How to Visit Virginia's Historic Gardens

On the map, gardens are listed alphabetically. All of the gardens are operated and maintained locally and are open to the public. Some have seasonal closings, and hours vary for each site. It is a good idea to contact the properties directly to inquire about visiting hours.
Virginia’s landscape.

In Virginia has restored and continues to restore historic segments of its landscape over the years. Some changes to a landscape over the years may be more appropriate. A simplification of the historic scene or the preservation of layered settings suitable for a historic building may be provided; at other sites, landscapes may be restored to a specific period. In some cases, a professional landscape architect must plan and oversee the restorations.

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The Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) is an active association of all garden clubs, whose members together form a group of more than 3,400 community and civic leaders. GCV’s mission is to celebrate the beauty of the land, to conserve the gifts of nature and to challenge future generations to build on this heritage.

The success of this last objective has made GCV synonymous with garden restoration in the commonwealth and the nation. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Garden Club of America have honored GCV with awards for excellence in restoration and preservation.

While there is a great variation in the types of gardens and landscape undertakings by GCV, some basic principles apply to all. Each garden must be open to the public on a regular basis. The property’s governing body applies for assistance from GCV and must serve graduate-level research fellowships for building and public landmarks. During the last week in April, more than 25,000 attend this annual event. In 1937, GCV opened private houses and gardens to raise money to restore the garden and grounds at Kenmore in Fredericksburg.

Members of all clubs cooperate to make it an astounding success, bringing in more than 50,000 visitors to the first historic garden week in Virginia. In 1937, GCV was founded to restore and preserve historic gardens in the Commonwealth. This mission continues to this day with the goal of protecting the cultural heritage of Virginia through garden preservation. The Garden Club of Virginia promotes the study of the conserva-tion of natural and historic resources, environmental studies or cultural practices that make an impact on Virginia.

Applying to a broad range of members and the public, the Garden Club of Virginia flows out of a range of workshops in photography and horticulture, and flower show competitions.

Historic Garden Week

The Garden Club of Virginia’s restoration are funded largely with proceeds from Historic Garden Week in Virginia, an eight-day state-wide open houses of private homes and public landmarks. During the last week in April, more than 25,000 attend this annual event.

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