

# Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway

*Visions of Vanished Centuries*



4 Days/3 Nights with Optional Day 5  
Gateway City: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Beginning in Delaware and ending in Pennsylvania, the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway showcases some of the most beautiful scenery and historically significant sites in the mid-Atlantic. Starting at Rodney Square in Wilmington, DE and following the Route 52 and Route 100 corridors beyond the state line to Chadds Ford, PA, this looping scenic byway tells the story of the DuPont family, one of America's wealthiest industrial families who were integral to the economic development of the Brandywine Valley. Their legacy left us with sprawling estates, world renowned gardens, and extraordinary art collections, most of which have now been turned into libraries, museums, hotels, education centers, and other cultural institutions. But theirs is not the only story this Byway has to tell. The Battle of Brandywine, a key battle in the Revolutionary War, was fought on the Valley's lush grounds. Nearly 100 years later, that same landscape inspired the founding of the Brandywine School of Art, a uniquely American style of illustration that emphasizes the natural environment and whose influence can be seen in painters like N.C. Wyeth, Maxfield Parrish, and Normal Rockwell. And Wilmington, DE., has over a dozen sites that played an essential role in the Underground Railway, where Harriet Tubman heroically led hundreds of enslaved people to safety and freedom. This unforgettable journey through vibrant, pedestrian-friendly villages and the gentle rolling hills of the Brandywine Valley landscape is a true original. No other corridor so clearly and directly depicts the

relationship between transportation, the regional economy, and culture. With an unparalleled concentration of historic sites, magnificent estates, and glorious gardens, the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway abounds with visions of a vanished century.



### **Touring the Byway**

We recommend starting your journey in Philadelphia, PA, where you can learn about the city and its role in the early days of the American government on a Constitutional Walking Tour, embrace your inner Rocky Balboa on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, enjoy some of the city’s tastiest offerings at the Reading Terminal Market, and visit The Academy of Natural Sciences, the country’s oldest history museum, before staying at one of Philadelphia’s historic hotels.

On Day Two, you’ll travel to Wilmington, DE, a city heavily influenced by the du Pont family. See the Nemours Estate, Hagley Museum and Library, and Delaware Art Museum, and spend the night in the beautiful and elegant Hotel Du Pont. The next day, Day Three, you’ll begin your drive on the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway, traveling north on Route 52 to Hockessin, DE for the Mt. Cuba Center and

Ashland Nature Center, and to Kennett Square, PA for Longwood Gardens and the Longwood Bed and Breakfast Inn, your accommodations for the evening.

On Day Four, see the Natural Lands' Stroud Preserve and West Chester, PA, the northernmost town on the Brandywine Valley Scenic Valley, before heading south on Route 100 for Chadds Ford, PA, home to Brandywine Battlefield Park, the Brandywine Conservancy and River Museum of Art, and the Winterthur Museum. Spend a relaxing evening at the inn at Montchanin Village & Spa before heading back to Wilmington and the end of the Brandywine Scenic Valley. If your schedule allows, there are two additional Delaware Scenic Byways that may pique your interest - you can either meander through the 28 secondary roads of the Red Clay Creek Watershed on the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway, or continue on to the First State National Historic Park and deeper into Delaware via the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway.

## DAY ONE



### **Philadelphia**

Thanks to historic buildings, cobblestone streets, a thriving dining scene, and an abundance of Victorian architecture, Philadelphia is considered to be one of the most “European” towns in America, yet is brimming with so much history that the entire city was named the first World Heritage City in the United States. Founded in 1682 by William Penn, the area played an instrumental role in the American Revolution, was at one point the country’s capital, became a major industrial center and railroad hub in the 19th century, welcomed immigrants and African Americans throughout the 20th century, and is now considered to be a top destination for colleges and universities.

## **Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia**

Since Philadelphia is best seen on foot, this walking tour is the best way to explore America's Birthplace. Immerse yourself in American history as you walk past historic sites like The Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Old City Hall, Betsy Ross House, and the B. Free Franklin Post Office & Museum.

