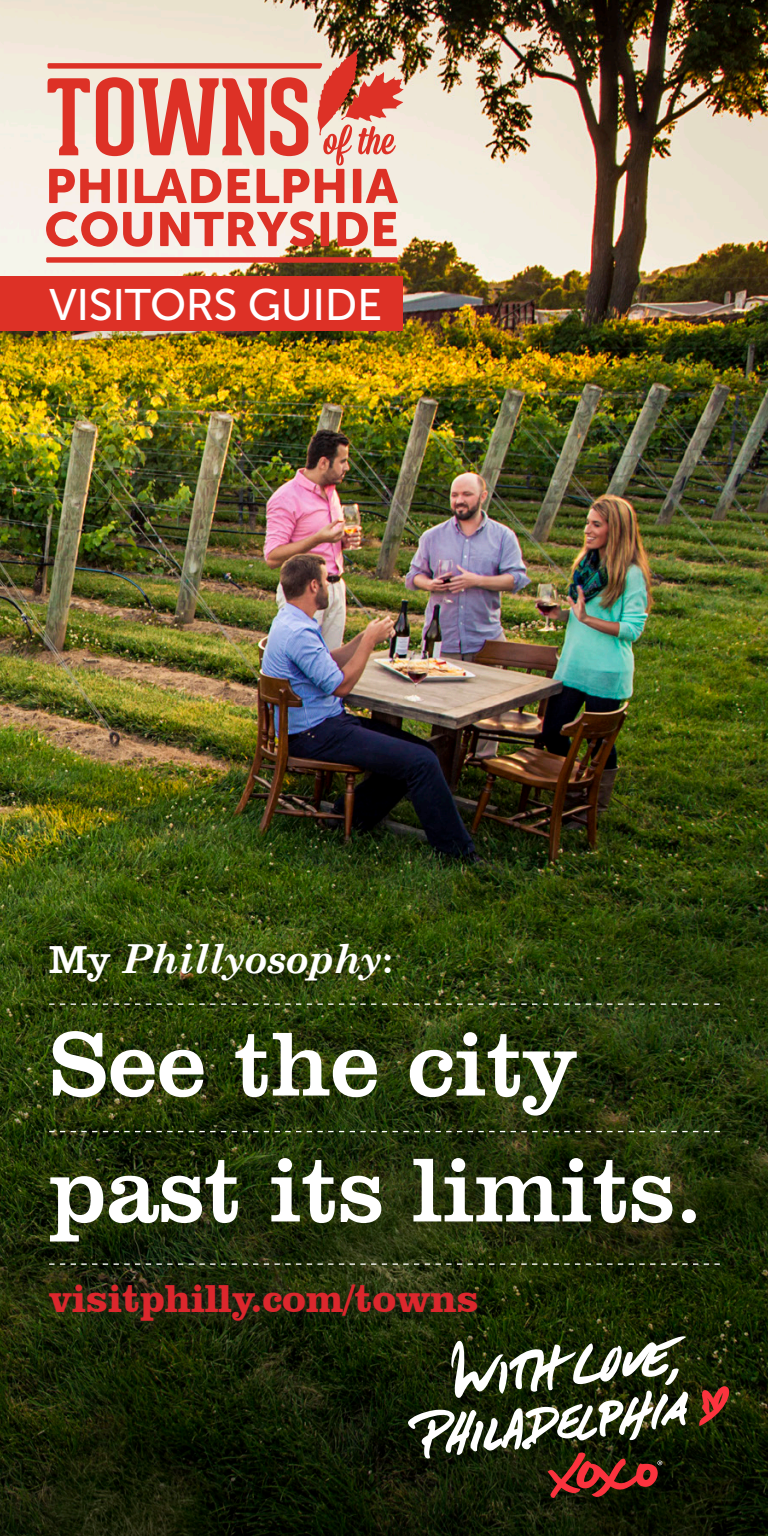


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A world away is just minutes away—no more than 60 of them, in fact. Just outside of Center City Philadelphia, you'll find sprawling parks and glorious gardens, picture-perfect main streets, lush vineyards and more distinctive charms reserved almost exclusively for suburban settings.

Flip through this guide and discover some of the attractions, restaurants, shops and events that give each of the 15 Philadelphia region towns and neighborhoods—found in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties—a style and personality all their own. We at VISIT PHILADELPHIA® also developed several themed trails to help you explore history, gardens and galleries, wineries, breweries, main streets and places where you can play outdoors. You'll find them in this guide and loads more information online at visitphilly.com/towns.



CHESTNUT HILL

With just a turn of the ignition key, you can be on your way to exploring the sites and attractions of the Towns of the Philadelphia Countryside in 60 minutes or less. Manayunk, the nearest neighborhood, is just 15 minutes away by car, while Doylestown clocks in at about a 60-minute drive. For general directions, go to visitphilly.com/towns. For detailed instructions, use your GPS.



