

What to Do in the Area When Chanticleer Closes its Gates

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Other Public Gardens, Parks, and Arboreta

Bartram's Garden: *54th Street & Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA, (215)729-5281* (bartramsgarden.org) — Historic home and garden of the Bartrams, America's pioneering family of naturalists, botanists, plant collectors and explorers. On this 45-acre site, which includes the furnished Bartram House, garden, meadow, parkland and a wetland, what may be America's first botanical garden was established. Schuylkill River boat tours leave from here. The grounds at Bartram's Garden are free and open to the public 10am-5pm. daily except city-observed holidays. There is a fee for guided tours.

Brandywine Battlefield: *Route 1, Chadds Ford, PA (610) 459-3342*—On 50 acres of rolling park and woodlands, the Revolutionary Battle of the Brandywine was fought and lost. Displayed are exhibits of uniforms, weapons and artifacts found on the battleground (a couple of General Washington's teeth, his Laundromat receipt, etc.) Washington's headquarters (the Benjamin Ring House) and Lafayette's quarters (Gideon Gilpin's farm house) can be visited on guided tours. *A bit of historical background:* The actual battle took place over a 10-square-mile area. The peace of the bucolic Brandywine Valley was shattered on September 11th, 1777 when British and Hessian forces fought American Continentals and local militia under George Washington and the young Marquis de Lafayette in the largest land battle of the Revolutionary War. The British approached Chadds Ford from Kennett Square, splitting their forces and trapping the Americans between them. The Brandywine River, wide and swift-running in those days, lay between General Howe's advancing British troops and the American capital at Philadelphia, and men, animals and wagons had to be ferried across at Chadd's Ford. Despite gallant colonial resistance, the British and their Hessian mercenaries were victorious. They drove the Americans to the vicinity of present-day Chester, and then marched to take possession of Philadelphia. Though you may meet many a Brit in our area today, you will encounter few Hessians. Although the Americans enticed Hessians to desert and join the German-American population—In April 1778, one letter promised 50 acres of land to every deserter—after the war ended in 1783, most Hessians returned to their homelands, which is why, to this day, in Harrisburg, Hicksville, and Hartford, Hessians hardly ever appear. Tuesday – Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday, noon to 5 pm, closed Mondays.

Brandywine Creek State Park: *Adams Dam Road* —pardon the expression —(*DE Routes 100 and 92*), *Wilmington, DE (302.577.3534)* www.destateparks.com/bcsp/bcsp.asp Rolling hills and woodlands along the banks of the Brandywine, with 12 miles of hiking trails, disc golf (I know—we had to look it up, too), picnic pavilions and nature center. Open daily, 8am until sunset.

Brandywine Valley Association's Myrick Conservation Center: (brandywinewatershed.org) Located on a 314-acre site *on route 842 just north of Unionville in West Chester, PA*. BVA provides water protection and environmental education for the Brandywine Valley. Every Thursday at 7:30pm in July and August, The BVA presents its Summer Music Series.

Delaware Center for Horticulture: *1810 North Dupont Street, Wilmington, Delaware*, (302) 658-6262, (www.dehort.org)—Dedicated to cultivating a greener community by promoting education, neighborhood gardens, public spaces, tree programs, and a host of other endeavors. View inspiring demonstration gardens on site. Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, Saturdays on a seasonal basis.

Delaware Nature Society: (www.delawarenaturesociety.org) maintains four nature preserves for research and educational programs: Among their holdings worth visiting are **Ashland Nature Center:** *Brackenville and Barley Mill Roads, Hockessin, DE*, (302)239-2334 is located 9 miles northwest of Wilmington, 11 miles north of Newark and 5 miles south of Kennett Square, PA. Explore four self-guiding nature trails traversing 81 acres of rolling terrain through meadows, woodlands and marshes, and a butterfly house. Try not to get lost. Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm, Saturday, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Closed Sundays and holidays; and **Abbott's Mill Nature Center:** *15411 Abbott's Pond Road, Milford, DE* ; (302) 422-0847; Short, easy walking trails through fields, pine woods and along a stream including a saltmarsh and historic grist mill. Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm, other times by appointment.

Hagley Museum and Library: *298 Buck Road East, (Rte. 141) Wilmington, DE*, (302) 658-2400 (www.hagley.org) Located on 235 acres on the Brandywine River in Wilmington, DE, Hagley collects, preserves, and interprets the unfolding history of American enterprise. Site of the gunpowder works founded by E. I. duPont in 1802, this example of early American industry includes restored mills, a workers' community, and the ancestral home and gardens of the duPont family in a beautiful setting. Period garden and some champion trees. Open daily from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The last bus for a tour of the du Pont residence leaves at 3:30pm; Hours change in winter (check Website for details.) Admission fee charged.