The Constitutional Walking Tour starts and ends at the National Constitution Center at 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Tours meet at the 3 large stone benches immediately outside the main entrance to the National Constitution Center. Allow 75 minutes; 1.25 miles of outdoor walking. April-November, M-Sa 10AM, 12PM, 2PM, Sunday 11AM, 1PM, 3PM. Adults \$19



## **Philadelphia Museum of Art**

Run up the “Rocky” steps and view collections containing over 240,000 objects including major holdings of European, American and Asian origin. Artwork includes sculpture, paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, armor, and decorative arts.

2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-763-8100, Th, Sa-M 10AM-5PM, F 10AM-8:45PM. Adults \$25

## **Reading Terminal Market**

Famous indoor farmer's market offering diverse fare, housewares, and area specialties since 1892. Refuel with a bit to eat and sample some of Pennsylvania's most iconic dishes like Amish apple dumplings, giant soft pretzels, whoopie pies, scrapple, and of course, the famous Philly cheesesteak.

1 N 12th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-922-2317, Daily 8AM-6PM.



## **The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University**

America's oldest natural science research institution and history museum. For over two centuries of continuous operations, the Academy has sponsored expeditions, conducted original environmental and systematics research, and amassed natural history collections containing more than 17 million specimens.

1900 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-299-1000, W-Su 10AM-5PM. Adults \$22.



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Morris House Hotel** 225 S 8th St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-922-2446 Set in a colonial home built in 1787, this upscale boutique hotel has refined rooms with period touches and are equipped with dark wood armoires and Victorian-style desks, along with flat-screen TVs, iPod docks and free Wi-Fi. Suites add sitting areas, and some come with kitchenettes. Free perks consist of continental breakfast, a daily glass of wine and afternoon tea, coffee and cookies.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**The Olde Bar** 125 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-253-3777 Set in the original Bookbinder's, this saloon offers seafood, a raw bar, and retro drinks

**Red Owl Tavern** 433 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-923-2267 Rustic-chic tavern offering upscale American comfort fare and house cocktails in a bi-level space

**High Street Philly** 101 S 9th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-625-0988 Edgy American cooking with a rustic twist and artisanal bakery in a country-chic space

**Zahav** 237 St James Pl, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-8800 Casual restaurant where modern techniques elevate a traditional Israeli menu

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Philadelphia Independents** 35 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 267-773-7316 A gift boutique that features only handmade items from the best talent in the city including jewelry, accessories, ceramics, candles, prints, home decor, baby gifts, t-shirts, greeting cards and much more.

**Jinxed** 1331 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125, 215-800-1369 This local chain is known for its selection of quirky goods, from pictures to furniture and jewelry.

**Eyes Gallery** 402 South St, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 215-925-0193 Colorful trig-level bazaar offering Indian & Latin American folk art, jewelry & handmade gifts.

**Moon + Arrow** 742 S 4th St, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 215-469-1448 Socially responsible store for handmade & vintage jewelry, clothing, accessories, & home furnishings.

**Open House** 107 S 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-922-1415 Gift boutique offering stylish home accessories, bath & body products, jewelry & baby gear.

**Ritual Shoppe** 2003 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 267-606-6082 Eclectic boutique caring funky, indie-designed jewelry, apothecary items, apparel & home goods.



## DAY TWO



### **Wilmington**

This largest and most populous city in the state of Delaware was built on the site of Fort Christina, the first Swedish settlement in North America, but found its foothold as a major American city when E.I. du Pont began making and selling gunpowder in a mill on the Brandywine River just outside of Wilmington in 1802. The DuPont company became a major supplier of explosives to the U.S. military and subsequently had a profound impact on Delaware, fueling the local economy for decades and acting as devoted patrons of the arts and dedicated conservationists. Today, their former grand homes and properties located throughout Wilmington and the surrounding Brandywine Valley have become cultural attractions with international appeal.