PEACE VALLEY LAVENDER FARM, DOYLESTOWN

Getting There

No car? No problem. **ZipCar** makes it easy to discover Philly's towns. The car service owns more than 350 cars in more than 25 Philly neighborhoods, and they're all available to members. Rentals include gas, insurance and 180 free miles per day. zipcar.com

Public transportation options abound as well. **SEPTA** runs numerous rail and bus lines that provide service throughout the region. You can even bring your bike aboard to venture beyond the heart of town. septa.org

Bucks County BRISTOL

Bristol's usually unassuming vibe belies its role in the Revolutionary and Civil wars. But come festival season, the town sheds its low-key attitude, and the Delaware River waterfront turns into a giant party with such rollicking events as the **Doo Wop Festival** and numerous ethnic celebrations.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Hook your line and go fishing or meandering through the **Bristol Waterfront Park**. Be sure to stop into **Silver Lake Nature Center**, the waterfront's crown jewel, featuring a butterfly garden, lakes, marshes, meadows and miles of nature trails.

HISTORY, HISTORY EVERYWHERE

Textile-milling tycoon Joseph R. Grundy's legacy is evident in several spots around town. You'll find the Victorian architecture and furnishings at the **Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum** enchanting. Even dining in Bristol can be historic. Make a reservation at the 1681 **King George II Inn**, and you might land a table once occupied by Gregory Peck, Katharine Hepburn or George Washington.

ARTS & CULTURE

Boasting dozens of award nominations, the **Bristol Riverside Theatre** is known for its productions of new works and popular audience favorites. Rather explore your own creativity? **The Art-Tini Studio**, a bring-your-own-bottle painting studio, offers public classes and private parties.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 35-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Trenton Regional Rail line, exit at Bristol station



FONTHILL CASTLE

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The aroma tells you you've arrived at **Peace Valley Lavender Farm**, where you can harvest your own lavender, shop for lavender-based items or just roam the fields. Across the road, rent a boat, hike, bike or simply enjoy nature at **Peace Valley Park**.

RETAIL THERAPY

Bookworms head to **Central Books** and **The Doylestown Bookshop** to stock up on reading material. And there is high-style on the racks at **Muse Women** and **Shop Sixty Five**.

JAMES A. MICHENER
ART MUSEUM

The **James A. Michener Art Museum** boasts the world's largest collection of Pennsylvania impressionist works.

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GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 60-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Lansdale-Doylestown Regional Rail line, exit at Doylestown station

MILL STREET



Bucks County NEW HOPE

Combine history, art and country charm, and throw in an anything-goes attitude. That's New Hope. The riverside town boasts a strong gay community, a concentration of artistic talent and a past as a player in the East Coast shipping trade. Stroll along Main Street to explore a dizzying array of indie boutiques, galleries, restaurants, clubs and a cast of characters that gives this artists' colony its distinctive aura.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

For a different outdoor experience, take one of the **New Hope Boat Rides** and cruise along the Delaware, or hop aboard the **New Hope & Ivyland Railroad**. Want a closer look at nature? Jog the **Delaware Canal Towpath**, or roam **Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve**.



RIVER ROAD



NEW HOPE & IVYLAND RAILROAD

FOOD & DRINK

Start the evening off with a drink at gay-friendly **The Raven** or **Triumph Brewery**, followed by a pre-theater Creole-inspired dinner at **Marsha Brown's** or Mediterranean delights at **Nikolas**.

ARTS & CULTURE

Gallery hopping is a popular pastime here for good reason. There are dozens to explore, including **A Mano Gallery**, selling contemporary crafts, glass and kaleidoscopes, and **Gallery Piquel**, exhibiting paintings and sculptures from regional and international artists. In the evening, take your seat for a performance at the newly renovated and charmingly historic **Bucks County Playhouse**.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 60-minute drive from Center City



ECO BOUTIQUE

RETAIL THERAPY

Part retail spot, part info center, the quirky **The Mushroom Cap** serves as the town's unofficial headquarters for mushroom-themed merchandise. It's easy being green at **Eco Boutique**, your place for stylish goods made from recycled and eco-friendly materials. And load up on accessories galore at **Ashley Austin** boutique.

FOOD & DRINK

Sample Chester County wines at **Flickerwood Wine Cellars Tasting Room**, or pop the cork on one of the vintages at **Paradocx**. At **The Market at Liberty Place**, you can try organic treats and juices at **Nourish**. Of course, mushrooms play a starring role on **Portobello's** menu. For a real dining treat, call well in advance—a year, to be exact—to snag a seat at the renowned **Talula's Table**.

LA MICHOACANA



Chester County

KENNETT SQUARE

Did you know that 60% of the world's mushrooms come from Kennett Square? This little corner of Chester County, known as the "Mushroom Capital of the World," sits just a few miles from the internationally lauded **Longwood Gardens**. Evidence of Kennett Square's legendary crop is everywhere, especially along State Street, the main drag where thousands gather for the slightly eccentric and now-famous **Mushroom Festival**.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 45-minute drive from Center City

With its exotic and unusual flavors, **La Michoacana** nabbed a spot on The Huffington Post's list of the nation's 12 best ice cream spots.

