

Chairmen

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Tour Headquarters

Long Branch
830 Long Branch Lane, White Post

Tickets

Advance Ticket Sales \$40 pp

Tickets for \$40 per person can be purchased in advance on-line via credit card at vagardenweek.org.

Ticket Sales Day of \$50 pp

Tickets may also be purchased the day of tour at Tour Headquarters **only** for \$50 per person via cash or credit card only. No checks. Tour can begin at any of the three locations with proof of purchase.

Refreshments

Complimentary tea served at Long Branch from 1 to 3 p.m.

Facilities

Restrooms are available at tour headquarters (Long Branch) only.

NOTE

No interior photography is permitted.
Homes are not handicapped accessible.
Flat shoes are suggested for uneven terrain.

GUIDEBOOKS

Guidebooks and brochures are available at the following locations:

- The Fox and Pheasant, Boyce
- The Modern Mercantile, Berryville
- The Locke Store, Millwood
- The Winchester and Frederick County Tourism and Visitor Center, Winchester
- Kimberly's, Winchester
- Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester

PLACES OF INTEREST

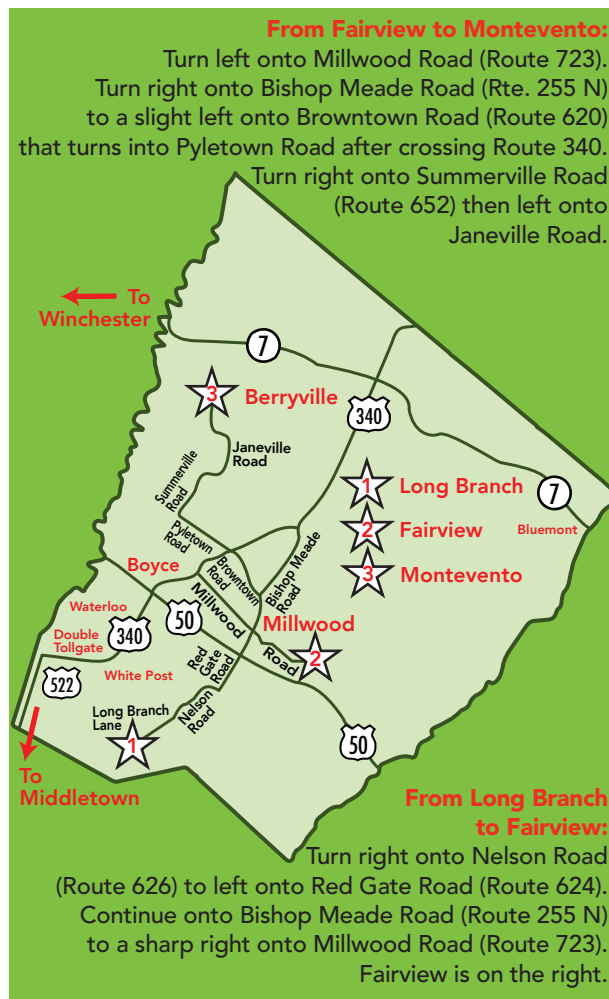
Belle Grove Plantation
336 BelleGrove Road, Middletown
bellegrove.org

Blandy Experimental Farm and the State Arboretum
400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce
blandy.virginia.edu

Burwell-Morgan Mill
15 Tannery Lane, Millwood
clarkehistory.org/mill.html

PARKING/DIRECTIONS

Parking is available at all tour sites, primarily on grassy fields. We regret that no buses can be accommodated on this tour.



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CLARKE COUNTY — WINCHESTER

Nestled deep in the northern Shenandoah Valley, Clarke County is steeped in history, offering both beauty and charm. The tour meanders through pastoral countryside and is an easy drive which can begin at any of our properties including Long Branch, a historic home and farm, Fairview with its equestrian dressage center and Montevento, a 21st-century home surrounded by spectacular grounds. Guests will enjoy the culture of a county that thrives on community and neighborly life, and will leave with a deeper appreciation for the history of this unspoiled area of Virginia.

