, Arbor Vitae**
- **Reciprocal benefits at over 300 other American Horticultural Society gardens and arboretas**
- **Reduced fees for FOSA public programs, including Summer Nature Camp**
- **FOSA membership decal**
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**HOURS**

The Arboretum grounds are open to the public free of charge every day of the year from dawn to dusk. Night hiking and overnight camping are not permitted.

**TOURS & PROGRAMS**

Guided tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment. Teachers and students are welcome to explore the Arboretum’s natural surroundings. School programs are available during the academic year on a variety of topics such as flower studies, seed dispersal, and plant/animal habitats.

**ANNUAL EVENTS**

Sponsored by the Foundation of the State Arboretum

- **Garden Fair Plant Sale** - Mother’s Day Weekend
- **ArborFest** - Second Weekend in October
- **Holiday Workshops** - December

**LOCATION**

The Arboretum is on Route 50 in the northern Shenandoah Valley, about 10 miles east of Winchester and 60 miles west of Washington, D.C.

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**Graham Blandy, Philanthropist**
1868-1926

Bequeathed 712 acres of his estate, the Quarters building, and an endowment to establish what is now Blandy Experimental Farm.

The Blandy Society of the Foundation of the State Arboretum is an annual recognition society for those who have given $1,000 or more in unrestricted gifts in a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Contributions from Blandy Society members are essential to achieving our mission to increase understanding of the natural environment through research and education.

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