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Chester County PHOENIXVILLE

Phoenixville is rising again. The iron-industry town turned creative community wows visitors with its charismatic quirkiness. With galleries, coffeeshops and boutiques springing up on the main drag, you can almost feel the local commitment to the town's resurgence.

RETAIL THERAPY

Indulge in **Bridge Street Chocolates'** truffles and other homemade sweets, but not before hitting **All Kinds of Fast** for running gear and accessories.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH RESTAURANT & PUB



FOOD & DRINK

Relax over coffee and a "sconut," an **Artisans Gallery & Café** creation that combines a scone and a donut, and peruse the local artwork for sale. Wine lovers hit **Taste and Black Walnut Winery** for samples and live music, while beer fans head to **Sly Fox** for craft brews. Two BYOB spots, **Black Lab Bistro** and **Majolica**, offer seasonally inspired cuisine.

ARTS & CULTURE

At the heart of the renaissance is the restored **Colonial Theatre**, an old-time movie house screening new and classic films and the home base for the wacky **Blobfest**, celebrating the 1950s B-flick *The Blob* (partially filmed here). **Diving Cat Studio and Gallery** showcases works from 200 artists. Feeling creative? Bring your own wine to **Phoenixville BYOB & Paint** to create your masterpiece.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 40-minute drive from Center City



KILDARE'S IRISH PUB

FOOD & DRINK

Whether it's a casual lunch or gourmet dinner, West Chester takes its dining scene seriously. Find out why *New York* magazine listed **Avalon Restaurant's** lamb bolognese on its list of 101 top pasta dishes. The vast selection of artisan cheeses is just one reason food lovers frequent **Carlino's Specialty Foods**, a gourmet marketplace offering hand-roasted meats, signature pastas, homemade desserts and other culinary treats to take home.



A TASTE OF OLIVE

Chester County WEST CHESTER

The Chester County seat and home to West Chester University, the town of West Chester exudes a fresh, energetic vibe. A low-buzz bustle permeates the downtown, where college students, business people and locals mingle at the informal eateries and charming shops—more than 120 in all—that line the streets.

RETAIL THERAPY

Who makes the best chocolate in America? According to *Bon Appétit*, it's **Éclat Chocolate**, a jewel box of a shop creating exotic and memorable sweets. **A Taste of Olive** lets you sample its small-batch olive oils and balsamics before you buy. And for a new look, hit **Jane Chalfant/Kiki Boutique** for high-style fashion finds and the **Green Eyed Lady** for vintage and funky jewelry.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 40-minute drive from Center City

DID YOU
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The **West Chester Railroad's** 90-minute countryside excursions trace parts of the legendary Pennsylvania Railroad's original route.

Delaware County MEDIA

Media deserves its “Everybody’s Hometown” moniker. Along State Street, where some buildings are older than the town itself, shoppers and shop owners know one another by their first names, and throughout the one-square-mile community, people adopt a come-one, come-all attitude.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Scattered throughout **Tyler Arboretum’s** 650 acres of woodlands, trails and centuries-old trees, you’ll find fanciful tree-houses designed with kids—and grown-up kids—in mind. Pack your fishing rod, hiking shoes, bikes and even snow shoes to explore **Ridley Creek State Park**.



RIDLEY CREEK STATE PARK

RETAIL THERAPY

Find ethically traded merchandise at **Earth & State** and **Kuta Metals and Textiles**. **Turning Point Gallery** deals in museum-quality American art and glass. And for some delightful old-school shopping, stop into **Deals**, a wooden-floor, tin-roof shop selling all sorts of bargain goods.

ARTS & CULTURE

Score a ticket to the **Media Theatre** for an evening of award-winning, professional, Broadway musical theater, or follow the footlights to **Hedgerow Theatre**, the nation’s oldest repertory theater.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 30-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Media-Elywn Regional Rail line, exit at Media station; Media trolley line

DID YOU KNOW? On Wednesday summer nights, State Street closes to traffic for the über-popular **Dining Under the Stars** series.

DINING UNDER THE STARS



RETAIL THERAPY

With its fashions arranged by color, **Coco Blu** makes it easy to assemble a stylish outfit. For outdoorsy types, the right gear awaits at **Out There Outfitters**.



COCO BLU

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

At **Chanticleer**, nature provides the artwork in this visually stunning pleasure garden. From spring through fall, you’ll discover something lovely in each of the seven thematic areas.

FOOD & DRINK

With more than a dozen restaurants on the main street, you won’t leave this town hungry. Any occasion is special at **Paramour** in the **Wayne Hotel**. Try one of **Xilantro’s** 100 tequila options to accompany its Mexican cuisine, or join the locals for a yummy but casual bite at **Christopher’s**.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 30-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Paoli-Thorndale Regional Rail line, exit at Wayne station

Delaware County WAYNE

Anyone who has ever seen *The Philadelphia Story* knows Wayne for its upscale, elegant grace. But the classic film doesn’t capture its down-to-earth spirit. Sure, white tablecloths are *de rigueur* at some spots, but step inside the bohemian **Gryphon Cafe**, and you’ll discover Wayne’s casual side.

