Montco in Bloom!

As the snow melts and the sun sits in the sky past 5 pm, it’s natural to want to swap out sweat shirts for t-shirts and spend as much time enjoying nature’s beauty. In Montgomery County, there’s no shortage of gorgeous outdoor spaces to visit and tour. Much like the flowers that cover our beautiful gardens, Montco is in bloom. Check out some of our favorite sites this spring inside!
Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden
1829 East County Line Rd
Villanova Pa, 19085
Natural Lands Trust is proud to present Stoneleigh, the newest preservation added to the family. Donated by the Haas family in 2016, the property is a picturesque secret garden. While it is not officially open, the property is slated to open its grounds to the public some time in 2019. This beautiful and serene property includes three miles of hiking trails, elegant landscaping and lush gardens. Stoneleigh will be a perfect stop for amateur photographers in your group.

Bryn Athyn
900 Cathedral Rd, Box 277C
Bryn Athyn Pa, 19009
Bryn Athyn Cathedral is Montgomery County’s prime example of Gothic architecture. The main cathedral building has long been a center of worship and a prime example of the Gothic style of architecture in Montgomery County. The two additional buildings, the northern and southern buildings, were built in the early Romanesque style. The styles of architecture found in these three distinct buildings reflect the teachings of the New Church, which Bryn Athyn Cathedral proudly follows. For groups looking for a beautiful center of worship, Bryn Athyn is a divine choice.

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove
1201 Pawlings Rd
Audubon, PA 19403
Nature lovers will love to spend the day on the grounds of the John James Audubon Center. The natural wooded area makes the center a premiere bird watching destination in Montgomery County. Though this historic home is closed for renovations until Spring 2019, guests are welcome to hike, bird watch and enjoy the property.
Morrison Arboretum

Morrison Arboretum is a historic public garden and educational institution founded by the University of Pennsylvania. "Wander softly, walk" holds true on Saturdays and Sundays until April 2018. Experience the wonders of winter as you walk the quiet grounds of this local historic treasure.

Morris Arboretum

100 E. Northwestern Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19118

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This year’s theme is “Wonders of Water” in observation of the element’s “life sustaining interplay with horticulture.” The show has been a staple in Philadelphia’s yearly events since 1829 thanks to the continued efforts of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. In the 180 years since it first began, the show has only grown bigger and more spectacular in size and diversity.

In addition to the stunning displays, the Flower Show gives its patrons the ability to participate in competitions centered around the art of the arrangement, gardening demonstrations and a variety of other events. A large indoor marketplace allows for guests to take home their favorite parts of the annual show. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society continued hard work has earned the Philadelphia Flower Show the title of Best Event in the World as awarded by the International Festivals & Events Association.

This year’s theme is guaranteed to carry on the show’s tradition of spectacular displays and diverse flowers from around the world. Tours must purchase a minimum of 25 tickets to be eligible for group rates.

Bike Rentals at Valley Forge National Historical Park

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The VFTCB provides complimentary welcome gifts to all groups overnighting in a member hotel. We are consistently rotating and trying new gift ideas, eager to provide something useful or even just whimsical.

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selner@valleyforge.org.

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