

Secret Places

Whether you have the whole day or just a couple of hours, these amazing sites offer unique experiences found nowhere else... world class architecture, beautiful landscapes, historic artifacts, educational opportunities and contemporary art.

Here are a few of our favorite tours but feel free to make your own!

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Tours of scenic landscapes, art galleries and historic sites in Eastern Montgomery County just North of Philadelphia all within minutes of each other.



Bryn Athyn Cathedral



Glencairn Museum



Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust



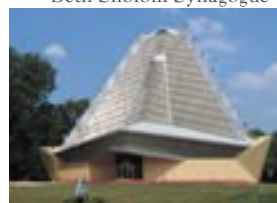
Cairwood



Meadowbrook Farm



Arcadia University Art Gallery



Beth Sholom Synagogue



Abington Art Center

Abington Art Center

515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046
215-887-4882, www.abingtonartcenter.org
Galleries & Shop Tues - Fri 10am-5pm; Thurs to 7pm;
Sat & Sun 10am-3pm. Sculpture Park open daily dawn to dusk.
FREE admission

Celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2009, Abington Art Center's nationally renowned 27 acre sculpture park and gallery exhibitions are complemented with studio art classes and public programs. Enjoy a walk through the galleries or into the Sculpture Park.

Arcadia University Art Gallery

Arcadia University, 450 S. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038
215-572-2133, www.arcadia.edu/arts
Tues, Wed, Fri 10am-3pm; Thurs 10am-8pm; Sat & Sun 12-4pm,
and by appointment. Closed June to August.
FREE admission

A nationally recognized showcase for contemporary art, Arcadia University Art Gallery is located in the Spruance Fine Arts Center, a renovated power station designed by architect Horace Trumbauer (built 1893). Solo exhibitions and thematic group shows range in scope from regional to international and are accompanied by lectures and panel discussions. The Philadelphia Inquirer has acknowledged the program as being "...in the forefront of aesthetic experience among university and college galleries."

Beth Sholom Congregation

8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027
215-887-1342, www.bethsholomcongregation.org
Tours by appointment only.
\$7.50 pp for groups of 10 or more; \$10 pp for groups under 10

Beth Sholom Synagogue is a National Historic Landmark designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. It was the only synagogue ever designed by him and the last project that he completed before his death. Wright and Rabbi Mortimer J. Cohen worked together to design a "traveling Mt. Sinai," a mountain of steel, glass, aluminum, concrete and fiberglass, rich in Jewish symbolism.

Briar Bush Nature Center

1212 Edge Hill Road, Abington, PA 19001
215-887-6603, www.briarbush.org
Open Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun 1-5pm
Trails open dawn to dusk. Appointments are not necessary.
FREE admission

Welcome to Abington's "backyard" nature center! Briar Bush grounds feature a Bird Observatory and over a mile of trails. The Museum is full of interactive exhibits, touch tables and play areas and is home to over 30 resident animals.

Bryn Athyn Cathedral

900 Cathedral Road, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009
267-502-4600, www.brynathyncathedral.org
Hours: 9am-4pm daily; volunteer guides are available 1-4pm.
FREE admission

Dedicated in 1919, Bryn Athyn Cathedral is known for outstanding architecture and dazzling stained glass windows. The decoration of the Cathedral is medieval in style and influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement, but the symbolism is based entirely on the teachings of the New Church.

Cairnwood

1005 Cathedral Road, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009
215-947-2004, www.cairnwood.org
Guided Historic Tours: Wednesday 10am to 3pm, tours on the hour.
Thursday to Saturday 11am. Tours by appointment only.
\$7 per adult; \$5 group rate

Built during America's Gilded Age, Cairnwood was designed for industrialist John Pitcairn and is the only existing Beaux Arts style home in Pennsylvania designed by Carrère & Hastings. Tours explore this country house estate, including the garden house and the carriage house collections.

Glencairn Museum

1001 Cathedral Road, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009
267-502-2600, www.glencairnmuseum.org
Weekdays by appointment;
Saturdays 11am to 2:30pm; occasional Sundays.
\$7 adults; \$6 seniors (65+); \$4 students; 5 and under free

Glencairn Museum educates visitors about the history of religion, using art and artifacts. The remarkable collection illustrates religious life from a variety of cultures including ancient Egyptian, ancient Greek and Roman, medieval Christian, Islamic, Asian and American Indian. Formerly, Glencairn was the home of Raymond and Mildred Pitcairn. It was built between 1928 and 1939 in a style based on medieval Romanesque architecture.

Meadowbrook Farm

1633 Washington Lane, Meadowbrook, PA 19046
215-887-5900, www.gotomeadowbrook.com
Open Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm year round;
Also open Sun 11am-4pm late April to mid June.
FREE admission to display gardens, greenhouses and sales yard
Individual tours available Thurs at 11am June to October; \$15 pp
Group tours available by reservation; \$15 pp
2009 Open House days are 6/20, 9/26, and 12/5; FREE

Experience the intimate setting and beautiful grounds of Meadowbrook Farm, former estate of the late J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. Meander along pathways that lead through exquisite display gardens sure to inspire the imagination. Shop Meadowbrook Farm for superb quality annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, seeds, and indoor plants. Also, find the perfect gift or garden accessory in the gift shop. An affiliate of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Meadowbrook offers 10% discount on plants to PHS members.

Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

2955 Edge Hill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
215-657-0830, www.pennypacktrust.org
Trails are open daily from dawn to dusk.
FREE admission.

Ten miles of trails traverse through 771 acres of protected meadows, woodlands and floodplain forest. The Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust works to protect, restore and preserve the lands of the central Pennypack Creek valley.