

★ VISITORS CENTER & GIFT SHOP

Tickets for tours of the gardens, house, nature walk and concerts are available here.

☺ CAFÉ

Enjoy a light meal and refreshments. Please inquire for hours of operation. The Café and Courtyard are available for weddings after regular hours.

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1) HUNT SCENE

While visiting England in the 1920s, Harvey Ladew became enchanted with the art of topiary (the trimming and training of trees and shrubs into ornamental shapes). Ladew's Hunt Scene has become an international symbol of Ladew Topiary Gardens. Please note that this display is fragile and easily damaged. In mid summer, hundreds of two-foot tall *Lycoris squamigera* (naked ladies) appear on the lawn.

2) MANOR HOUSE

Originally built as a four room house around 1747, the Scarff family added the center section during the 1800s and Mr. Ladew added south and east wings during the 1930s. Tickets are available in the Visitors Center for a 45-minute guided house tour. Last tours of the day begin at 3 pm on weekdays and 4 pm on weekends.



3) WOODLAND GARDEN

Blanketed with Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) in spring, this garden features many shade-loving and late blooming perennials. Note the dovecote (a house for nesting pigeons or doves) and antique aquarium.



4) VICTORIAN GARDEN

This Victorian style garden is a good example of a garden "room" with tall blooming walls of rhododendron in late spring. The carved concrete furniture is unique; each chair represents a different nature scene.

5) BERRY GARDEN

Designed by Mr. Ladew as a fall and winter berry feast for birds, spring flowers develop into lush berries of red, blue, white and orange in late fall.

6) CROQUET COURT

Mr. Ladew originally built a tennis court on this site and later converted it to the croquet court seen today.

7) PINK GARDEN

Bordered by the shredded bark of river birch trees, these garden beds contain pink-hued foliage and flowers.

8) ROSE GARDEN

Hybrid musk, shrub, climber and china roses provide color all summer. The rose "New Dawn" covers the archways. Espaliered apple and pear trees cling to the outer garden wall. Roses were one of Mr. Ladew's favorite flowers.

9) GARDEN OF EDEN

A Belgian fence of apples and pears decorate the entrance to this garden, which erupts with blooming azaleas in spring. The Adam and Eve statue has appeared in national magazine ads for Colombian coffee.

10) KEYHOLE GARDEN

Enter this enchanting secret garden through a keyhole carved in yew. Look back through the keyhole to see another view of Adam and Eve!

11) WATER LILY GARDEN

PeeGee hydrangea standards provide late season color while the pools provide habitat for frogs and other aquatic life.

12) YELLOW GARDEN

Ribbons of golden privet hedges trail the length of the central stream, ending near a pool, bee skeps and dovecotes. Yellow panicles of *Laburnum* descend from the tunnel of iron arches in late May.

13) WHITE GARDEN

More than 35 different types of plants carry out the theme in white blooms and variegated foliage from spring into fall.

14) TIVOLI TEA HOUSE & GARDEN

This Tea House was created from the former façade of the Tivoli Theatre ticket booth in London. Look inside to see a framed window labeled "Ever Changing Landscape by Harvey S. Ladew." The brick path leads to a quiet, secluded garden with a pool and fountain.

15) TEMPLE OF VENUS

Past the pie-shaped hedge and up the hill, this garden folly is the focal point of a long vista from the Terrace Garden (#19).

16) SCULPTURE GARDEN

This garden hosts many topiaries such as lyrebirds, Churchill's top hat, victory sign, a heart with an arrow through it, a butterfly alighting on a flower, and sea horses.

17) THE GREAT BOWL

The oval pool in the center of this 2 acre bowl-shaped lawn was originally Mr. Ladew's swimming pool. Ladew's Summer Concert Series takes place in this idyllic setting. Note the topiary swans swimming atop waves of yew.

18) IRIS GARDEN

This garden contains 65 iris varieties (770 plants), including bearded, spuria, Siberian, Japanese and Louisiana. Look for the topiary Chinese junk "afloat" in the pool at the bottom of the garden. Buddha is up the steps to the right. The pagoda topiary was started in 2001, restored from Mr. Ladew's original design, and is located to the left of the junk. The Nature Walk entrance is left of the Buddha, toward the gravel driveway.

19) TERRACE GARDEN

Stepping up towards the house are three terraces with original Canadian hemlock hedges sculpted into obelisks, garlands and windows. On the second terrace is a secret garden room sheltered with an umbrella of climbing roses and white wisteria to match one across the same terrace.

20) PORTICO GARDEN

This sheltered garden includes water lilies, sensitive ferns, peonies, camellias and reblooming iris. The hanging plants in the breezeway are burro's tail sedum. At one end of the breezeway is the Card Room, formerly a smokehouse.

21) HERB GARDEN

This petite garden features a collection of annual and perennial herbs.

22) WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Nearly 30 kinds of native American wildflowers grow in the meadow, including black-eyed Susan (Maryland's state flower), evening primrose, yarrow, prairie aster, pink coneflower, and New England aster.

23) NATURE WALK

The Nature Walk is a self-guided 1.5 mile trail through the woods and fields of the Ladew property. In addition to educational stations along the trail, there is a short boardwalk through wetland forest and marsh. Printed guides are available in the Visitors Center.

24) STUDIO

Originally used by Mr. Ladew for painting and sculpting, his works line the walls alongside framed ribbons won at equestrian events. Today the Studio is home to an historical exhibit about Harvey Ladew.

25) BARN GALLERY

Art exhibits are held here during the season.

26) CUTTING GARDEN

The Café courtyard overlooks the Cutting Garden where flowers and herbs grow to supply arrangements for the house.

27) COTTAGE GARDEN

A large princess tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*) blooms in purple upright panicles each spring. *This is a private residence.*

28) BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Experience up-close the habitat and life cycle of native butterflies and caterpillars. *Open during summer months to correspond to the natural cycle and "schedule" of our native butterflies.*

