Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve that serves as a model for land management and engages all ages in conservation and restoration of the Chesapeake region’s native landscapes through education, recreation, the arts, and community events.

In addition to protecting the region’s natural heritage and inspiring stewardship, we afford our visitors profound experiences of excitement, discovery, and awe.

With a donation from its first benefactor, Leon Andrus, the Arboretum opened in 1980. It was named for the Adkins family, longtime Eastern Shore friends of Andrus who were avid conservationists.

Today, the Arboretum is a member-supported nonprofit organization that is also funded by grants, member donations, and income from program fees, events, and gift shop and plant sales.

Thank you for your support!

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VISITOR’S CENTER HOURS:
Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday: noon–4 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving Day and December 24–31
Grounds open daily dawn to dusk

Inclement weather: Program cancellations follow Caroline County Public School closings.

Admission is $5 per person, $2 for ages 6–18, free for children 5 and under; members free.

Welcome!

Concerns about attire: 
Adkins Arboretum is a natural environment with plants and other wildlife. Please refrain from wearing perfumes and other strong scents.

Visitors are requested to remain on the designated trails.

Welcome to Adkins Arboretum! 
Many thanks to our many friends and supporters.

Visitors Center:
Visitor’s Center (15-minute walk): Visit the Visitor’s Center for program information, restrooms, and gift shop.
Goats (5-minute walk): Visit the goats at their winter barn, or find them out on the grounds.
Emily's Play Garden (10-minute walk): Explore this whimsical permaculture garden and the nearby labyrinth.
Meadow Overlook (5-minute walk): Discover stunning views of the meadow and great opportunities for birding.
Wetland Boardwalk: Get up-close and personal with turtles, frogs, birds, and more.
First Light Village (10-minute walk): Explore wigwams in the forest.
Pavilion (5-minute walk): A perfect shady spot for an event or picnic rental, our pavilion is near the Meadow Overlook.

Nancy's Meadow Loop (1 mile)
South Meadow Loop (0.8 miles): South Meadow Loop/Goat Path
Wilderness Trail (1.6 miles): Upland Walk/Tuckahoe Creekside Walk/South Tuckahoe Valley Trail/Upland Walk/South Meadow Loop/Goat Path
North Tuckahoe Valley Trail to Lake (1.4 miles): Upland Walk/North Tuckahoe Valley Trail to the Arboretum boundary bridge/follow blue markings to Tuckahoe Lake

South Tuckahoe Valley Trail to Cemetery Road (3 miles): South Meadow Loop/Upland Walk/South Tuckahoe Valley Trail/ Tuckahoe Multi-Use Trail

Tuckahoe Multi-Use Trail (2.4 miles): Currently ends at Cemetery Road.

Trail distances from the visitor’s center

Blockston Branch Loop (1 mile):
Blockston Branch Walk/Blockston Overlook/Upland Walk

Forest Loop (1 mile): Upland Walk/South Meadow Loop

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what to do and know!

Accommodations: The Adkins Arboretum Visitor’s Center houses a classroom and art gallery, gift shop, administrative offices, and restrooms. We offer water, tea, and coffee for our guests. The Visitor’s Center, surrounding areas, and many trails are ADA accessible.

Audio Tours: Two audio tours, The Arboretum Tour and A Journey Begins: Nature’s Role in the Underground Railroad, are free with admission.

Walk, Hike, or Bike: Enjoy more than five miles of trails that traverse native woodlands and meadows. Continue on to Tuckahoe State Park via the North and South Tuckahoe Valley Trails.

Dogs on leashes are most welcome to join you. Cans for pet waste are located outside the Visitor’s Center and in the main parking lot.

Horses are welcome on the Tuckahoe Multi-Use Trail.

Birding: Join us for scheduled guided bird walks or explore on your own. Please be sure to tell us what you saw and/or heard so we can include it on our chalkboard in the Visitor’s Center. Ask about scheduling a private bird walk with an expert!

First Aid: In the event of an emergency, call 911 or 410-260-8888 (DNR Hotline). The Visitor’s Center is equipped with a first aid kit.

Photo Shoots: Adkins Arboretum is thrilled to help create timeless memories by providing the perfect backdrop for professional photo shoots. We request that photographers become members and invite those being photographed to become members, too. Please remember to tag us on social media!

Please respect the grounds and their inhabitants. Hunting, unauthorized motorized vehicles, horses, smoking, balloons, and foraging or plant removal are not permitted.

Members keep us growing.

JOIN TODAY!

Members enjoy free admission and discounts on programs and gift shop and plant sales. Through the American Horticultural Society’s Reciprocal Admissions Program, your Adkins Arboretum membership entitles you to special admission privileges and discounts at more than 330 gardens throughout North America.

JOIN TODAY at the Visitor’s Center, and your admission fee will be credited to your membership.

more than trees!

• Events
• Summer camps
• Field trips
• Art exhibits
• Group tours
• Guided walks
• Adult and youth programming
• Maryland Master Naturalist training
• Gift shop
• Native plant sales
• Demonstration and cultivated gardens
• Living Collections Database
• Wedding ceremonies
• Facility rentals
• Audio tours

where to go from here!

Tuckahoe State Park Office (5 minutes, 1 mile)
Tuckahoe Lake (5 minutes, 1 mile)
Tuckahoe State Park Campground (8 minutes, 1.5 miles)
Ridgely (10 minutes, 6 miles)
Dent on (15 minutes, 9 miles)
Centreville (20 minutes, 12 miles)
Easton (30 minutes, 20 miles)
Chestertown (35 minutes, 23 miles)
Dover, DE (40 minutes, 28 miles)
Annapolis (45 minutes, 40 miles)
Washington, DC (1 hour 20 minutes, 68 miles)
Baltimore (1 hour 20 minutes, 68 miles)
Ocean City (1 hour 45 minutes, 77 miles)

Ask for our list of local restaurants.