ARTS & CULTURE

The **Wayne Art Center** has been inspiring creativity since 1930. Check out their classes in dance, sculpture, music and painting. If you aren’t artistic, enjoy the art exhibitions in the galleries or try a cooking workshop in the new demonstration kitchen.

GRYPHON CAFE



Montgomery County

AMBLER

The old adage "good things come in small packages" could be referring to Ambler. This unpretentious, tight-knit town packs a lot into less than one square mile. Some of the 19th-century former factories and mills that were once the town's primary businesses now sport new identities as restaurants, shops and boutiques—most of which are located along Butler Pike. Venture a little farther, and you'll even find **The Stoogeum**, a museum dedicated to the wacky *Three Stooges*.

RETAIL THERAPY

Main Street Vintage refinishes flea-market finds for shabby-chic home décor. **Hatch** has ooh-and-aah-worthy items for baby, while **Free Shop** and **Xtra 101** outfit women in on-trend threads. The **Ambler Skate Shop** caters to skate and snowboarders.

FOREST & MAIN BREWERY & PUB



DID YOU KNOW?

The **Act II Playhouse** has won six Barrymore Awards for its outstanding productions and cast.



AMBLER THEATER

FOOD & DRINK

Ambler's chefs have spiced up the dining scene with international cuisines and hyper-local menus. Chances are your meal at **Trax Restaurant & Café** will include fresh herbs and produce from the garden located outside. Newcomer **Lucky Well** dishes out Southern-style barbecue with a side order of bourbon. And then there's the craft beer list at **Forest & Main Brewery & Pub**.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 35-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Lansdale-Doylestown Regional Rail line, exit at Ambler station

RETAIL THERAPY

Suburban Square keeps Main Line fashionistas looking good with high-end specialty clothing, cosmetics and jewelry boutiques. Along Lancaster Avenue and the side streets, stop by **pucciManuli** for handmade and bespoke toys, **Human Zoom Bikes & Boards** for almost anything on wheels and **Past-Present-Future** for crafts, gifts and more.

COME NIGHTFALL

Join in-the-know music fans at **Ardmore Music Hall** for national indie, rock and folk artists. The best local bands on the circuit play at **The Rusty Nail** and **Melodies Café**. And for a night of dancing, get in on one of **Main Line Ballroom's** social dance parties.



FOOD & DRINK

Barbacoa's Peruvian flavors, **A la Maison's** French specialties and **Mikado's** Thai fare attract foodies from all around the region. Pizza lovers can build their own traditional or gluten-free pizzas at **Snap**. And home chefs make a beeline to the **Ardmore Farmers Market** for fresh and unusual ingredients.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 25-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Paoli-Thorndale Regional Rail line, exit at Ardmore station; bus routes 44, 103, 105, 106

Montgomery County

ARDMORE

Just as it straddles two counties—Montgomery and Delaware—Ardmore sports two personalities. Like its ritzy Main Line neighbors, it's lush and luxe. Yet it's also down-to-earth, diverse and 100% family-friendly.

SUBURBAN SQUARE



Montgomery County

JENKINTOWN

Jenkintown took its star turn when native son Bradley Cooper hit the big time, but locals have long loved this quaint borough. While predominantly residential, the town now features new shops and restaurants along its main corridor and the side streets, adding an energetic buzz to Jenkintown's mellow vibe.

ARCHITECTURE ABOUNDS



History and architecture are intertwined here. The **Jenkintown Library** and Art Deco **Strawbridge & Clothier** both hold spots on the National Register of Historic Places. **Salem Baptist Church** hosted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. after the legendary March on Washington. And just down the road stands one of Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpieces, the **Beth Shalom Synagogue**. You can learn about it all at the **Old York Road Historical Society**.

DID YOU KNOW

In addition to its contemporary art galleries and class offerings, the **Abington Art Center** boasts a stunning 27-acre sculpture garden.



HIWAY THEATER

FOOD & DRINK

The decor at **Argana Tree** complements the Mediterranean/Moroccan menu, while **Leila's Bistro's** cozy atmosphere serves as the perfect setting for the rustic French cooking. **West Avenue Grille** dishes out American fare in a *Cheers*-like atmosphere. And sweet confections rule at **Velvet Sky Bakery** and **The Cheesecake Lady**.

GETTING HERE



BY CAR: An approximately 40-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Warminster, Glenside Combined, Lansdale-Doylestown or West Trenton Regional Rail lines, exit at Jenkintown-Wyncote station

ABINGTON ART CENTER

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Pack a picnic lunch—**The Grand Fromage** offers an amazing selection of breads and cheeses—for an afternoon at **Evansburg State Park**, a perfect spot for fishing, golfing or hunting. Or don your hiking shoes to tackle the 20-mile-long **Perkiomen Trail**, where you'll meet fellow bikers, hikers and horseback riders.

