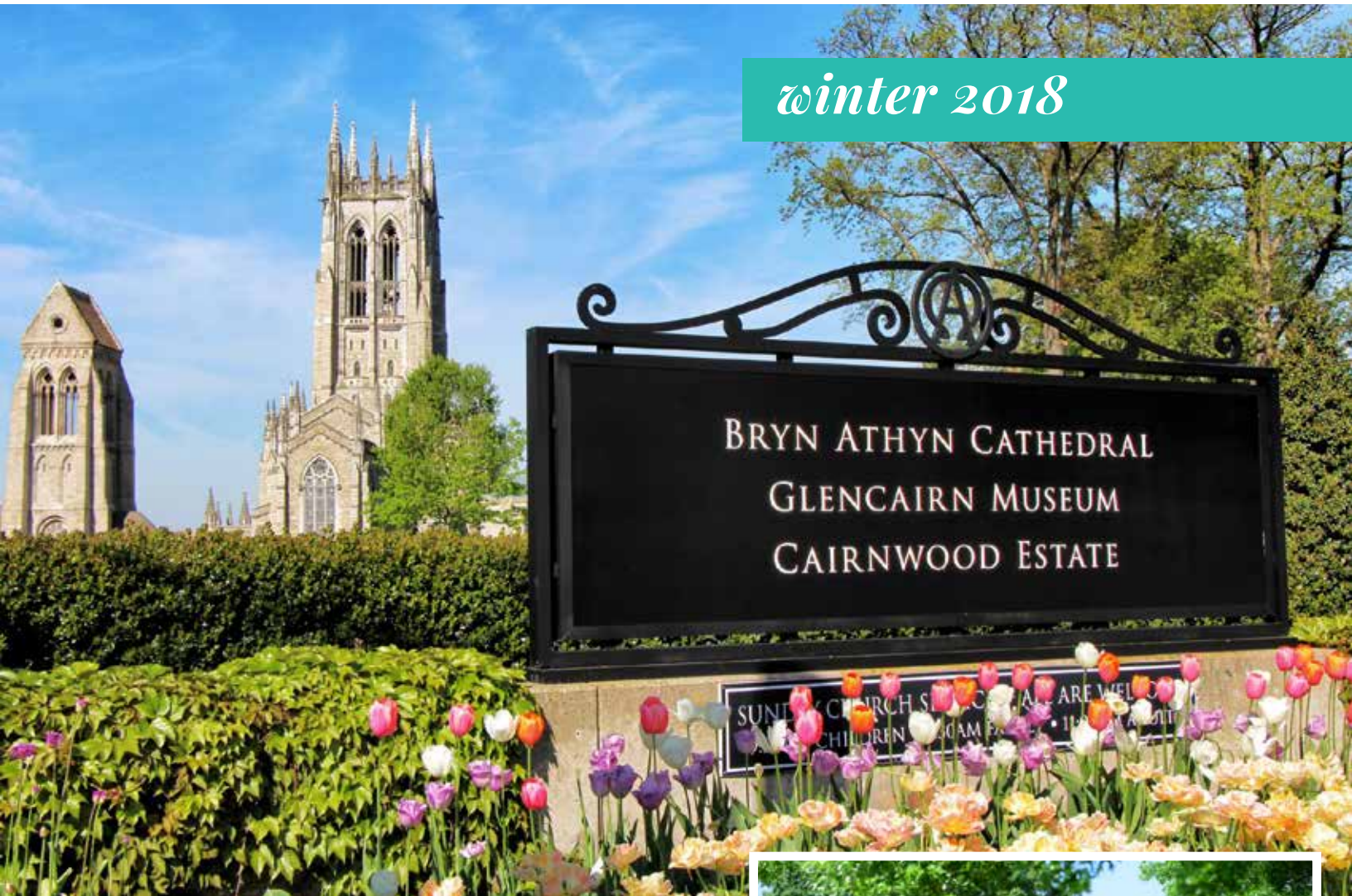


VALLEY FORGE  
& MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

# TOUR GUIDE

*winter 2018*



## *Montco in Bloom!*

As the snow melts and the sun sits in the sky past 5 pm, it's natural to want to swap out sweat shirts for t-shirts and spend as much time enjoying nature's beauty. In Montgomery County, there's no shortage of gorgeous outdoor spaces to visit and tour. Much like the flowers that cover our beautiful gardens, Montco is in bloom. Check out some of our favorite sites this spring inside!