Jenkins Arboretum: *631 Berwyn Baptist Road, Devon, PA*, (610) 647-8870, (jenkinsarboretum.org)—1.2 miles of paved walkways through native woodland. A habitat for many varieties of wildlife, such as green herons, foxes, king fishers, red-tail hawks, owls, flying squirrels, turtles, and over 90 identified bird species. Open to the public 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset with free admission.

Laurels Preserve: (managed by the Brandywine Conservancy) Entrance is *100 yards off of PA Route 82 on Apple Grove Road, four miles west of Unionville, PA*. (www.brandywineconservancy.org). Parking for ten cars located just beyond the main gate of a 771-acre natural area, 500 acres of which is woodland, much of it underlain by marbleized limestone, a geologic formation usually found in glaciated areas. Migrating songbirds and waterfowl utilize the stream corridors and wetlands. See an occasional wild turkey (not the drinking kind, but the birds) and, of course the ubiquitous whitetail deer. Open to Conservancy

members daily from 9am - 5pm. Non-member visitors, or to request a group visit, are asked to call 610-388-2700

Longwood Gardens: *Route 1, Kennett Square PA, (610) 388-1000 (longwoodgardens.org).* Renowned horticultural display gardens created by industrialist Pierre S. du Pont, featuring 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows; 20 outdoor gardens; 20 indoor gardens within 4 acres of heated greenhouses; fountains; extensive educational programs including horticultural career training and internships; and 800 horticultural and performing arts events each year, including flower shows, gardening demonstrations, courses, and children's programs to concerts, organ and carillon recitals, musical theatre, and fireworks displays. Open 365 days a year. Check Website event schedule and for open hours, which change seasonally and for special events. Admission charged.

Meadowbrook Farm: *1633 Washington Lane, Meadowbrook, PA, (215)887-5900.* (www.meadowbrook-farm.com). The garden of J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. (1913-2003). 25 wooded acres in the northern Philadelphia suburbs. Cotswold-style stone private house, display gardens, and garden center. Open 10am-5pm, Monday through Saturday.

Mt. Cuba Center, Dedicated to the Study of Piedmont Flora, *Greenville, DE (302)239-4244,* (mtcubacenter.org). 630-acre former estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland in the rolling hills of northern Delaware, open for spring tours mid-April through May and autumn tours from mid-September through October. Garden visitation is by advance reservation (by phone or online). Docents guide you through 2-hour interpretive tour of the formal and woodland landscapes, detailing history, design and plant diversity that makes Mt. Cuba Center a unique regional treasure; Admission fee charged.

Nemours Mansion & Gardens (nemoursmansion.org) Normally open from May through December, Nemours has been undergoing major renovations and restorations since 2005. The project will take approximately two years. Until then, you may take a virtual tour online to view the luxurious rooms and hallways of the 300-acre country estate of the late industrialist and philanthropist Alfred I. duPont. Located on the grounds of the renowned Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware, the 47,000 sq. ft mansion was built from 1909 to 1910 and is a fine example of a French chateau in the style of Louis XVIth, furnished with fine antiques, famous works of art, beautiful tapestries, and other treasures. The surrounding grounds extend for one third of a mile along the main vista from the house, and are among the finest examples of French-style gardens in the United States. When the 2-hour guided tours resume, they will take small groups through a series of rooms on three floors, followed by a bus tour through the gardens and surrounding ground, concluding with a visit to the chauffeur's garage where the family's antique cars are on display. No tinkering under the hoods, please. Admission fee charged

Newlin Grist Mill: *219 South Cheyney Road, Glen Mills, PA, (610)459-2359* (www.newlingristmill.org); A grist (grain) mill built in 1704, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the only working grist mill in Pennsylvania. Park includes 150 acres of nature walks, trout fishing ponds and streams, picnic areas, baseball diamonds and a playground. Follow the mill race and stream on three miles of walking trails that ends at the original dam

built by Nathaniel Newlin. Open daily 8am to dusk Admission to park free; charge for tours of historic structures.

Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania: *100 Northwestern Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, (215) 247-5777 (www.upenn.edu/arboretum)*—The official arboretum of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thousands of lovely woody plants, including some of Philadelphia's oldest and rarest, many collected in China by E.H. Wilson at the turn of the century. Set in a 92-acre Victorian landscape garden of winding paths, streams, special garden areas, Morris offers a garden railway, a fernery, herb garden, cottage garden, rose garden, meadow, and more. Open all year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Day; April through October: 10am - 4pm weekdays, 10am - 5pm weekends; November through March: 10am - 4pm daily; During summer and fall Garden Railway display, the Arboretum remains open until 8:30 p.m. Fee charged to non-members.

The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College: *500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA; (610) 328-8025 (scott@swarthmore.edu)*— 300 acres of the Swarthmore College campus and exhibiting over 4,000 kinds of ornamental plants, the Arboretum displays some of the best trees, shrubs, vines and perennials for use in the region. Free admission (unless you're a student, of course!)

