

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 offers visitors a choice of outdoor experiences, from exploring an extensive conifer collection to birdwatching to sitting on a bench overlooking a meadow of native grasses and wildflowers. Information on upcoming programs is available at the information pavilion, under the Quarters archway, and on our web site.

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.

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.

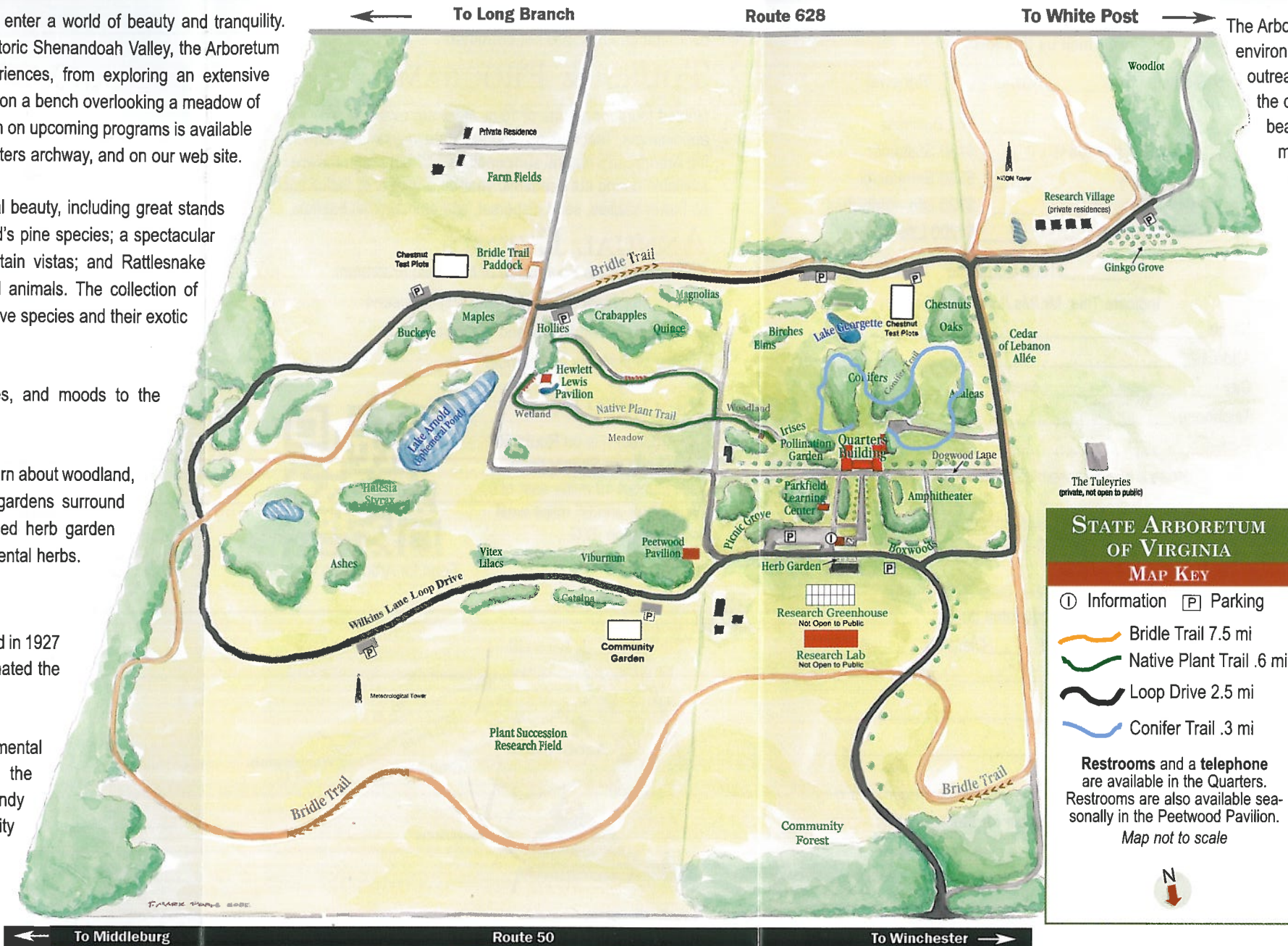
FACTS

The Orland E. White Arboretum, established in 1927 and named for its first director, was designated the State Arboretum of Virginia in 1986.

The Arboretum is part of Blandy Experimental Farm, a 700-acre research center for the University of Virginia. Graham F. Blandy bequeathed this property to the University upon his death in 1926.

The property was originally part of the Tuleyries, the private estate to the west, which remains in Mr. Blandy's family.

The Arboretum is supported by an endowment, state funds, grants, and private donations.



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



Please:

- Drive slowly and watch for pedestrians and wildlife.
- Do not climb trees or stone walls.
- Do not disturb plant tags or labels.
- Do not pick flowers or collect any plant material, including seeds, leaves, pine cones, and acorns.
- Do not disturb wildlife, including snakes.

Pets are welcome but must be leashed in parking areas and within 200 yards of any building. Pets must be under immediate voice command at all times. Pet waste stations are provided near parking areas so that owners can pick up and dispose of pet waste properly.

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

Picnics and family outings are welcome in the picnic grove. Trash cans, recycling containers, and a water fountain are provided. Restrooms are available in the Quarters and, seasonally, in the Peetwood Pavilion.



Horses are welcome on the designated Bridle Trail. A fenced paddock is available for loading and unloading. Signed liability waivers are required of all riders and are available in the paddock.

Bicyclists are welcome but riders must stay on the Loop Drive.

