

*Central Virginia
boasts a number of public gardens
that draw visitors from all over. This
brochure highlights 14 gardens in the
region and is intended as a guide for
visitors in planning their itineraries.*

1 ANNE SPENCER HOUSE AND GARDEN MUSEUM

“This small garden is half my world. . .,” wrote famed Harlem Renaissance poet Anne Spencer about her charming, colorful garden. Nestled among the flowers is a garden cottage, Edankraal, which served as Anne’s writing retreat.



1313 Pierce St. | Lynchburg 434-845-1313
www.annespencermuseum.com Dawn to dusk

2 THE AWARENESS GARDEN

The Awareness Garden honors the families, friends and caregivers whose lives have been touched by cancer. Colorful annual flower displays enhance the handsome arbor, playful fountain, perennial beds and butterfly garden. Tall native trees form a peaceful backdrop for the garden.



1700 Old Langhorne Rd. | Lynchburg 434-384-6740
www.awarenessgarden.org Dawn to dusk

**3 DOROTHY CRANDALL BLISS BOTANICAL GARDEN
RANDOLPH COLLEGE**

This garden of wildflowers and plants native to the southeastern United States is located on Randolph College’s campus and honors Botany Professor Dorothy Crandall Bliss. Plants on the hillside garden are labeled, and include endangered and rare species of special botanical interest.



Norfolk Ave., Randolph College | Lynchburg 434-947-8000
9:00 a.m. till dusk

4 OLD CITY CEMETERY MUSEUMS AND ARBORETUM

History and horticulture abound in this 26-acre rehabilitated public cemetery established in 1806. Hundreds of historical plantings include rare trees, a lotus pond and butterfly garden, shrub garden, and a superb collection of antique roses.



401 Taylor St. | Lynchburg 434-847-1465
www.gravegarden.org Dawn to dusk

5 MILLER-CLAYTOR HOUSE GARDEN

Lynchburg’s sole remaining 18th century townhouse was moved and restored at its present location near Riverside Park in 1936. The charming garden was designed by famed Virginia landscape architect Charles Gillette.



2200 Miller Claytor Ln. | Lynchburg 434-528-5353
www.lyncburghistoricalfoundation.org/millerclaytor Dawn to dusk

6 RIVERFRONT PARK

This two acre park is a model of sustainable design. Located along the James River, the park features rain gardens, reused granite slabs, sustainably harvested ipe wood boardwalks, porous walkway surfaces, and hundreds of flowering plants, shrubs, and trees.



1000 Jefferson St. | Lynchburg 434-455-5858
www.lyncburgva.gov Dawn to dusk

**7 CHEATHAM MEMORIAL GARDEN AND MONUMENT
NEW CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Behind the church, organized in 1835, is a spacious garden terrace under towering native oak trees. A stunning granite memorial honors benefactor Owen R. Cheatham, founder, Georgia Pacific Corporation. The formal monolith design is softened by curving brick walks and walls, native boxwood, American holly trees and white azaleas.



5588 New Chapel Rd. | Concord 434-993-2151
www.newconcordpc.org 9:00 a.m. till dusk

8 APPALACHIAN POWER ARBORETUM

This arboretum features over 60 botanically labeled trees which are suitable for planting beneath utility lines. Trees were chosen for their hardiness, beauty, and availability.



4001 Mayflower Dr. | Lynchburg 434-522-4293
Dawn to dusk

**9 AVOCA MUSEUM AND GARDENS
AND DINWIDDIE ARBORETUM**

Avoca is the home site of Revolutionary War patriot Colonel Charles Lynch. Colorful annual and perennial plantings line the brick walks leading to outbuildings and a historic family graveyard. Adjacent to Avoca is Dinwiddie Arboretum, newly created by community groups.



1514 Main St. | Altavista 434-369-1076
www.avocamuseum.org Dawn to dusk

10 WHARTON MEMORIAL GARDENS

The Wharton Memorial Gardens are located between the Bedford Library and the Bower Center for the Arts. Mature trees along with wildflowers, perennial beds and a boxwood maze remain from the original gardens and form the foundation of a peaceful public space.



305 North Bridge St. | Bedford 540-586-4235
www.bowercenter.org Dawn to dusk

11 NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL

The grounds of the National D-Day Memorial are filled with a variety of gardens that enhance the larger interpretative story of the Normandy Invasion of June 6, 1944. The Richard S. Reynolds Sr. garden has colorful annual plantings that mimic the colors and shape of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force patch.



3 Overlord Circle | Bedford 540-586-3329
www.dday.org 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**12 CLAYTOR NATURE STUDY CENTER,
CLOVERLEA GARDENS AND BEAUTIFUL GARDENS™**

Owned and managed by Lynchburg College, the natural area includes demonstration plots for Beautiful Gardens™, hiking trails, pristine natural habitats, access to the Big Otter River and historic Cloverlea with its formal garden.



1844 Woods Rd. | Bedford 540-587-6782
www.lyncburg.edu/claytor 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

13 THOMAS JEFFERSON'S POPLAR FOREST

Extensive archaeology has revealed historical details of the 4,000 acre plantation, including the 61-acre curtilage containing the ornamental grounds and magnificent octagonal house at its center. Beyond the ornamental landscape of Jefferson’s villa retreat were the agricultural fields, orchards, vegetable gardens, slave quarters and farm-related buildings.



1542 Bateman Bridge Rd. | Forest 434-525-1806
www.poplarforest.org 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

14 SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE CAMPUS

The entire 3,250 acre campus of Sweet Briar College is a veritable garden complementing the historic buildings. Daisy’s Garden honors the child of the college founder and adjoins Sweet Briar House, home of the College President.



Sweet Briar, VA 434-381-6326
www.sbc.edu 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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