Shofuso Japanese House & Garden: *N. Horticultural Drive, Philadelphia, PA; (215)878-5097 (www.shofuso.com)*. Outstanding Japanese garden and 17th century-style Japanese mansion in Fairmount Park. Tuesday-Friday 10-4, Weekends 11-5.

Tyler Arboretum: *515 Painter Road, Media, PA, (610)566-9134, (www.tylerarboretum.org)*. One of the oldest and largest arboreta in the northeastern United States, encompassing 650 acres of horticultural collections, rare specimens, ancient trees, historic buildings, and extensive hiking trails. Open year round, except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Fee charged to non-members. Check Website or call for hours, which change seasonally.

Waterloo Mills Preserve (managed by the Brandywine Conservancy): Located in Easttown Township, Chester County and Newtown Township, Delaware County. The entrance is *approximately ¼ mile south on South Waterloo Road from its intersection with Church Road*. Fifteen miles due west of center-city Philadelphia, between Valley Forge National Park and Ridley Creek State Park, is 170 spectacular acres consisting of the 18th century village, Waterloo Mills, with mill race remnants, wildflower meadows, fertile marshes, mature woods and over a mile of meandering creek. Open to Conservancy members from 9am- 5pm, Wednesday through Sunday. Non-member visitors, or to request a group visit, please call 610-388-2700.

White Clay Creek State Park: *425 Wedgewood Road, Newark, DE, (302) 577-3534, (www.destateparks.com/wccsp/index.asp)* This 933-acre park is divided by grey stone walls built of local stone in the late 1800s, "where piedmont streams tumble down gentle slopes." Open daily, 8am until sunset, year-round.

Winterthur, an American Country Estate: *Route 52, Winterthur, DE 19735, (302)888-4600* (winterthur.org.) —Former 1,000-acre estate of Henry Francis duPont. American decorative art objects (1640-1860), special exhibitions, shopping and a restaurant. A not-to-be-missed exceptional 60-acre naturalistic garden, children's garden, reflecting pool, ponds, woodland, quarry garden. A year-round photographer's haven. 10am-5pm Tuesday-Sunday. Fee charged.

Museums, Theaters & Other Good Stuff:

American Helicopter Museum & Education Center: *1220 American Blvd., West Chester, PA* (near QVC) (610) 436-9600 helicoptermuseum.org; Nation's largest collection of helicopters and rotary wing aircraft; library; helicopter rides. Wednesday-Saturday, 10am to 5pm, Sunday, noon -5pm, Monday and Tuesday by appointment only. Fee charged. "Best Science Museum for children"—*Philadelphia Magazine*

Brandywine River Museum: *U.S. Route 1, P.O. Box 141, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, (610) 388-2700* (brandywinemuseum.org); American art in a picturesque 19th-century grist mill, enhanced by The Brandywine Conservancy's wildflower and native plant gardens; renowned for collection of works by three generations of Wyeths and fine collection of American illustration, still life and landscape painting. Daily, 9:30am-4:30pm.

Delaware Art Museum: *2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, DE (302) 571-9590* (delart.org) has an exceptional collection of pre-Raphaelite art, which is currently on tour. Check their Website for calendar of exhibitions. Closed Mondays; Tuesday Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 10am - 8pm; Sunday noon- 4pm. Admission fee charged; Museum admission is free to museum members; free to the general public on Sundays.

The Kalmar Nyckel: *1124 East 7th Street, Wilmington, DE (302) 429-7447, 1-(888)783-7245* (kalmarnyckel.org). The name means "Key of Kalmar," a Swedish city. Climb aboard and sail on a re-creation of the tall ship that brought Swedish settlers to the Brandywine Valley in 1638. Check Website for hours and admission charges.

QVC: *1200 Wilson Dr., West Chester, PA, (QVC.com)* QVC Studio Park is a popular destination for thousands of visitors interested in seeing how this operation works. The QVC Studio Tour is a one-of-a-kind guided walking tour through the world of electronic retailing. At this state-of-the-art broadcasting facility, see and experience how QVC products are sourced, tested, brought to life on air, and delivered to millions of customers. There are views into the studio through the tour, including one from the Observation Deck, 50 feet above the 20,000-square-foot broadcast area, from which you can watch programs in progress. Continuous tours daily on the hour, 10am - 4pm; Fee charged. Groups of 10 or more require advance reservations by calling 1-(800) 600-9900 (press 4.)

In Philadelphia:

Academy of Natural Sciences, *1900 Ben Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA, (215)299-1000* (www.acnatsci.org) The oldest natural history museum in the Western Hemisphere, established in 1812, moved to its current location in 1876. In addition to Dinosaur Hall, one of the leading permanent exhibits on paleontology in the country, attractions include world-class collection of animal habitat dioramas, Live Animal Center, and the region's largest indoor exhibit of live

tropical butterflies. Artifacts and herbarium of the Lewis & Clark expedition. Monday-Friday: 10am-4:30pm, Weekends: 10am-5pm; Admission fee charged.

