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# RV Traveler's

## Roadmap to

# Brandywine Valley

Cultivated by one family – the Du Ponts – and immortalized by another –the Wyeths – this lush and lovely landscape seems like a painting come to life.

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## Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience

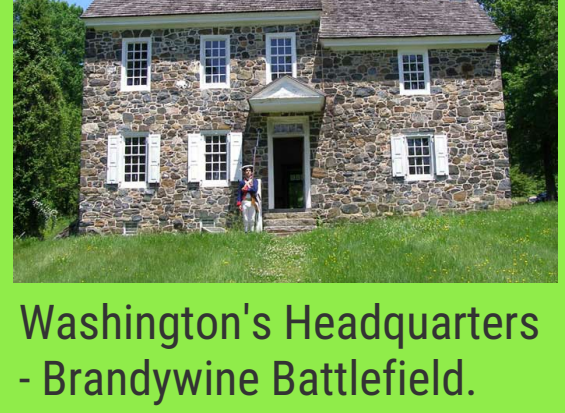


Longwood Gardens at Christmas time.

- Trip Length:** Roughly 20 miles
- Best Time To Go:** Year round. Best in spring and fall.
- Must See Nearby Attractions:**
  - 1** Mt. Cuba Center (Greenville, DE)
  - 2** Rockwood Park & Museum (New Castle County, DE)
  - 3** Phillips Mushroom Museum (Kennett Square, PA)
  - 4** Franklin Mint Museum (Franklin Center, PA)
  - 5** Valley Forge National Historical Park (King of Prussia, PA)
  - 6** Old Colonial New Castle (Delaware's first capital)
  - 7** QVC Studio Tour

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## Traveler's Notes



Washington's Headquarters - Brandywine Battlefield.

- The Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway leads to an unparalleled concentration of historic sites, magnificent estates, glorious gardens and mesmerizing museums where visions from a vanished century abound.
- At the start of the byway in downtown Wilmington, Rodney Square was developed as a center of civic activity in the early 20th century. The square included the monumental Hotel du Pont, the Wilmington Institute Free Library, the Federal Courthouse, and the U.S. Post Office (now Wilmington Trust)
- With more than a million visitors a year, Longwood Gardens has long been regarded as one of the most spectacular gardens in the Mid-Atlantic. Also established by the du Pont family, an expansive 1,077 acres transports guests to a different era, with Italian and French influence along every turn.

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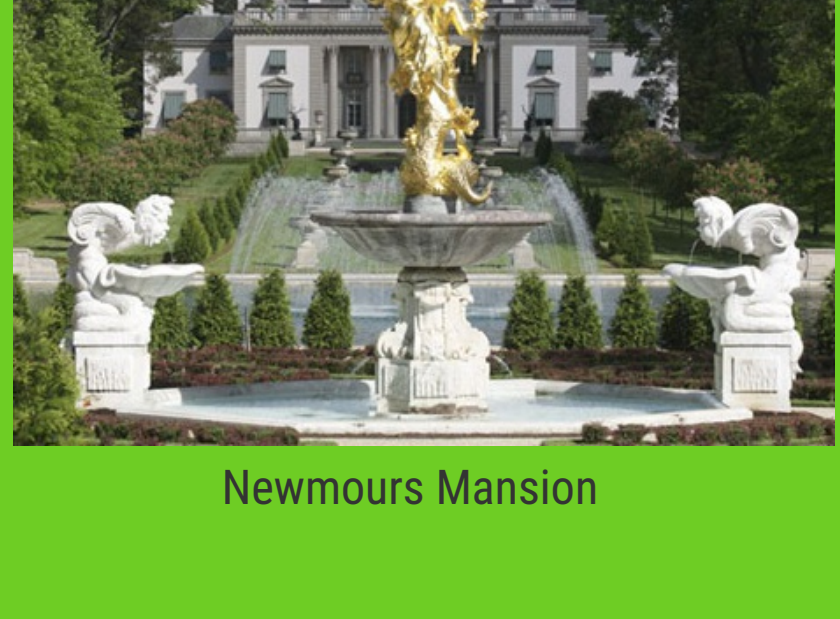
## What To See Along the Way



- Nemours Mansion
- Hagley Museum
- Winterthur
- Longwood Gardens
- Chadds Ford
- Brandywine Battlefield

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## Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Nemours Mansion

- Nemours Mansion:** A 300-acre country estate with jardin à la française formal gardens and a classical French mansion in Wilmington, Delaware. Built to resemble a château, its 105 rooms on five floors occupying nearly 47,000 sq ft.
- Hagley Museum:** Covering more than 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine Creek, the museum and grounds include the first du Pont family home and garden in the United States, the powder yards, and a 19th-century machine shop.
- Winterthur:** the premier museum of American decorative arts, with an unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America between about 1640 and 1860.
- Longwood Gardens:** Horticultural display garden near Philadelphia created by Pierre duPont in 19th century.
- Chadds Ford:** A unique mix of rolling hills and expansive vistas juxtaposed against busy suburban communities to the south, east and north. Home to many historic sites including the Brandywine Battlefield and serve as the western gateway to Delaware County, Pennsylvania.
- Brandywine Battlefield:** brings to life the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War, fought on September 11, 1777, between the Continental Army led by General George Washington and the British forces headed by General William Howe.

# Ready, set, go!