Long Branch

830 Long Branch Lane, Millwood



In 1810, Robert Carter Burwell began construction of his Federal-style manor house with a nearly 360-degree mountain view. Architect of the U.S. Capitol, Benjamin Latrobe, provided some interior design elements, notably, the spiral staircase framed by two Corinthian columns in the entry hall; incorporated in the original house and in the 1842 remodeling. At that time, the east-end loggia was enclosed to create a formal dining room; the hip roof was topped with a glass-enclosed cupola creating a romantic widow's walk; and full-height Doric columns were added to the original, south-facing front entry. Still later, the north porch, with its Doric columns, and the balancing west wing were added. Inside, the double parlors feature Greek Revival-style woodwork based on popular designs by Minard Lafever, while, outside, the distinctive roofline of the wings was altered to create a crenelated battlement appearance. In 1986, Baltimore businessman Harry Z. Isaacs purchased Long Branch and launched a multimillion-dollar renovation. Before his death in 1990, Isaacs put the historic house into a trust for future generations to enjoy. In addition, the 400-acre property includes a horse retirement farm. Long Branch's formal

gardens include a not-to-be-missed display of hellebores in colors from green and white to pink, mauve, and purple. Spring visitors also will enjoy the bright new foliage of mature shrubs such as acuba, variegated holly, and Viburnum opulus, the snowball tree; as well as a stately chestnut adorned with pink blooms. Petite fritillaria, muscari, and select annuals delight until summer perennials fully emerge. The gardens at Long Branch offer plant selection and placement that create a formal appearance yet are low maintenance and deer-resistant, while providing material for flower arrangements through every season.

Faiview

3264 Millwood Road, Millwood



Nestled close to the historic village of Millwood, the gated entrance of Fairview offers a memorable approach to this 30-acre equestrian property. Old oaks, walnuts, and locusts sweep across the front lawn, creating a picturesque setting. Constructed around 1910 as a farm residence for builder Thomas Hugh Burwell, the property was originally part of Glenvin, which itself was once part of the Carter Hall estate. Following Burwell's death in 1923, Fairview passed to his daughter Marguerite, who married Lewis Burwell Meade. The property remained in the Meade family until the late 1970s. The house is a quintessential example of vernacular frame dwellings from the first decades of the 1900s, featuring high ceilings in the foyer and formal rooms, and original flooring, woodwork, and staircase. Tall French doors lead to the slate patios. The library and den are adorned with family photos and treasured works of art, adding a personal touch to the home. A heated swimming pool and landscaped gardens further enhance the charm and appeal of this unique property. The equestrian amenities at Fairview are exceptional, as the property was designed as a private dressage facility. It features a covered arena complete with mirrors, lights, Premier Equestrian footing, and dressage railings and letters. The main barn includes six stalls, a heated tack room with a

kitchenette, a powder room, laundry, and a heated wash stall. Additionally, there are smaller 2-stall barns, bringing the total to twelve stalls.

Montevento

468 Janeville Road, Berryville



Montevento, or "Windy Hill," is a 100-acre farm in Clarke County built in 1998 by the current owners, who had fallen in love with rural Virginia and appreciate classical design. It is inspired by the Italian Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio. Greek and Roman ideals were a guiding influence on our Founding Fathers as they constructed our fledgling democracy, their homes, and our capital city. Symmetry is a hallmark feature along with columns, porticos, and courtyards. During the design process, the owners traveled to Tuscany with their architects to help inform their decisions regarding the layout and stucco color. The gardens have been a 25-year work of love requiring intensive amending of the nutrient-deprived and deer-ravaged landscape. There is a pollinator garden and pond garden, rich with native species, among several more formal spaces that frame the view. A spring visit may include blooming daffodils, tulips, bleeding hearts, and spring ephemerals. The owner's management of their property includes improvements that enhance biodiversity. These include the planting of a small pollinator meadow, delayed bush hogging to allow grassland birds to properly fledge their young, and fencing off a wetland area from grazing livestock to protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed. They also employ intensive rotational cattle grazing that has been shown to improve productivity and the nutrient value of the soil. They battle invasive species, including Multiflora Rose, Autumn Olive, and Tree of Heaven. To help combat this, the property has been the subject of biodiversity studies through Virginia Working Landscapes of the Smithsonian Institution. The owners regularly see meadowlarks, barred owls, kestrels, bluebirds, and even bald eagles on the property.