Philadelphia Zoo: *3400 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia,* (215) 243-1100, (Philadelphiazoo.org). The Philadelphia region's leading family attraction, the oldest zoo in the United States, operated since 1859 by the Philadelphia Zoological Society. More than 1,500 rare and exotic animals from around the world; 42 acres of picturesque Victorian gardens and historical architecture. March-November, 10am -5pm; December-February, 10am -4pm. Admission charge.

Rodin Museum: *22nd Street at Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA,* (215)568-6020 (rodinmuseum.org) Tues-Sun. 10am-5pm; Largest collection of Auguste Rodin's sculptures outside of Paris. The Thinker sits outside, pondering your attire. You'll pass through The Gates of Hell on your way in (even though you may have thought you did when you went through the airport screening), where you'll see numerous representations of Balzac and many other wonderful pieces. Tuesday through Sunday: 10am-5pm. Closed Mondays and holidays. (Hours subject to change.) Small admission contribution suggested.

Mummers Museum: *2nd Street and Washington Avenue, South Philadelphia, PA,* (215)336-3050 (www.mummersmuseum.com) The New Year's Day Mummers Parade, a long-standing Philadelphia event, offers this collection paying tribute to a century of Mummer history with pictures and lavish costumes, a testimony to one of Philly's more "unique" traditions. October thru April: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30am - 4:30pm; Sunday noon - 4:30pm. May through September: Tuesday 9:30am - 9:30pm; Wednesday-Saturday 9:30am - 4:30pm; Sunday 12:00n - 4:30pm. Closed Mondays, all Holidays, and Sundays in July and August. Admission charge.

Mütter Museum: *19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA,* (215) 563-3737 x211; 10am-5pm M-Sun; Part freak show, part scientific historical vault, one of Philadelphia's truly original and bizarre treasures. Housed in the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the collection, begun in the mid 19th century, consists of 20,000 displayed objects include anatomical and pathological specimens, models, illustrations, slides and photographs, and scientist and doctor memorabilia from 1750 to the present, including Siamese twins Chang and Eng's livers, Grover Cleveland's secret tumor, Chief Justice Marshall's bladder stones, and Florence Nightingale's sewing kit (not as funny, but somewhat more useful—except for Chang and Eng's livers, of course, but then—oh, never mind.) Special exhibits about historical events in medical history and contemporary health issues are also displayed. Not for the squeamish. Hours: 10am to 5pm every day except Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1; Admission charge.

Philadelphia Museum of Art: *26th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA,* (215) 763-8100; (Philamuseum.org); check Website for current exhibitions. Admission charged, but Sundays, pay what you wish. (Really.) And, yes, the 9-foot bronze statue of Sylvester Stallone as "Rocky" is being brought back to the top of the steps just in time for your visit.

In, Around, and on the Way to and From Chanticleer:

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve: *P.O. Box 685* (it's a small preserve in a post office box) *New Hope, PA*, (215) 862-2924 (www.bhwp.org). This 100-acre Preserve features nearly 1000 species of PA native plants in a naturalistic setting of picturesque woodlands, meadows, a pond and creek. Many photo opportunities. Open daily year-round. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Grounds open from 8:30 a.m. to sunset; Visitor Center and Twinleaf Shop open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee charged.

Dutch Apple Dinner Theater: *510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster, PA*, (717) 898-1900 for reservations or (www.dutchapple.com) Check the Website or call for show calendar.

Herr's Snack Factory Tour 20 Herr Drive, Nottingham, PA (1-800-637-6225) (www.herrs.com) One hour tours will give you some idea of why Americans are growing more and more obese every day. Monday -Thursday 9am – noon and 1pm - 3pm; Fridays 9am - noon) : Summer hours: July 5 - Aug. 10, 2006: Monday - Thursday 9-noon;1pm -6pm (Final tour at 5pm); Fridays 9-noon. (cannot guarantee production running on Friday)

Landis Valley Museum: *2451 Kissel Hill Road - Lancaster, PA*, (717) 569-0401 (landisvalleymuseum.org) Living history museum of Pennsylvania German heritage from 1740 through 1940, through preservation and interpretation of the largest collection of Pennsylvania German artifacts in the country by enacting traditional farming, village and industrial life, craft demonstrations, and featuring historical breeds of animals and plants, including an heirloom seed project, applewood grafting workshop, children's programs, etc. Monday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm, Sunday noon-5pm.

Mercer Museum: *84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA*, (215) 345-0210; Towering castle housing dramatic displays of implements, folk art and furnishings of early America before mechanization. Walk into the Central Court and see a Conestoga wagon, whaling boat, carriages and an antique fire engine suspended overhead (a daredevil's version of mistletoe.) There are 40,000 tools of more than 60 early American crafts and trades displayed. Built in 1916, it's a National Historic Landmark. Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am - 5pm, Tuesday 10am - 9pm; Sunday, noon - 5pm.

