

WELCOME TO YOUR STATE ARBORETUM!

VISITOR GUIDELINES

Drive into Virginia's State Arboretum and enter a world of beauty and tranquility. Tucked into the northern corner of the historic Shenandoah Valley, the Arboretum presents visitors with a choice of outdoor experiences, from exploring the most extensive collection of boxwood varieties in North America to birdwatching to sitting on a bench overlooking a meadow of spring wildflowers.

Visitor maps and news about upcoming programs are available at the information pavilion.

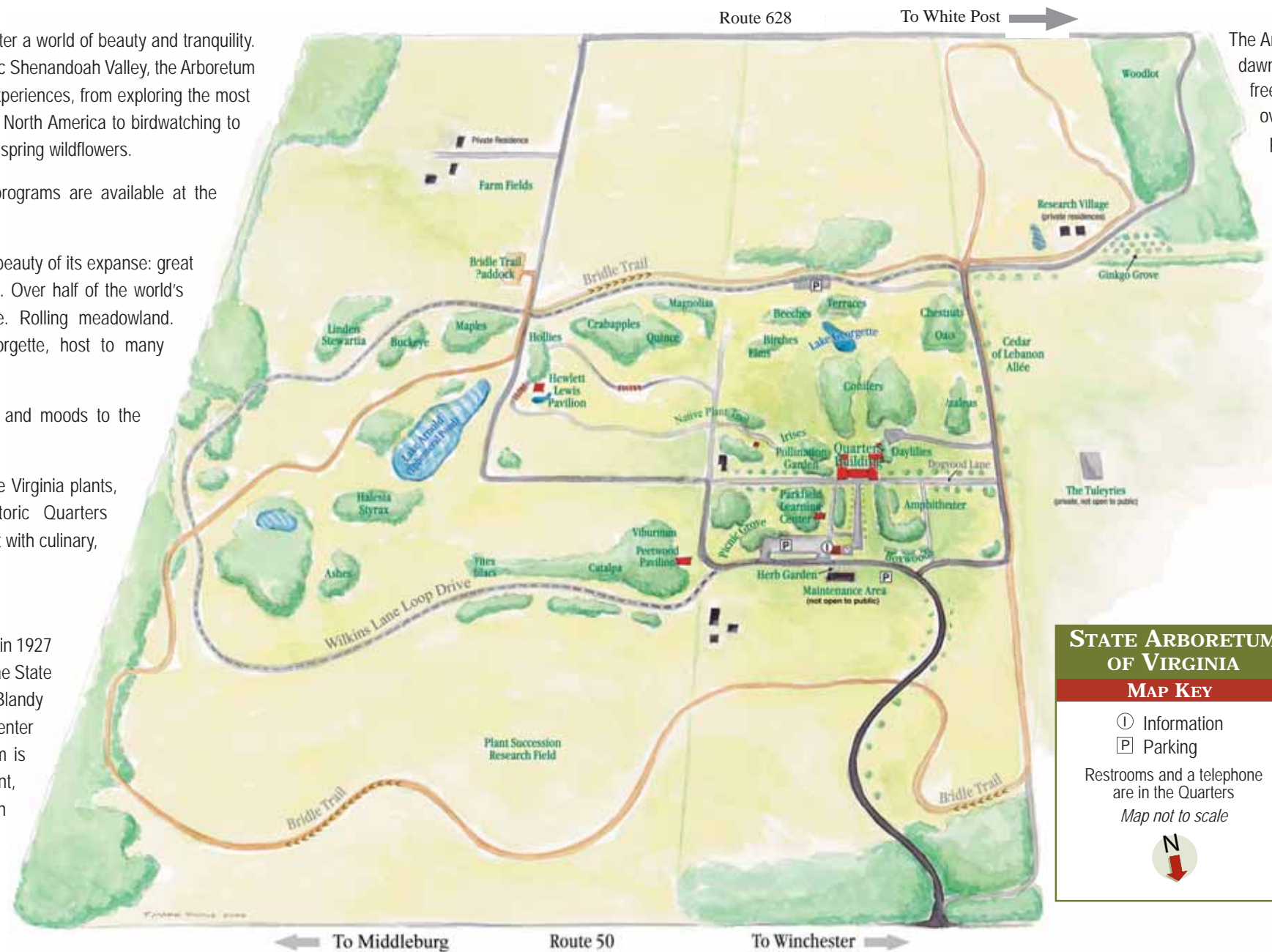
At the heart of the Arboretum is the natural beauty of its expanse: great stands of beeches, magnolias, and maples. Over half of the world's pine species. A spectacular ginkgo grove. Rolling meadowland. Mountain vistas. Towering firs. Lake Georgette, host to many wetland plants and animals.