RETAIL THERAPY



Green Wolf's Village Barn houses six shops under one roof, offering fine art, home décor, fashions, wines, hand-made cabinetry and gourmet items. For women's fashions and gifts, the **Wooden Duck Shop** delivers.

Montgomery County

SKIPPACK

If old-fashioned lampposts and gazebos conjure up images of picturesque small towns, then Skippack is the picture of picturesque. It's surrounded by swaths of trails and lush parkland, making it an optimal spot for outdoor activities. Restaurants, shops and hometown-style festivals also abound.

MISS RIDDLE'S CANDY SHOP



FOOD & DRINK



Cozy up to the fireplaces at **Hotel Fiesole**, where you can dine on continental cuisine. For French fare, just say *oui* to **Brasserie 73**. Pick up your favorite vintage from the **Village Wine Cellar**, and then enjoy a cozy dinner at the **Back Porch Café**. And for breakfast, the 1950s-style **Mal's American Diner** never disappoints.

GETTING HERE



BY CAR: An approximately 45-minute drive from Center City

TROLLEY BAR, HOTEL FIESOLE



Philadelphia County

CHESTNUT HILL

Tucked in the northwest section of Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill is loaded with photo-worthy charm. Locals and visitors enjoy **Fairmount Park's** natural beauty, **Morris Arboretum's** lush greenery and a vibe that is both lively and quaint. Colonial and Victorian-era storefronts along Germantown Avenue make a stroll here even more magical.

COME NIGHTFALL

Join locals at the **Mermaid Inn** for live music. Get a warm welcome and a cold brew from the friendly crowds at **Campbell's Place** or **McNally's**, or groove to cool tunes at the **Jazz Café** at **Paris Bistro**.

WOODMERE ART MUSEUM



RETAIL THERAPY

The site of many festivals, the 10-block cobblestone main street is a treasure trove of boutiques, restaurants, galleries and home design stores. Pop into owner-operated shops such as **Killian's Hardware** and **Chestnut Hill Cheese Shop**, or pick up the latest designs for your abode at **Hipster Home**.

FOOD & DRINK

In-the-know foodies dine at nationally lauded **Mica** and stylish **CinCin**. For a brunch or dinner that is both delicious and picturesque, try **Valley Green Inn** situated alongside Wissahickon Creek.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 25-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Chestnut Hill East Regional Rail line, exit at Chestnut Hill East station; Chestnut Hill West Regional Rail line, exit at Chestnut Hill West station; bus routes 23, 77, 94, 134, L

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Woodmere Art Museum specializes in artwork by Philadelphia-area artists.



MAIN STREET

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Challenge the daunting **Manayunk Wall** by foot or bike, go kayaking with **Schuylkill River Tours** or check out the newly developed **Venice Island Performing Arts Center and Recreation Park** with its "sprayground" and ball courts.

RETAIL THERAPY

Retail aficionados stroll Main Street for designer threads at **Nicole Miller** and **Paula Hian**. **Benjamin Lovell Shoes** treats your tootsies to style and comfort, and **Beans Beauty** is the go-to place for cosmetics and hair products.

FOOD & DRINK

At least 50 dining spots line the streets, so there's no shortage of options here. Sample sushi at **Yanako**, tacos at **Taqueria Feliz** or Cajun classics at **Bourbon Blue**.

COME NIGHTFALL

Join the cool crowd at the **Grape Room** for top local and traveling bands, open-mic jams and other live performances. Wanna dance? Weekends at the **Canal Lounge** at **Bourbon Blue** feature DJs and live party bands.

Philadelphia County

MANAYUNK

Say Manayunk and three words come to mind. Very. Steep. Hills. What was once one of the city's hottest industrial centers is now not only one of its hottest neighborhoods, it's also an international destination for cyclists who want the challenge of 17% inclines that make the annual **Philly Cycling Classic** one of the best bike races in the world.

GETTING HERE

BY CAR: An approximately 15-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Manayunk-Norristown Regional Rail line, exit at Manayunk station; bus routes 31, 61

NICOLE MILLER



Philadelphia County

MT. AIRY

The name says it all. Perched along the banks of the Wissahickon Creek and enveloped by 1,600 acres of parkland and 57 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails, Mt. Airy is the city's country refuge. One of the nation's first integrated communities, it wears its quasi-hippie reputation with pride, welcoming people of every race and nationality.

HISTORY, HISTORY EVERYWHERE



Mt. Airy = history. British troops bludgeoned Washington's army in the devastating Battle of Germantown on **Cliveden's** front lawn. And **The Johnson House Historic Site** is one of the few Underground Railroad stops open to the public.

THE JOHNSON HOUSE HISTORIC SITE



EARTH BREAD + BREWERY

ARTS & CULTURE



Release your inner artist with a class at **Allens Lane Art Center**, or take home an artisan's treasure from the **Mt. Airy Art Garage**.