Fonthill Museum: *EastCourt Street, Doylestown, PA*, (215) 348.9461;Home of Henry Mercer, made of concrete with embedded tiles from the Moravian Tile Works; original furnishings Another Bucks County must-see. Guided tours-reservations advised. Monday-Saturday 10am to 5pm; Sunday, noon - 5pm; Last tour at 4pm

Moravian Pottery & Tile Works:*130 Swamp Road (Route 313),Doylestown, PA 18901*, 215-345-6722 (buckscounty.org/government/departments/tileworks/index.aspx) Many Moravians had settled around the Lancaster and Bethlehem areas of Pennsylvania by the turn of the last century. Pursuit of Pennsylvania Germanic/ Moravian inspired pottery for his personal collection motivated Henry Mercer to turn his passion for architectural ceramic tiles —an art that made him famous as a tile maker extraordinaire, into this manufactory in 1910 on the grounds near his home. Tiles are still made here in the style first perfected by Mercer, using Bucks County clay. Self-guided tours every half hour. Daily 10am-4:45pm, (Last tour 4pm) Fee charged.

Mill Grove at Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary: *1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA* (2.5 miles from Valley Forge National Historic Park) (610)666-5593 —Set within the 175-acre Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, Mill Grove, the first American home of Haitian-born author, artist and naturalist John James Audubon, built in 1762, offers grounds and nature trails overlooking the Perkiomen Creek. Unlike Mr. Audubon, you are not allowed to shoot the birds during your visit, except with a camera. Tuesday-Saturday 10am- 4pm; Sunday 1- 4 pm; Fee charged.

Valley Forge National Historic Park: *Route 23 and North Gulph Road, Valley Forge, PA* 19482 ,Office: (610)783-1000, Visitor Information, (610)783-1077, (www.nps.gov/vafo) —Of all the places associated with the American War for Independence, perhaps none has come to symbolize perseverance and sacrifice more than Valley Forge, a few miles from Philadelphia, the site of the six month encampment of the Continental Army of the newly formed United States of America under the command of General George Washington. George Washington actually *did* sleep here. Though no battle was fought at Valley Forge, from December 19, 1777 to June 19, 1778, a struggle against the elements and low morale was overcome on this sacred ground (just like trying to garden in August.) Actually, the rolling hills and well-kept 18 miles of nature trails, horse trails and bike paths evoke a peaceful beauty contradictory to its history. Park grounds open daily, year-round; sun-up to sun-down, 6am.-10pm. Welcome Center and Washington's Headquarters open daily 9am-5pm. Fee charged.

Wharton Esherick Museum, *P.O. Box 595* (it's a very small museum located in a post office box) *Paoli, PA*, 19301, 610-644-5822 (www.levins.com/esherick.html): Located a short distance from Valley Forge National Historic Park; features the studio/home of “the Dean of American Craftsmen” with unusual spaces, his innovative furniture and pared-down wood sculptures, massive, free-form spiral oak staircase, sinuous built-in dining table, moveable hanging lamps and numerous other striking elements, each revealing the freshness of his imagination. Reservations required. Monday- Friday (groups only) 10am to 4pm.; Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Sunday, 1pm-5 pm. Admission fee.

Theme Parks and Other Things to Do with Children or Your Childish Self:

Camden Waterfront: *2 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ*, (856) 757-9400, (camdenwaterfront.com) has many attractions to offer alongside the Delaware River on the opposite bank from Penn's Landing in Philadelphia—Visit the exciting new shark-infested Adventure Aquarium, the Independence Seaport Museum, Wiggins Waterfront Park, or the Walt Whitman House; board the Battleship New Jersey or the RiverLink Ferry, or visit the Children's Garden (see below.)

Camden Children's Garden: *3 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ*, (856) 365-8733 (camdenchildrensgarden.org); Four-acre hands-on horticultural playground where children of all ages can discover and interact with the natural world. Philadelphia Eagles Four Seasons Butterfly House; Storybook Gardens; Dinosaur Garden; Tree House; Picnic garden; Red Oak Run; Carousel; Train; Butterfly Ride; Ben Franklin's Secret Garden; Tropical Exhibit; community gardening, and more! Daily, 10am -5pm; Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Fee charged.

Cherry-Crest Farm Corn Maze: 150 Cherry Hill Road, Ronks, PA (near Paradise in Lancaster County); 717-687-6843 (corn-maze-pa.com) “Spend about an hour in the world’s most dynamic and interactive 5-acre Amazing Maize Maze™, over 2.5 miles of paths, scenic bridges, clues, and two Maze Masters,” say the owners (Did you know the corn maze was “invented” in PA? The American Maze Company, which built this corn maze and others around the country, boasts it has been “getting people lost since 1993,” the year it created America’s first cornfield maze at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA.) Cherry-Crest also offers a farm express; farm wagon tour, Pedal Kart tracks, a “Goat Walk” (and who among us has not always wanted to walk a goat?); petting zoo; a “rain room” (?); “Kids Corral”, bee hive observation; baby chicks hatchery; “logic mazes”; farm education center; picnic area; singing chicken show (fresh from American Idol tryouts); food vendors; giant hay chute slide; and more. Check Website for hours. Fee charged.