## **Nemours Estate**

A 300-acre country estate with jardin a la francaise formal gardens and a French neoclassical mansion built to resemble a French chateau, it was created by Alfred I. du Pont for his second wife and its 105 rooms on five floors occupy nearly 47,000 feet.

1600 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803, 302-651-6912, Tu-Su 10AM-5PM, Adults \$12. Allow 1 hour.



## **Hagley Museum and Library**

Located on 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine, Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works founded by E.I. du Pont in 1802. This example of early American industry features indoor and outdoor exhibitions, including restored mills, a workers community, and the ancestral home and garden of the du Pont family. People of all ages are invited to investigate and experience the unfolding history of American business, technology, and innovation, and its impact on the world. This is a place where innovation inspires and imaginations run wild.

298 Buck Road, Wilmington, DE 19807, 302-658-2400, Daily 10AM-4PM, Adults \$8. Allow 2-3 hours.

## **Delaware Art Museum**

Features art that was produced, exhibited and collected in the Brandywine region. The collection numbers about 12,000 works of art, including historical and contemporary American art, British pre-Raphaelite art, and American illustration. Highlights include significant holdings of work by John Sloan, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and Howard Pyle, and a 9-acre sculpture garden  
2301 Kentmere Pkwy, Wilmington, DE 19806, 302-571-9590, W, F-Su  
10AM-4PM, Th 10AM-8PM, Adults \$14.





### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Hotel DuPont** 42 W. 11th Street, Wilmington, DE, 19801, 302-594-3100 Once the headquarters for the DuPont Company, the building is a landmark example of Italian and Renaissance architecture. Rich in history and tradition, today's guests are transported back to the Gilded Age, an era of elegance and style.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Le Cavalier** 42 W. 11th Street, Wilmington, DE, 19801 302-594-3153 Located inside the Hotel du Pont, Le Cavalier is a new school, modern brasserie that artfully blurs the lines between approachability and elegance. Enjoy imaginative riffs on French classics and new favorites in a thoughtfully-restored space that honors its history while embracing a modern sensibility. Reservations recommended.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**A.R. Morris Jewelers** 802 Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801, 302-888-2436 A wide selection of engagement rings, wedding bands, jewelry, watches, and other fine gifts.

## DAY THREE

### **Hockessin**

Settled by Quakers in 1688, the name of this tiny town has two separate origin stories. Some believe the village was named after the Lenape word “hokes,” meaning “good bark.” Others believe the more likely story that the actual name is derived from one of the first properties and location of the first Quaker meetings in the area, named “Occassion” and settled by William Cox in 1726. The road to the Hockessin Meeting House was written as Ockession Road on a map in 1808. Today, the town is home to twelve properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



### **Mt. Cuba Center**

The former home and family estate of Lammot du Pont Copeland and his wife, Pamela Cunningham Copeland, it is now a botanical center that produces some of the most spectacular displays of wildflowers in the mid-Atlantic region. With over 500 acres of natural lands surrounding the gardens and managed landscapes, the grounds consist of steeply rolling hills, stream valleys, rock outcrops, and deciduous forests. Educational programs and science-based research projects and collaborations allow Mt. Cuba Center to focus on restoration and conservation of the area’s natural lands.

3120 Barley Mill Rd, Hockessin, DE 19707, (302) 239-4244, W-Su 10AM-6PM, Adults \$15.

## **Ashland Nature Center**

The headquarters of the Delaware Nature Society and 130 acres of woodlands, meadows, and marshes, and 4 miles of nature trails to explore. Discover wildlife at the Hawk Watch, Butterfly House, Bird Blind, and Hummingbird Haven. Nature activities for all ages and pet-friendly interpretive trails are available year-round.