Each season brings new colors, textures, and moods to the landscape.

Home gardeners will delight in finding native Virginia plants, perennial gardens surrounding the historic Quarters building, and a raised herb garden abundant with culinary, medicinal, and ornamental herbs.

FACTS

The Orland E. White Arboretum, established in 1927 and named for its founder, was designated the State Arboretum of Virginia in 1986. Located within Blandly Experimental Farm, a 700-acre research center for the University of Virginia, the Arboretum is primarily supported by a modest endowment, grants, and private donations. The collection of more than 8,000 trees and woody shrubs includes many native species and their exotic relatives. The Quarters building dates to about 1825 and was originally part of the Tuleyries, the estate to the west, which remains in the family of the late Graham F. Blandly, who donated this property to the University of Virginia upon his death in 1926.



The Arboretum is open to the public dawn to dusk, 365 days a year, free of charge. Night hiking and overnight camping are not permitted.



The Arboretum is maintained for environmental education, scientific research, and the quiet enjoyment of nature's beauty. This is an outdoor museum; please respect the collection.

Please:

Do not climb trees or stone walls.

Do not disturb plant tags or labels.

Do not pick flowers or collect any plant or plant material, including seeds, leaves, pine cones and acorns.

Pets are welcome but must be leashed in parking areas and within 200 yards of any building and under immediate voice commands at all times. Pet waste stations are provided near parking areas and owners are required to pick up pet waste.

Hunting, fishing, wood-cutting, open fires, and organized team sports or games are prohibited.

Picnics and family outings are welcome in the picnic grove, but please remove all litter. Trash cans and a water fountain are in the picnic area. Public restrooms and a telephone are available in the Quarters.



Horses are welcome on the Bridle Trail, but riders are required to ride only on designated trails. A fenced paddock area is available for loading and unloading. Signed liability waivers are required of all riders, and are available in the paddock.



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 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce, VA 22620.

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Benefactor and Life Member dues are permanently invested in the FOSA endowment.

Visit our Website: www.virginia.edu/blandy



**YOUR INVITATION TO SUPPORT
THE STATE ARBORETUM**

The Foundation of the State Arboretum (FOSA), a University of Virginia-related nonprofit organization, is the means by which you can support the Arboretum and its programs. We invite you to join hundreds of us in Virginia and across the country who treasure this living museum and outdoor laboratory.

Membership Benefits

- Invitations to Members-Only events
- Members' discount at Our Shop
- Discounts on select programs and special activities
- Quarterly newsletter, *Arbor Vitae*
- Advance notice of Arboretum events and programs including special children's events
- Free admission or other benefits at hundreds of American Horticultural Society member gardens worldwide

For more information about the Foundation of the State Arboretum, our educational programs and volunteer opportunities, please call the office at 540-837-1758 Ext. 0, or visit www.virginia.edu/blandy.

HOURS

The Arboretum grounds are open to the public free of charge every day of the year from dawn to dusk. The office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TOURS

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 topics such as flower studies, seed dispersal, and plant/animal habitats. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 540-837-1758 Ext. 0.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Garden Fair Plant Sale - Mother's Day Weekend
 Arborfest - Second Weekend in October
 Annual Gala and Auction

LOCATION

The Arboretum is on U.S. Route 50 in the Shenandoah Valley about nine miles east of I-81 at Winchester and 60 miles west of Washington, D.C.



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