A few reminders to make your visit perfect:
• The Arboretum is maintained for environmental education, public outreach, scientific research, and the quiet enjoyment of nature's beauty. This is an outdoor museum; please respect the collection.
• Please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians and wildlife.
• Do not climb trees or stone walls.
• Do not disturb plant tags or labels.
• Do not pick flowers or collect any plant material, including seeds, leaves, pine cones, and acorns.
• Do not disturb wildlife, including insects and snakes.
• Pets are welcome but must be leashed at all times in all areas. Pet waste stations are provided near parking areas. Please pick up and dispose of pet waste properly.
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SILVERBELL CIRCLE
All of the above, plus a behind-the-scenes tour with Blandy’s Director.

GINKGO GUILD
All of the above, plus two family-level gift memberships and complimentary registration for select programs.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
REDWOOD LIFE MEMBERSHIP
Benefactor level benefits, plus invitation to annual 1926 Society Reception, one State Arboretum Tree of the Year sapling on Arbor Day, access to the insider’s quarterly Director’s Notebook, two behind-the-scenes tours with Blandy’s Director or other Arboretum specialists, four family-level gift memberships, and complimentary registration for select programs.

GinkgoFest - October

TOURS AND PROGRAMS
Guided tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment. Teachers and students are welcome to explore the Arboretum’s natural surroundings. School programs are available during the academic year on a variety of topics such as flower studies, seed dispersal, and plant/animal habitats.

ANNUAL EVENTS
Sponsored by the Foundation of the State Arboretum

Garden Fair Plant Sale - Mother’s Day Weekend
GinkgoFest - October
Hollyweep Workshops - December

LOCATION
The Arboretum is on Route 30 in the northern Shenandoah Valley, about 10 miles east of Winchester and 60 miles west of Washington, D.C. Scan QR code for Arboretum website.

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JOIN ONLINE:
CALL 540-837-1758 ext. 224 Sign up as a: □ New Member □ Renewing Member □ 55 Individual □ 15 Individual (+$15) □ 55 Family □ 55 Family (+$8)

BENEFACTOR
Basic benefits for one family at the same address. All fees are annual.

PERENNIAL
for recurring monthly gifts of $50 or more; basic benefits plus State Arboretum water bottle (one time).

PATRON
$250-499

All of the above, plus priority registration for select programs.

BENEFACTOR
$500-999

All of the above, plus access to the insider’s quarterly Director’s Notebook.

NONPROFIT
$125

Basic benefits for one.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP
(must be currently enrolled)
Benefits include online quarterly newsletter, Arbor Vive, reciprocal admission to more than 300 North American gardens, reduced public program fees.

DOG MEMBERSHIP (what fun?)
Benefits include FOSA membership dog tag, a State Arboretum decal, Fake Photo Day at Blandy, access to 300 acres of trails to explore, free doggie waste bags.

BIZNIZ MEMBERSHIPS:
THE DOGWOOD SOCIETY
$100

Benefits include one of meeting facilities, one annual, exclusive invitation to Garden Fair Preview Night, one free space rental each year at a FOSA event, opportunity to market your business to FOSA investors with one free line in quarterly online newsletter, Arbor Vive.

THE QUARTERS SOCIETY
$250

All of the above, plus company logo on the Foundation of the State Arboretum’s website and a story in quarterly newsletter, Arbor Vive.

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Silverbell Circle
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Ginkgo Guild
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Lifetime Membership
Redwood Life Membership
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HOURS
The Arboretum grounds are open to the public free of charge every day of the year from dawn to dusk. Night hiking and overnight camping are not permitted.

THE STATE ARBORETUM OF VIRGINIA
An outdoor laboratory and living museum
CALLED ALL NATURE LOVERS!

If you’re the type who enjoys soaking in the outdoors, marveling at magnificent trees and gardens, and sharing space with wildlife in their natural environment, you’ve found your place at the State Arboretum of Virginia at historic Blandy Experimental Farm.

Started in the 1920s, the State Arboretum now contains more than 5,000 woody trees and shrubs from around the world, highlighted by more than 200 kinds of conifers, 162 types of boxwood, a 300-tree ginkgo grove, a cedar of Lebanon allée, an herb garden, an American Chestnut orchard, and the Virginia Native Plant Trail. It's a reference garden for the Southeast Region of the American Conifer Society and includes the American Boxwood Society’s Memorial Garden.

The State Arboretum of Virginia—also known as the Orland E. White Arboretum—occupies the central 172 acres of the 712-acre Blandy Experimental Farm. Part of the University of Virginia, Blandy is a center for outstanding environmental research and education. It's home to year-round public programs for all ages, PreK-12 educational explorations, and research-driven field investigations. At the heart of Blandy’s mission is field-based ecological research, most recently in plant pollination, plant-animal interactions, and the effects of light pollution on plant growth.

HELP US GROW!

There are many ways to support and preserve this wonderfully active living museum:

• Become a member of the Foundation of the State Arboretum (FOSA).
• Make an unrestricted gift allowing FOSA to apply the funds where most needed.
• Make a gift to a specific project or program, or to FOSA’s permanent endowment.
• Fund a memorial or honorary bench or tree in a beautiful setting here at the Arboretum.
• Remember FOSA in your estate planning.

Visit blandy.virginia.edu to make a gift or become a member. Call the FOSA Director at (540) 837-1758, Ext. 221 for more information about supporting the State Arboretum of Virginia.

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