



"Virginia Bluebells" *Mertensia virginica*—official flower of the 2019 Historic Garden Week

Country Roads—Hidden Treasures

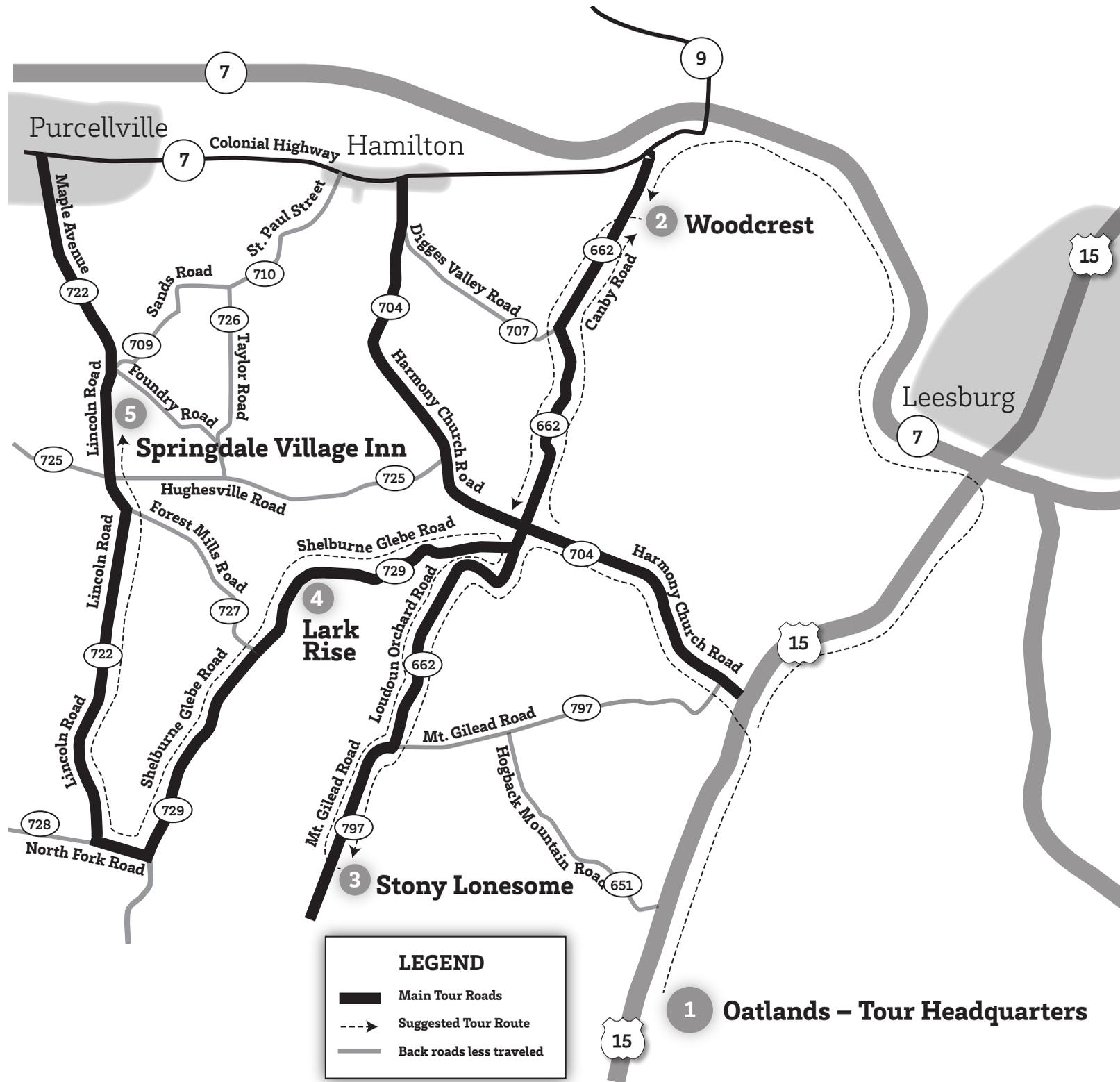
HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, April 28 1pm–5pm & Monday, April 29 10am–5pm

1 Oatlands Gardens—Tour Headquarters

20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane

Garden and Carriage House Only: The origins of Oatlands' terraced garden were formed in the early 1800s under the ownership of George Carter. Its four-and-a-half acres, enclosed by brick walls, served as both a kitchen garden for the Carters and their enslaved laborers and an ornamental garden recalling the formal designs found in England. Food crops included cauliflower, asparagus, squash and eggplant. An English oak and boxwood were added as decorative plantings. In 1903 prominent Washingtonians Edith and William Eustis purchased Oatlands as their country home. Mrs. Eustis immediately began restoring "the old beauty," as she described it in the book, *Historic Gardens of Virginia*. She kept the design and spirit of the old garden while adding flowers and ornamentals, statuary, and a tea house. Mrs. Eustis reflected on the blending of new and old: "...It is this atmosphere that gives the garden its charm, and makes it speak a different language from that of the most beautiful gardens of this age." The garden paths have been recently restored with funds from the Garden Club of Virginia and projects will continue in the future. In 2018 Oatlands received an \$11,100 grant from the Leesburg Garden Club for the updating of the garden irrigation system. Oatlands Historic House and Gardens is a National Trust Historic Site. Tours of the mansion are an additional fee.