3511 Barley Mill Road, Hockessin, DE 19707, 302-239-2334, Tu-F  
8:30AM-4:30PM, Sa 10AM-3PM, Su 12PM-4PM, Adults \$5.



## **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Back Burner Restaurant & Bar** 425 Hockessin Corner #9586, Hockessin, DE 19707, 302-239-2314 A cozy place to enjoy lunch or dinner with friends in a casual, relaxed atmosphere

**Lettie's Kitchen** 1318 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707, 302-239-7816 Offers a delicious variety of homemade soups, innovative salads, hearty sandwiches, delicious flatbreads and more!

## **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Casual Marketplace** 400 Hockessin Corner, Hockessin, DE 19707, 302-234-4800 Indoor and outdoor furnishings and accessories.

**Creations Fine American Craft** 443 Hockessin Corner, Hockessin, DE 19707, 302-235-2310 Hand-designed jewelry boxes, clocks, bowls, figurines.

**Everything But the Kitchen Sink** 425 Hockessin Corner, Hockessin, DE 19707, 302-239-4790 China, crystal, furniture, kitchenware, linens, stationery.

**Tideline Gallery** 220 Lantana Square, Hockessin, DE 19707, 302-235-0860 Gifts, pottery, lamps.

## **Kennett Square**

A charming borough with a welcoming feel, Kennett Square is nestled in the rolling hills of Chester County's countryside. The town has been in existence since before the Declaration of Independence was signed, and its downtown now is part of the National Register of Historic Places with 507 protected buildings built between 1875 and 1924 and in a variety of popular architectural styles including Colonial Revival, Victorian, and Federal. A town with a true sense of community and a steady calendar of events.

## **Longwood Gardens**

Features over 1,007 acres of gardens, woodland, and meadows in the Brandywine Creek Valley. It is one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the United States and allows visitors to enjoy native and exotic plants and horticulture, events and performances, seasonal and themed attractions, as well as lectures, courses, and workshops.

1001 Longwood Rd, Kennett Square, PA 19348, 610-388-1000, Th-F 10AM-9PM, Sa 10AM-4:30PM, Su-M 10AM-6PM, Adults \$25.





### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Longwood Bed and Breakfast Inn** 268 Kennett Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, 610-388-6080 The beautifully restored Carriage House sits adjacent to the main house and provides three spacious suites. Each unique suite offers the luxury and comfort of a sitting room, private full bath, and separate bedroom(s). The Longwood Suite with a fireplace and Jacuzzi; the Brandywine Suite has a canopy queen bed and twin bed; and the Winterthur Suite with two bedrooms can easily accommodate up to four guests. A wet-bar kitchen and pantry for guests use is equipped with a refrigerator, complimentary beverages/snacks, microwave, and eating area offering at-home convenience for refreshments at any time. The cookie jar is always full!

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Talula's Table** 102 W State St, Kennett Square, PA 19348, 610-444-8255 A gourmet market by day and an artisanal destination dinner experience by night with a farm-fresh, multi-course tasting menu. Reservations required for dinner.

**Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen** 108 State Street, Kennett Square, PA 1934, 484-886-4154 Historic Downtown Kennett Square Restaurant featuring modern American food, craft beers and cocktails. A neighborhood gastropub with a great rooftop patio and live entertainment in a family-friendly atmosphere.

**Creek Side Diner** 717 W Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA 19348, 610-925-2826 The oldest diner in a five-county region with a down-home menu and all-day breakfast.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Bove Jewelers** 124 W. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348, 610-444-4525 Designer and custom jewelry, platinum, gold, specialty items adorned with diamonds, pearls or gemstones and a wide variety of superior watches and giftware.

**Brick Garage** 501 Penn Avenue, Kennett Square, PA, 610-444-4750 Antiques, estate finds and treasured relics in a remodeled 1934 brick garage.

**Thomas Macaluso Rare & Fine Books** 130 S. Union St., Kennett Square, PA 19348, 610-444-1063 Thousands of carefully selected used books. All subjects, all price ranges. Hundreds of old maps and prints. M-Sa 11AM-5PM.