FOOD & DRINK



There's a mini-restaurant renaissance happening along cobblestoned Germantown Avenue. Join the fans of **Earth Bread + Brewery** for crispy flatbreads and homemade brews. Don't be fooled by **Cantina Avenida's** Colonial-era exterior. The cuisine is authentically Latin. For throwback fun, slide into **Trolley Car Diner's** booths (yes, it's a real trolley) for diner favorites, many with a modern spin.

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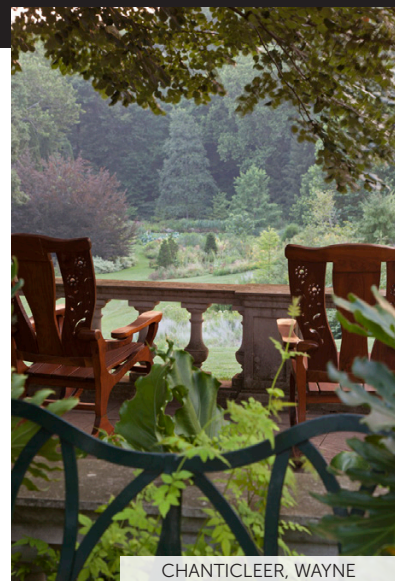


BY CAR: An approximately 20-minute drive from Center City
SEPTA: Bus routes X, XH, 23

Happy Trails GARDENS & GALLERIES

Not all artwork lives in a museum. Discover art created by Mother Nature—with an assist from talented gardeners who create ornate gardens and peaceful arboreta throughout the region.

- At **Longwood Gardens**, it's easy to imagine you're in a European royal garden. With more than 9,500 types of plants, each season brings a different pleasure.
- Communing with nature is second nature at **Tyler Arboretum**, where trails lead to 80-foot tulip trees, delicate wildflowers and a 12-acre rhododendron collection.
- **Chanticleer**, the 35-acre pleasure garden named by TripAdvisor as one of the nation's top 10 public gardens, is a visual banquet of orchards, meadows and ever-changing plantings.



CHANTICLEER, WAYNE

- There's a wee touch of old England at **Awbury Arboretum**, home to 55 acres of English romantic-style gardens, meadows, ponds and hills.

TYLER ARBORETUM, MEDIA



- Just minutes from **Woodmere Art Museum**, get a bird's-eye view of **Morris Arboretum's** 92 acres from atop the 450-foot-long canopy rising 50 feet above ground level.
- Bring binoculars to **Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve**, a hilltop sanctuary where 1,000 species of native woodland wildflowers, trees, shrubs and ferns attract an array of birds.
- **Abington Art Center's** sculpture garden accents natural beauty with man-made artwork.

Happy Trails

-----HIKING, BIKING & RECREATION

There's plenty of outdoor fun all around the towns. If you're into walking, running, hiking, biking or any other outdoor pursuit, the towns have a trail for you.

- Take your pick of picnic tables at **Ridley Creek State Park** and make it a day. You'll need it to do all the things offered in this 2,600-acre refuge in Media: fly fishing, horseback riding, biking, hiking, even archery hunting and cross-country skiing in season.



CANAL TOW PATH, MANAYUNK

- Prepare for adventure at **Silver Lake Nature Center**. In addition to hiking trails, programs for all ages, kayaking and other activities, Bristol's 235-acre riverside park is a hotspot for geocaching and letterboxing.

- Heads up. Migrating birds use the sky over **Black Rock Sanctuary** in Phoenixville as flyway. That makes the 119 acres of wetlands, woodlands and meadows good not only for bird watching, but also for creating a sense of instant calm.

- Spend a peaceful afternoon paddling or tubing the slow, calm waters of the **Brandywine River**. No canoe or kayak of your own? The folks at **Northbrook Canoe Co.** will rent you one.

- Cycling is almost synonymous with Manayunk. But you can also hike the **Canal Tow Path**, rent canoes and kayaks and paddle in the **Schuylkill River** or join a pick-up game of roundball on the newly opened **Venice Island Performing Arts Center and Recreation Park**.

BRANDYWINE RIVER, WEST CHESTER



Did someone say history? America's past is present throughout Philadelphia and the surrounding towns. Here's where to start your own revolution.

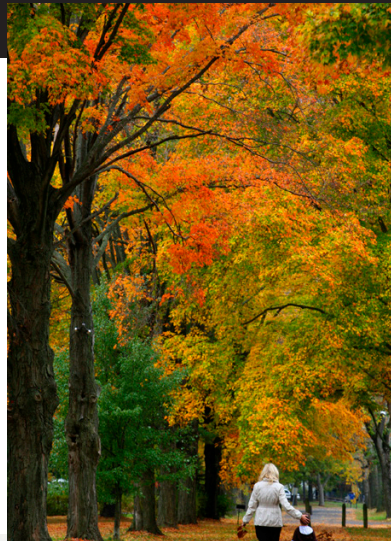
- General Washington's troops took a drubbing from the Brits on the grounds of **Cliveden** during the Battle of Germantown. The magnificent Mt. Airy mansion sits on a six-acre estate and hosts an annual re-creation of the battle.