Delaware Park Racetrack & Slots: 777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington, DE ,1-(800)-41-slots (www.delawarepark.com) Thoroughbred horseracing; slot machines; 18-hole golf course—go ahead—knock yourself out! Check Website for hours.

Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom: 3830 Dorney Park Road, Allentown, PA, just off Rte.222/Hamilton Blvd. (610) 395-3724 (dorneypark.com) Hours: 10-10 weekends; 10am-7:30pm weekdays. Bring the kids, splash the August heat away and tour the gardens and grounds.

Hershey Chocolate Factory Tour: (www.hersheys.com/chocolateworld) Hershey’s Factory Works is hands-on, interactive tour of chocolate-making from bean to bar on the free Tour Ride through a simulated Hershey’s factory. The sweetest part? Free samples. Even better—*THE WHOLE TOWN SMELLS LIKE CHOCOLATE!* Check Website for hours.

Hersheypark: 100 W. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA; 1-800-HERSHEY (www.hersheypa.com) Amusement Park with 60 Rides and Attractions. Check Website for hours, admission fees.

Strasburg Railroad: 741, East of Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA; 717-687-7522 (strasburgrailroad.com) Relaxing 45-minute ride aboard historic coal-burning steam train through the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country to Paradise, PA. Also, a miniature steam train or operate an authentic Pump Car. Stroll through quaint East Strasburg Station; browse the Thomas™ Toy Store, railroad bookstore and rail fan shop filled with apparel and merchandise. Trackside restaurant and dining car. Walk across the street to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. (Check Website or call for days and hours of operation.) Fee charged.

Local Sites & Delights:

Canoe Trips on the Brandywine:

Northbrook Canoe Company: 1810 Beagle Road, West Chester, PA, 610.793.2279 or 800.898.2279 Canoes, inner tubes and splash boats (a small, one-person kayak-like boat with a double-bladed paddle) for rent for long or short trips on the Brandywine River. You will get wet

in a splash, so prepare yourself for an afternoon of intense fun. Not recommended for children under 10 years of age or hydrophobic adults.

Wilderness Canoe Trips: 2711 Concord Pike (Rt. 202), Fairfax Shopping Center, Wilmington DE, 302.654.2227—Two to six-hour trips available via canoe or tube on the Brandywine. Free parking and transportation to and from the river. (Call for hours and admission fees.)

Wilmington Blue Rocks Game: Frawley Stadium, 801 South Madison Street, Wilmington, DE.(302) 888-2015, tickets:(302)888-2583 (bluerocks.com) Go to a Wilmington Blue Rocks game—far more enchanting than a Philadelphia Phillies game. On August 22, 23, and 24th 2006, the home team will be playing arch-rivals, the Myrtle Beach Pelicans! The Blue Rocks are a Carolina League Class A (Advanced) Affiliate of the Boston Red Sox (whatever that means.) Cheap tickets, family-friendly atmosphere and a giant celery stick dances every time the Blue Rocks score a run. Check Website for schedule.

Shopping:

King of Prussia Mall: 160 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 610-265-5727 (kingofprussiamall.com), Over 400 stores and restaurants. Monday – Saturday 10am - 9:30pm; Sunday, 11am - 7pm

Reading Outlets: Reading, PA; Mecca for outlet shoppers. Check out this Website: readingberkspa.com/shopping

Rockvale Square Outlets: Routes 30 and 896, Lancaster, PA, 717-293-9595
Monday – Saturday, 9:30am - 9:00pm, Sunday, 11:00am - 5:00pm

Renninger's Antiques and Farmers Market, 2500 N. Reading Rd, Denver, PA (Adamstown, PA) Indoor Market - Open Sundays only, 7:30am to 4pm; Outdoor Market begins at 5am—500-900 dealers with both indoor and outdoor booths.. "Top antique destination in the country!" — *USA Today*; "Enormous flea market with world class fleas," —*Sternberg Today*

Tanger Outlet Center: Lancaster, PA, US 30, 4 miles east of Lancaster; 311 Stanley K. Tanger Blvd. (717) 392-7260 / (800) 408-3477, Sun., 10:00 a.m.-6:00 pm; M – Sat., 9:00 a.m. -9:00 pm. Visit MapQuest.com for door-to-door directions to Tanger Lancaster, PA. (Use 2200 Lincoln Highway East when searching MapQuest.)