**McLimans Fine Furniture & Antiques** 940 West Cypress St., Kennett Square, PA 19348, 610-444-3876 Quality antiques and fine pre-owned furniture since 1976. W-Sa 10AM-5PM, Su 12PM-5PM.



## DAY FOUR

### **West Chester**

Winner of the 2017 Great American Main Street Award from Main Street America, West Chester, Pennsylvania, offers the perfect mix of historical charm and small-town allure with the buzz of city-worthy nightlife and dining. Look for buildings dating from 1789 next door to cutting edge boutiques and award-winning bars and restaurants. West Chester is the northernmost town on the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway.

### **Natural Lands' Stroud Preserve**

A mosaic of once-pastured grasslands, working farmlands, and woodlands that serves as a unique site for recreation, education, and scientific research. Here, you can see the needs of people and nature in balance as careful stewardship of both cultivated and “wild” areas restores vital wildlife habitat while also protecting watersheds that provide drinking water for tens-of-thousands of people. 454 N Creek Rd, West Chester, PA 19382, 610-353-5587, Th-Tu 7AM-7PM.



### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Four Dogs Tavern** 1300 W Strasburg Rd, West Chester, PA 19382, 610-692-4367 This vintage stable-turned eatery serves a New American brasserie-style menu, with a full bar. Located in the historic Marshalton Inn.

**Roots Cafe** 133 E Gay St, West Chester, PA 19380 610-455-0100 Locavore eatery serving inventive, organic American fare in a rustic, upbeat space with a patio

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Alice Thomas Antique Shop** 11 N. Church St., West Chester, PA 19380, 610-344-0657 Specializes in rare English Staffordshire china, Heisey glassware, Fiesta Ware, Candlewyck items, and pink, green and blue Depression Glass. M-F 11:30AM -6PM, Sa-Su 9AM-5PM

**Baldwin's Book Barn** 865 Lenape Rd. (Pa. Rte. 100), West Chester, PA 19382, 610-696-0816 Nineteenth-century Chester County barn filled with thousands of used, out-of-print, fine and rare books, maps and prints. M-F 9AM-9PM, Sa-Su 10AM-5PM.

**J. Palma Antiques** Rt. 202 Just North of 926, West Chester, PA, 19382, 610-399-1210 Primarily 18th & 19th Century American country furniture and appropriate accessories of the era.



### **Chadds Ford, PA**

This charming historic community located along the banks of Brandywine Creek has a rich history of agriculture, a famous battle site, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and was also the home of and inspiration to three generations of American artists - N.C. Wyeth, his son Andrew Wyeth, and grandson Jamie Wyeth. With rolling hills, lush valleys, and expansive vistas juxtaposed against tree-lined suburban streets, this township serves as the western gateway to Delaware County.

## **Brandywine Battlefield Park**

The 1777 Battle of Brandywine was the largest single day engagement of the American Revolution where nearly 30,000 soldiers (not including civilians, teamsters, servants, and other members of the army) squared off on a ten square mile area of roughly 35,000 acres. Today's battlefield landscape encompasses nearly fifteen different municipalities with the main gateway of interpretation being the park. Brandywine Battlefield Park is a 52-acre park that was the epicenter of George Washington's continental encampment but is often mistaken as being the entire battlefield itself. The visitor center offers exhibits, a museum store, and an orientation film.

1491 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, 610-459-3342 Brandywine Battlefield Park hours: M-Sa 10AM-4PM. Visitor center hours: F-Sa 10AM-4PM.