- Near downtown Wayne, you'll find **Waynesborough**, where General "Mad" Anthony Wayne would retire for a good night's sleep after a hard day of battling the British.



VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, NEAR PHOENIXVILLE

- No place conveys the suffering, sacrifice and triumph of the Revolutionary War more than Valley Forge. Although no battle was fought here, **Valley Forge National Historical Park**, situated between Phoenixville and Skippack, preserves the stories of Washington's Army and the 2,000 men who died here during the winter of 1777.



WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK, NEAR NEW HOPE

- General Washington surprised the British troops when he unexpectedly crossed the Delaware on Christmas night. At **Washington Crossing State Park** in New Hope, you'll find the spot where he launched the boat, an infirmary, gristmill and recreational trails.

- The homes that were General Lafayette's and General Washington's headquarters as they prepared for battle still stand in **Brandywine Battlefield Park**, just down the road from Kennett Square.

Happy Trails

WINERIES

Between the climate, rolling hills and soil quality, Philadelphia's towns are ideally suited for winemaking. And they have the awards to prove that they do it well. Here's a look at some of the area's best wineries and vineyards.

- Proving that size isn't everything, **Va La Vineyards** produces a lot of award-winning wines from its tiny 6.7-acre vineyard in Avondale, a short trip from Kennett Square.

- **Black Walnut Winery** uses grapes from neighboring vineyards to produce 18 varietals and blends. Drop by for events including live music, taking place throughout the year at the winery and in its tasting room in Phoenixville.

- You've seen vintages from **Penns Woods Winery** on the menus at some of the region's top restaurants. But memorable vintages aren't the only reasons to visit. Go there for yoga, movies, music and other activities in the vineyards.



THE NEW HOPE WINERY, NEW HOPE

- **Flickerwood Wine Cellars Tasting Room** in Kennett Square puts a different spin on Philly's bring-your-own phenomenon. Here, you can bring your own food and sample the vintages blended from Native American and French hybrid grapes.

- For two decades, **The New Hope Winery** has lured oenophiles to its 18th-century barn to sample light, fruity whites, versatile blush wines and sophisticated reds.

VA LA VINEYARDS, NEAR KENNETT SQUARE



Happy Trails

BREWERIES

Thanks to a booming beer and brewing industry, Philly and its towns runneth over with suds. Cheers to these breweries and many, many more.

- What was once a Rolls-Royce garage in Jenkintown is now the popular **Guild Hall Brewing Company**. Sip classic styles, including a Germantown blonde ale, and nosh on all-natural English pub food.

- Ambler's **Forest & Main Brewing Company**, the half-British, half-Belgian brewery that opened in 2012, has earned kudos as one of the region's best brewpubs. Some beers are aged in wine barrels, while others are served British-style at cellar temperature.

- It took less than a year for beer fans to fall hard for Ardmore's **Tired Hands Brewing Company**. The Belgo-French cafe-brewery specializes in farmhouse ales and hops-forward American varieties.

- With outposts in Media, West Chester, Phoenixville and Chestnut Hill, **Iron Hill Brewery** boasts more than 100 local and national "best of" awards.

- You'll find lots more than unusual tea-infused and high-gravity saisons on tap at **Broken Goblet Brewing**. The Bristol brewery offers music, movies and sports screenings.



IRON HILL BREWERY, MEDIA

- Deciding which beer to order at **Doylestown Brewing Company** just got easier. The Cellar tasting room pours samples of eight beers you can taste before ordering from the specialty menu.

TIRED HANDS BREWING COMPANY, ARDMORE



ANNUAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

The Towns of the Philadelphia Countryside get festive all year, every year. Whether it's a celebration of music, mushrooms, pottery or pumpkins, these festivals showcase what makes each town special.



MANAYUNK ARTS
FESTIVAL, MANAYUNK



MUSHROOM FESTIVAL, KENNETT SQUARE

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

CHESTNUT HILL

- ♦ Fall for the Arts Festival, **October**
- ♦ Harry Potter Festival, **October**

MANAYUNK

- ♦ Manayunk Arts Festival, **June**
- ♦ Philly Cycling Classic, **June**

MT. AIRY

- ♦ Street Fare: Sip, Savor, Stroll, **September**

DELAWARE COUNTY

MEDIA

- ♦ Dining Under the Stars, **May-September**
- ♦ State Street Blues Stroll, **June**

WAYNE

- ♦ Radnor Fall Festival, **September**

BUCKS COUNTY

Bristol

- ♦ Doo Wop in the Park, **September**
- ♦ Historic Bristol Day, **October**

Doylestown

- ♦ Moravian Pottery and Tile Works Festival, **May**
- ♦ Fourth of July Celebration at Fonthill, **July**