Restaurants:

Near The King of Prussia Mall:

Blue Pacific Chinese Bistro and Sushi: 160 N. Gulph Rd., The Plaza at King of Prussia, King of Prussia, PA, 610.337.3078; Casual; Sushi and pan-Asian menu including noodles, tempura, seafood, satay, and sake; M-Th. 11am-10pm; F-Sa, 11am-10:30pm; Su, 11am-8pm. Average Dinner Entree \$5-\$10

Maggiano's Little Italy: 205 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia, PA ; 610.992.3333; Sun. - Thurs. 11 AM - 10 PM; Fri. - Sat., 11 AM - 11 PM ; 100 seat outdoor porch, the area's largest, for *al fresco*

dining, a happy hour drink or coffee and dessert after a meal. Family-friendly restaurant serves up enormous portions of southern Italian favorites in a nostalgic setting.

Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery: 160 N. Gulph Rd. The Plaza at King of Prussia, King of Prussia, PA, 610.230.2739, Contemporary cuisine, “hand crafted” beers. Smoked salmon, grilled pizzas, seafood, chocolate samplers. .M-Th.11:30am-10pm. Late night menu in the lounge. Sunday jazz brunch 11:30am-2pm; Average Dinner Entree \$10-\$15

Near Longwood Gardens:

Kennett Steak and Mushroom Restaurant and Motel: 201 Birch Street, Kennett Square, PA, (610) 444-5085, Email: kennettsteak@comcast.net, Web: www.kennettsteakandmushroom.com; Restored inn with bar. Angus Beef, seafood, and, naturally, mushrooms, since Kennett Square bills itself as the “Mushroom Capital of the World,” in casual atmosphere. Free parking.

Kennett Square Inn

201 East State St, Kennett Square, (610) 444-5688 Web: www.kennettinn.com In the heart of historic Kennett Square, 1835 restored colonial restaurant has indoor and outdoor dining and bar. One mile south of Longwood Gardens.

Half Moon Restaurant and Saloon: 108 West State Street, Kennett Square, (610) 444-7232, (halfmoonrestaurant.com); mushrooms & microbrews, Belgian beer, wild game. Check out their menu online. (*Recommended by Chanticleer’s Dan Benarcik*)

Simon Pearce: 1333 Lenape Rd., West Chester, 610-793-0949 (www.SimonPearce.com). Enjoy fine craft work and dining. Located on the Brandywine River, the Simon Pearce gallery and restaurant offer an opportunity to observe expert artisans make original works of glass (the oldest industry in America), and enjoy creative American cuisine with Irish accents in the restaurant. Dinner reservations recommended. (*Recommended by Chanticleer’s Dan Benarcik*)

Sovana Bistro: 696 Unionville, Rd., Kennett Square, (610) 444-5600 sovanabistro.com; M-Sat.: 11:00am-10:00pm, Sun.: 4:30pm-9:00pm. BYOB. Highly recommended. Consistently good and imaginatively conceived cuisine. 75-seat restaurant accepts walk-ins only, but private dining area can be reserved for large parties. (*Recommended by Ilene Sternberg, food critic for Stuff Yer Face Magazine*)

State Street Grill: 115 West State Street, Kennett Square, (610) 925-4984; “long list of selections renders the three-course \$32.00 prix fixe dinner a delicious deal at this New American BYOB; the open kitchen may sometimes make the spartan eatery terribly noisy, but the quality of the food has supporters saying they find it hard to believe they're in Kennett Square and not New York”—*Zagat Survey*

The Orchard 503 Orchard Avenue (at Route 1), Kennett Square, PA 19348 (610) 388-1100. “This former mushroom-packing house offers a unique array of savory dishes sure to please everyone” —*Philadelphia Inquirer* (“Except, perhaps, your financial advisor. Kind of pricey”) —*Ilene Sternberg*

Near Chanticleer:

333 Belrose: 333 Belrose Ave., (off King of Prussia Road, Wayne, PA, (610) 293-1000; “upscale-eclectic menu of great food a little fusion cooking with a lot of good basic ingredients that is in no way prissy (Recommended by Chanticleer’s Jonathan Wright)

Bertucci’s: 523 W Lancaster Ave, Wayne, , (610) 293-1700; also at 761 W Lancaster Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA, (610) 519-1940 “great for a chain restaurant-good wood fired oven pizza”—Chanticleer’s Jonathan Wright; “The mussels are excellent!” (not Jonathan’s—the chef’s.)—Ilene Sternberg

Christopher's, A Neighborhood Place: 108 N. Wayne Avenue, Wayne, (610) 687-6558, American; Named the "Best Family Restaurant" by *Main Line Times* magazine in 2005.

George's 503 West Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087 (610) 964-2588 (www.georgesonthemainline.com)
French provincial on the main line. Lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch. (Recommended by Chanticleer’s Bill Thomas)

Joe's Place, 236 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne, PA (610) 964-9164. Hole in the wall atmosphere, excellent griddle food (egg sandwiches, hamburgers, steak sandwiches). Tell them Bill from Chanticleer recommended them and get a free sarcastic comment. Open breakfast and lunch.

Landis Restaurant: 118 W. Lancaster, Wayne, PA (610)-688-5895. Excellent sandwiches and salads. (Recommended by Chanticleer’s Bill Thomas)

Margaret Kuo's: 175 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, (610) 688-7200; Lunch and dinner, daily; Exquisite Chinese and Japanese cuisine, prices moderate to high.