### **Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art**

Housed in a converted nineteenth century mill with a dramatic steel and glass addition overlooking the banks of the Brandywine River, this museum is sometimes referred to as the Wyeth Museum because it showcases the work of Andrew Wyeth, a major American realist painter, and his family. The museum's permanent collection features American illustration, still life works, and landscape painting by Jasper Francis Cropsey, Harvey Dunn, Peter Hurd, Maxfield Parrish, Howard Pyle, William Trost Richards, and Jessie Willcox Smith. The glass-wall lobby overlooks the river and rolling countryside that inspired the Brandywine School earlier in the early 20th century. The museum campus is also home to the separate studios of N.C. Wyeth and Andrew Wyeth, and Kuerner Farm, the source of much of Andrew Wyeth's inspiration.

1 Hoffmans Mill Rd, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, 610-388-2700, Adults \$18. Guided tours of the Studios and Kuerner Farm are available.

## **Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library**

An American estate and museum that houses one of the most important collections of Americana in the U.S. It was the former home of Henry Francis du Pont, renowned antiques collector and horticulturist. The museum has 175 period-room displays and approximately 85,000 objects, and the collection spans more than two centuries of American decorative arts, notably from 1640 to 1860, containing some of the most important pieces of American furniture and fine art. The Winterthur Library includes more than 87,000 volumes and approximately 500,000 manuscripts and images, mostly related to American history, decorative arts, and architecture. The facility also houses extensive conservation, research, and education facilities.

5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE 19735, 800-448-3883, Tu-Su 10AM-5PM, Adults \$20.





### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**The Inn at Montchanin Village & Spa** 528 Montchanin Rd, Montchanin, DE 19710 302-888-2133 Rise above the ordinary and discover the natural beauty and gracious hospitality at this Historic Hotel of America where the luxury of a fine hotel, a distinctive executive retreat, and award-winning culinary offerings are carefully blended together. Enjoy peaceful grounds, stunning gardens, luxury accommodations, a restful Spa, and the wonderful culinary delights of Krazy Kat's Restaurant.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Hank's Place** 1625 Creek Rd, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, 610-388-7061 Quaint, cottage like diner dishing up American & Greek comfort food, from omelets to spanakopita.

**Brandywine Prime** 1617 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, 610-388-8088 Charming, upscale spot for traditional American cuisine such as steaks, crab cakes, & scallops.

**The Gables at Chadds Ford** 423 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, 610-388-7700 Set inside a renovated barn, this high-end American bar/restaurant features a patio and seasonal menu.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Chaddsford Winery** 632 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA, 19317, 610-388-6221 The winery is headquartered in a renovated 17th century colonial barn which was converted to a small premium winery in 1982. Today Chadds Ford produces 30,000 cases of wine.

**Brandywine River Antiques Market** 878 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA, 19317, 610-388-2000 A multi-dealer co-op offering the finest quality and selection of antiques, estate furniture, accessories, and collectibles in various styles and periods.

**Springhouse** 161 Baltimore Pike (U.S. Rt.1), Chadds Ford, PA 19317, 610-388-7075 Antiques and accessories, custom furnishings, seasonal necessities.

## OPTIONAL DAY FIVE

### **Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway**

If your schedule allows, take a drive on another remarkable Delaware Scenic Byway. Southwest of the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway, roughly located between Route 48 and Route 52, are 28 secondary roads that comprise the Red Clay Creek Watershed. Dating from early European settlements in the beginning of the 18th century, this area is a dense network of roads, mill dams, bridges, homes and barns, rolling meadows, and fence rows. The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway is a local treasure in an exceptionally scenic part of Delaware that showcases the history of the Brandywine Valley through the combination of nature and human interaction.

### **First State National Historic Park**

Covering the early colonial history of Delaware and the role Delaware played in the establishment of the nation as the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, this park tells the unique story of the early settlement of the Delaware Valley by the Dutch, Swedes, Finns, and English and their relationship with Native Americans. The First State National Historic Park also seeks to preserve the cultural landscape of the Brandywine River Valley. Though it is south of Wilmington and off the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway, it provides an excellent jumping off point to explore the rest of Delaware on the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway, which tell the story of the Underground Railroad's most famous conductor whose daring missions led hundreds of enslaved people to safety and freedom.