New Hope

- ♦ Pride Week, **May**
- ♦ New Hope Liberty Canal Festival, **June**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

AMBLER

- ♦ Ambler Auto Show, **May**
- ♦ Ambler Art & Music Festival, **June**

ARDMORE

- ♦ Summer Celebration, **June**
- ♦ Clover Market, **September & November**

JENKINTOWN

- ♦ Festival of the Arts, **September**

SKIPPACK

- ♦ Skippack Days, **October**

BLOBFEST, PHOENIXVILLE



CHESTER COUNTY

Kennett Square

- ♦ Kennett Winterfest, **February**
- ♦ Mushroom Festival, **September**

PHOENIXVILLE

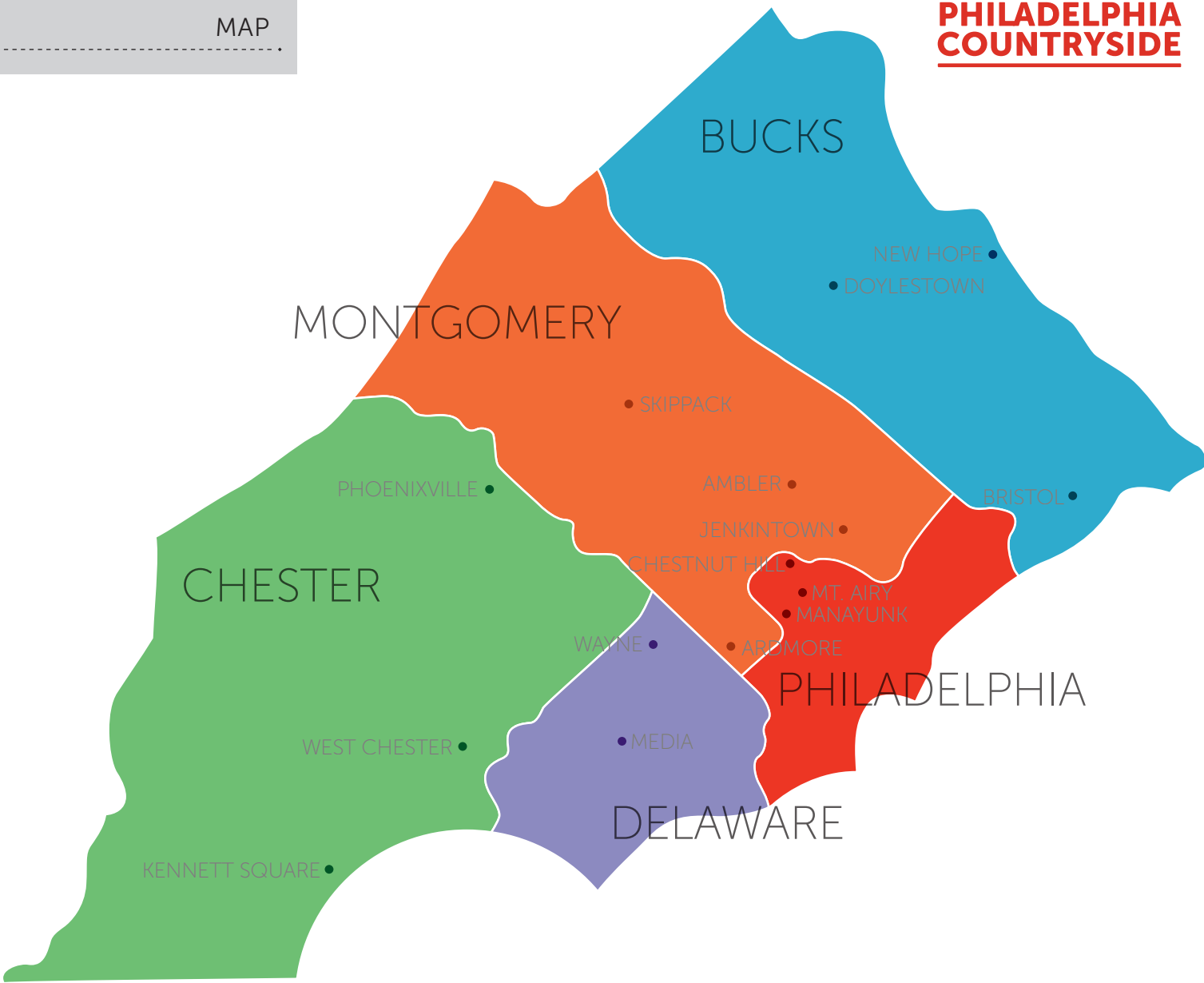
- ♦ Blobfest, **July**
- ♦ Firebird Festival, **December**

WEST CHESTER

- ♦ Super Sunday, **June**
- ♦ Iron Hill Twilight Criterium, **August**

AMBLER ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL, AMBLER





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Before, during and after your visit, we want to stay in touch. Here are the resources you can use to plan your current and future trips to Philadelphia and The Countryside®.

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More on what to see, do and taste in all 15 of the towns featured in this guide

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