# 9 Must-See Outdoor Sites

## IN THE MONTCO AREA THIS SPRING



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**Villanova Pa, 19085**

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**Bryn Athyn Pa, 19009**

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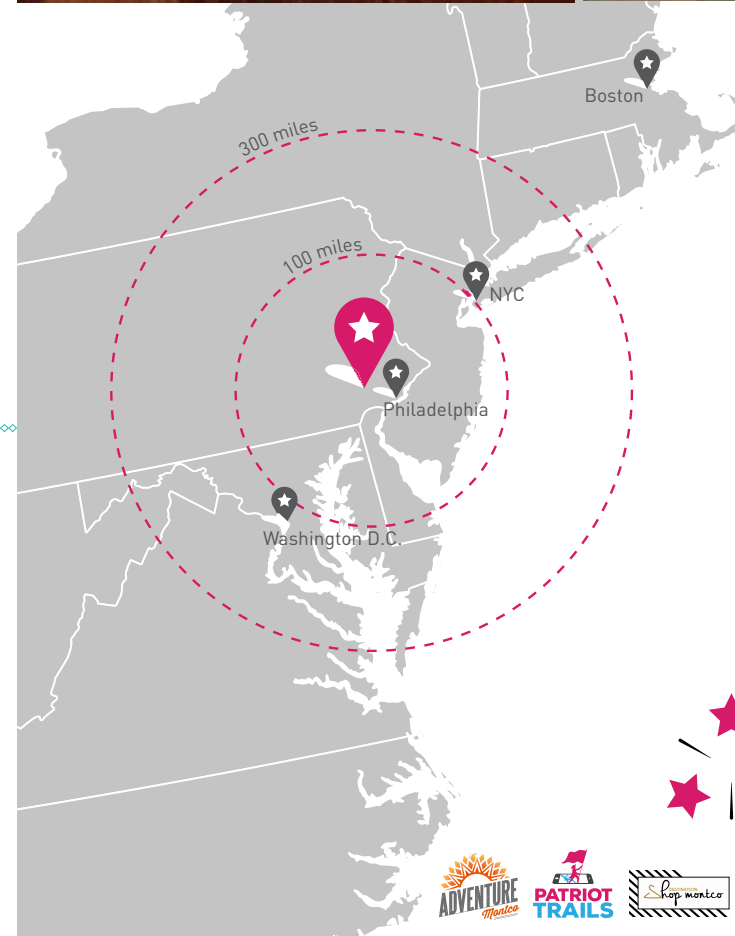
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# TRADESHOWS

WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING



### AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION'S MARKETPLACE

CHARLOTTE, NC

JANUARY 26-30, 2018

### PENNSYLVANIA BUS ASSOCIATION'S MARKETPLACE

YORK, PA

MARCH 27, 2018

### MARYLAND MOTORCOACH ASSOCIATION'S 2018 GROUP LEADER TRAVEL SHOWCASE

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## *Gwynedd Preserve*

**640 S Swedesford Rd  
North Wales, PA 19454**

Gwynedd Preserve is an "oasis of nature" located in the heart of Blue Bell. This property features nine miles of scenic trails over 279 acres, making Gwynedd Preserve a great spot to take a peaceful stroll as well as a lengthy hike.



## *Morris Arboretum*

**100 E. Northwestern Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19118**

Morris Arboretum is a historic public garden and educational institution founded by the University of Pennsylvania. Winter Wellness Walks, held on Saturdays and Sundays until April 2018. Experience the wonders of winter as you walk the quiet grounds of this local historic treasure.



## *Abington Arts Center*

**515 Meetinghouse Rd  
Jenkintown, PA 19046**

Abington Arts Center offers patrons more than just a space the create their own art. Sprawling over 27 acres, the historic grounds are a wonderful site to spend time honing creativity outside. Patrons can opt to stroll the grounds and view the artwork or find a quiet space outdoors to create their own masterpieces.



## *2018 Philadelphia Flower Show*

**Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th & Arch Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19107**

Philadelphia's annual Flower Show is back and sure to make a splash! This year's theme is "Wonders of Water" in observation of the element's "life sustaining interplay with horticulture". The flower show has been a staple in Philadelphia's yearly events since 1829 thanks to the continued efforts of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. In the 188 years since it first began, the flower show has only grown bigger and more spectacular in size and diversity.

In addition to the stunning displays, the Flower Show gives its patrons the ability to participate in competitions centered around the art of the arrangement, gardening demonstrations and a variety of other events. A large indoor marketplace allows for guests to take home their favorite parts of the annual show. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Societies continued hard work has earned the Philadelphia Flower Show the title of Best Event in the World as awarded by the International Festivals & Events Association.

This year's theme is guaranteed to carry on the show's tradition of spectacular displays and diverse flowers from around the world.

Tours must purchase a minimum of 25 tickets to be eligible for group rates.

## *Bike Rentals at Valley Forge National Historical Park*

**1400 N Outer Line Dr  
King of Prussia, PA 19446**

Valley Forge National Historical Park is one of Montgomery County's largest park sites, which can make getting around to all the best stops tricky. Now, Valley Forge NHP will have bike rentals available for visitors of all ages, beginning Memorial Day Weekend through to October 29th. Now tour groups can have the pleasure of touring the park at their own pace.

## *Appleford Estate*

**770 Mt Moro Rd,  
Villanova, PA 19085**

Appleford Estate is one of Pennsylvania's oldest properties, dating back to the time of William Penn and composed of 24 acres of land. Today, the grounds are cultivated and cared for as an arboretum and bird sanctuary. An abundance of shade trees, flowing streams and greenery come together to make Appleford a great place for a serene stroll.





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