② Woodcrest

17636 Canby Road

Meticulously crafted in 1988, Woodcrest is beautifully sited on 33 acres that give the property commanding views to the east of Leesburg and the skyline of Reston and Tysons Corner. The unique charm of this home lies in its elegant and extremely simple form that is a classic example of early Georgian style (1730) architecture. Showing a level of workmanship rarely found in modern construction. The house is appointed with details inspired by notable historic homes including Carters Grove in Williamsburg, Hampton, a Georgian home in Baltimore County, and Wilton in Richmond. Features include exterior walls of Flemish bond brick, nine over nine windows symmetrically placed, rooms beautifully proportioned with paneling running floor to ceiling, elaborate mantels for 7 fireplaces, plaster cast crown molding, and intricate millwork of mahogany, walnut and heart pine. The owners' interest in antiques, porcelain, and Asian architectural ornament is evident in the furnishings found throughout the rooms and lends itself to an atmosphere of gracious warmth. The raised limestone terrace overlooks a gated pool garden shaded by autumnalis cherry trees. Adding texture and color to the area are boxwood hedges, spring bulbs, flowering shrubs, perennials, and espaliered retaining walls. The unstructured natural design of the garden and grounds complements the simple elegance of the home. Open for the first time.

③ Stony Lonesome

38683 Mt. Gilead Road

One of the most stately homes in the village of Mount Gilead, the original stone 2 ½ story home and north wing of Stony Lonesome were built circa 1790. A single story kitchen wing was added circa 1933. The original three chimneys and six fireplaces remain. The largest of the fireplaces, located in the original kitchen, has an opening 8 feet wide and 5 feet high, spanned by a single piece wood lintel. This huge cooking fireplace still has the utensils and pots hanging on hooks, giving the visitor an idea of the means of preparing a meal in the early 1800's. Most of the original woodwork, hand-crafted mantles, chair rail and random width floor boards remain. The property was named by school children as they traveled Mount Gilead Road and observed the "lonely" stone home that was built from native field stone with raised "V" buff colored mortar joints. The stone walls are 30 inches thick at the foundation and taper to 24 inches at the slate roof. It is said that the sand used in the mortar was ballast in English ships unloaded at Dumfries, Virginia and ox-carted to the site. One of the mysteries of Stony Lonesome is an attic trapdoor with a wooden staircase that leads to a hidden space behind a second floor bedroom and continues down to a dirt crawl space in the basement. It is speculated that slaves were hidden in the shaft and assisted on their journey to freedom via the Underground Railroad. The 38 acre property with its spectacular peony and heritage rose collections continues to be maintained as a showplace. The well-kept grounds are enhanced by old trees, four ponds, old stone fences, and assorted farm animals and pets.

④ Lark Rise

19026 Shelburne Glebe Road

This charming Federal-style Quaker farmhouse is nestled on 11 acres in the rolling hills of the Goose Creek Historic District. The oldest part of the house was built of stone and brick in the mid 1700's by Minor Bartlow. A larger brick section was added circa 1780 followed by a frame section in the early 1800's. In 2006 the current owners added a second frame section and converted the front porch into an exquisite dining room overlooking the front garden. The home is just one room deep and has a telescoping roofline. Unusual Dutch elbow locks accent several of the doors. Full of character, the house has three fireplaces, wide board pine floors and beamed ceilings in the living room and kitchen. Country pine antiques collected over the years by the owners complement the ambience of the dwelling. Family heirlooms include a chandelier purchased from the White House during the McKinley administration and oil paintings obtained from the William Randolph Hearst Collection in the 1930's. A large screened porch provides comfortable lounging to view the pond and gardens. A glorious Linden tree highlights the front yard where the entrance is lined with boxwood, hosta and a variety of spring plantings. The lovely gardens are enhanced by the clever use of stonework, the childrens' playhouse, and a picturesque barn and stone springhouse. The informal gardens were designed and constructed by the owners.

⑤ Springdale Village Inn

18348 Lincoln Road

Springdale was built in 1832 by abolitionist, government official, writer, educator and evangelical Quaker Samuel M. Janney who is credited with establishing Sunday Schools and day school for African American children. His ancestors were long invested in the Goose Creek area; they settled here from Pennsylvania in 1745. Springdale was originally a successful girls' boarding school, and was used as a soldiers' hospital serving both the North and South during the Civil War. Local legend suggests that Springdale served as one of the last stops of the Underground Railroad. This is supported by architectural evidence of sub-basements, crawl spaces, curious cubby holes and closed-off fireplaces. The Potomac River and freedom were only 14 miles away. Springdale later housed a co-ed school, served as a boarding house, and was a private weekend retreat where Lyndon B. Johnson played poker as often as possible. In recent years the property has been transformed into a B&B, hosting small business gatherings and receptions. The property is comprised of five acres with a brook, wooden bridges, gardens and benches along wooded trails. Nearly two acres of reconstructed native wild flower gardens feature plants that would have been commonly grown 100 years ago. The elegant, Federal-style manor house boasts 25 rooms, eight fireplaces and a charming sun room. Constructed primarily of stone and oak, Springdale is marked by quality craftsmanship. It has the original Quaker pegs and dumb-waiter and now houses a commercial kitchen. Springdale is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places.