



Gardens at Monticello

Mr. President, How Does Your Garden Grow?

Gardens of Monticello, Montpelier and Ash Lawn Highland ♦ University of Virginia Gardens ♦ Landscaping Workshop

Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe are famed as great American presidents, but how did their gardens grow? Each man had far-reaching interests that included advances in horticulture. This tour will introduce you to these extraordinary men and their gorgeous gardens. You'll also enjoy lunch and a landscaping workshop at one of Virginia's most beautiful nurseries.

Montpelier, James and Dolley Madison's Estate

A fascinating and extensive project has returned Montpelier to the structure that James and Dolley Madison knew. One of the East Coast's few remaining old growth forests spreads out behind the house and the formal gardens have been returned to their original splendor. This is the setting the Madisons knew well and you will enjoy it as much as they did. President and Mrs. Madison liked to entertain. A tour of the house talks about their life after the Presidency and the people that visited them there. In one of the upstairs rooms you will hear about the modern day restoration efforts and view an exhibit on how research of the interior walls, ceilings and floors uncovered the original fabric of the Madison's home.



Thomas Jefferson's Monticello

Thomas Jefferson's iconic *Monticello* is one of America's treasures. Jefferson's genius can be found in every nook and cranny of Monticello. In his gardens Jefferson raised and experimented with a wide variety of vegetables and fruits, flowers and shrubs. A visit to Jefferson's gardens includes an in-depth guided walk followed by a *Meet the Gardener* encounter with Monticello's professional staff. Sink your fingers into the historic soil of Monticello and participate in seasonal gardening activities such as planting, harvesting, and sampling crops ranging from asparagus to baby root vegetables. Bring your gardening gloves for this activity!



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James Monroe's Ash Lawn Highland

Though not as well known as its up-the-hill neighbor, Ash Lawn Highland offers a fun experience with exotic peacocks and other animals as well as the lovely grounds and gardens. James Monroe was one of the most influential men of his time and like Jefferson he took a keen interest in his own land. Visitors today find a fascinating experience learning about Monroe the horticulturalist.



Pavilion Gardens at the University of Virginia

In 1948, The Garden Club of Virginia offered to restore the Pavilion Gardens at the University. Alden Hopkins, Landscape Architect for Williamsburg, was chosen for the project. Hopkins supervised the restoration of the West Gardens and after his death, Donald H. Parker, his assistant, finished the work in the East Gardens. The West and the East Gardens are quite different from one another in part because there were two designers. The Garden Club of Virginia continues to guide the care and maintenance of the gardens. Take a guided walking tour with a UVA horticultural student showcasing the difference in garden design between the East and West garden.

Market at Grelen and Nursery

Set on an idyllic 600-acre tree nursery overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains in Central Virginia, The Market at Grelen, is an upscale café, garden shop and event venue. After a bit of wandering and shopping, an elegant lunch of gourmet sandwiches and fresh sides will be served in the Wedding Pavilion overlooking the Berry Fields. Along with your lunch, the Grelen Nursery Founder and Head Horticulturalist, Dan Gregg, will discuss "Landscape Design Basics" including such topics as site assessment, master plan, budget and plant selection. Questions will be encouraged and ample time will be set aside for more targeted discussion.