Teresa’s Café Italiano: 124 North Wayne Avenue, Wayne, 610-293-0635 contemporary, authentic Italian dishes from antipasta, various pasta dishes, brick-oven pizzettas and our specialty desserts. Hours: Lunch (11:30am-3pm, Mon.-Fr.) Dinner (5-10pm, Tue.-Sat., 4:30-9pm, Sun. & Mon 5-9pm,.) BYOB (Recommended by Chanticleer’s Jonathan Wright)

Near Winterthur:

Buckley’s Tavern: 5812 Kennett Pike (Rte. 52) Centreville, DE, (302) 656-9776, historic landmark in quaint Centreville, Delaware is a favorite meeting place for locals and visitors. Lunch, M-F, 11:30 to 2:30, Sat. to 3. Dinner nightly, 5:30 to 9:30 or 10. Sun., brunch 11 to 3 (half-price if you wear your Pajamas), dinner 5 to 9. “A place where Rolls Royces rub wings with pick-up trucks and an occasional ‘six in hand’ horse carriage.”—*anonymous*.

Pizza by Elizabeth's: 4019 Kennett Pike, Greenville, DE, (302) 654-4478. Sun-Th., 11:30am-9pm, Fri. & Sat., 11:30am-10 pm Specializing in creative pizzas.

Jasmine: 3618 Concord Pike Wilmington, DE, (302) 479-5618 Pan-Asian cuisine; excellent Sushi; \$30 and under; casual dress, full lounge, pleasant atmosphere; good service. Lunch: M - F: 11:30am - 3pm, Dinner: M - Th: 3pm- 10pm, F – Sat.: 3pm - 11pm, Sun.: noon - 9:30pm.

Feby's Fishery: 3701 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE (302) 998-9501 "No tablecloth" restaurant with great choices. Voted "best seafood restaurant" by *Delaware Today*.

In and Around Philadelphia:

Amada: 217-219 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, (215)625-2450, (amadarestaurant.com); authentic Spanish tapas with a twist.

Maggiano's Little Italy: 12th & Filbert, Philadelphia, 215-567-2020; Enjoy delicious, sizeable portions of homemade Italian Classics served family-style.

Franklin Fountain: 116 Market Street, Philadelphia, (215)627-1899 (franklinfountain.com); M- Th: 3 -11pm, F: 3pm – Midnight, Sat. 1pm – Midnight, Sun. 1pm- 11pm.(hours may change in summer): "a time-tripping soda saloon where a young George Bailey would feel right at home under the white pressed-tin ceiling"—*Philadelphia Inquirer*

Marmont Steakhouse and Bar: 222 Market Street, Philadelphia, (215) 923-1100 (www.marmont.net); "sassy, swanky little nightspot with D.J.-spun hip-hop from 5pm to 2 am." —*Philadelphia Inquirer*

Rouge: 205 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, (215) 732-6622; Daily 11:30-2 a.m.; no reservations; A martini, steak frites and a window table overlooking Rittenhouse Square, "this bijou of a bistro is a haven for an impromptu meal. Entrees from \$12-\$36." —*Philadelphia Inquirer*

Washington Square: 210 West Washington Square, (215)592-7787 (washingtonsquare-restaurant.com); a new offering from the high-octane restaurant impresario Stephen Starr featuring chic American cuisine; daily lunch through dinner, brunch on Sunday.

Woody's: 202 South 13th Street (at Walnut St.), Philadelphia; (215) 545-1893 (www.woodysbar.com); Philadelphia's classic gay bar. You'll know you've arrived in the Gayberhood (from Chestnut to Pine streets between 11th and Broad) when you see rainbow flags beckoning you to the club and bar. Take a popular country western two-stepping lesson on Friday, Sunday, and Tuesday evenings; bar, coffee room, cyber bar; full menu, especially popular for lunch.

On Your Way to the PA Dutch Country:

Fiorvanti's: 105 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA , A small Bistro with incredibly fresh, seasonal food. Just a tiny spot on the corner of the main street. A bit pricey, yet worth the extra pennies For reservations: (610) 518-9170.

Victory Brewing Company: 420 Acorn La, Downingtown, PA; Go casual, sample the latest brew out of the barrel great food, more than just sandwiches, gourmet pizza, too! Atmosphere is for all ages The bar is a bit smoky. Not easy to find. Downingtown's best kept secret hideaway! Call for directions: (620) 873-0881

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The Hotel Hershey: *100 Hotel Road, Hershey, PA*, 1-800-Hershey/ (717) 533-2171 (hersheypa.com/accommodations/the_hotel_hershey); 1930s Mediterranean-influenced architecture surrounded by a nice garden; great place to stay or just have lunch in their gorgeous dining room. Also near Hershey Garden (and Hershey Park, Chocolate Factory, etc.)