

Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage - Frederick County Tour

Saturday, June 13, 2026 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Maryland House and Garden Tour of Frederick County showcases the region's rich layers of history, from its earliest Native inhabitants to its role as a crossroads of trade, culture, and conflict. Formed in 1748, Frederick County flourished along the Old National Road, where stagecoaches and Conestoga wagons once carried settlers and goods westward, fueling the growth of thriving towns like Frederick, Middletown, and New Market.

Visitors will explore historic homes and gardens that reflect the area's agricultural prosperity, industrial innovation, and Civil War legacy. Today, Frederick County remains a vibrant mix of scenic farmland, mountain landscapes, and lively Main Street communities, where the past and present come together in one of Maryland's most picturesque and historic destinations.

A list of participating locations is offered here. More detail about each place will be included in the Tour Book, which is provided to all ticket-holders.

***Pre-ordered lunch from award-winning Canapes Catering will be available at stop 5 - Mount Olivet Cemetery between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Visitors may choose between scrumptious grilled chicken on sourdough bread or a yummy vegetarian gluten-free wrap option. All meals include a green salad, fruit salad, a decadent chocolate brownie, condiments, utensils, napkin, and a bottle of water. Pre-orders required by May 27, 2026. Please preorder your lunch at this link: <https://www.mhgp.org/frederickcounty>



1. Mainstreet Middletown Welcome Center

19 West Main Street, Middletown, 21769

This is our tour headquarters and we will have a staffed information table available from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. After checking in here, sites may be visited in any order.



2. Beausoleil Farm

9708 Mount Tabor Road, Middletown, 21769

Be charmed and delighted by the curvilinear strawbale house designed by architect Sigi Koko in 2018. The house consists of three main sections that softly undulate with the topography, and the rooftop curves and bends with the land, all while supporting a green roof.



3. Casa Loma

6301 Jefferson Boulevard, Braddock Heights, 21703

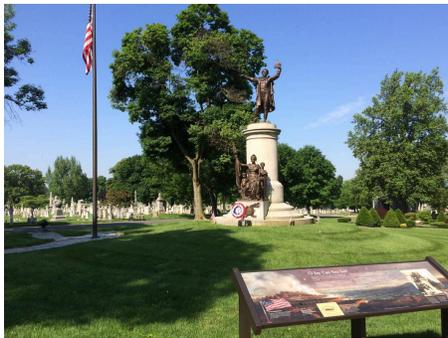
A rarely seen architectural style in this part of Maryland is Casa Loma's more exotic Spanish Revival details. Just as this building looms large, so does its history, from its beginning as an asylum to care for the sick, then later home to one of Frederick's most prominent families.



4. East Cottage, The President's House at Hood College

273 Dill Avenue, Frederick, 21701

Constructed in 1900, the American Four-Square house features a hipped roof, dormer windows, three large brick chimneys, a large side entry, and an expansive and welcoming wrap-around porch. Landscape architect, Stuart Haller, designed the outdoor amphitheater on Hood's campus that tourgoers are welcome to visit.



5. Mount Olivet Cemetery

515 S. Market Street, Frederick, 21701

The cemetery was established in 1852 as the first non-denominational cemetery to accommodate Frederick's growing population needs. The Mount Olivet Cemetery was designed during the Rural Garden Cemetery Movement, which defines the transformation from urban graveyards into pleasant, landscaped public parks.

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6. Private Residence

29 East 2nd Street, Frederick, 21701

Located on a residential street in the heart of downtown Frederick, this circa 1817 house is a respite of quiet, calm, and tranquility. The formal boxwood landscaping is a remnant of the original design by Maryland's renowned landscape architect, Stuart Haller.



7. Dr. Long House

8721 Doctor Baxter Road, Frederick, 21701

The structure began as a circa 1830 tavern. In the winter of 1861-62, Lieutenant Robert G. Shaw sheltered here while federal troops camped on the property. Shaw went on to lead the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, one of the first African American regiments. Influence of landscape architect Stuart Haller evident on the grounds.



8. A Mother's Rest/Terrace Guest House

32 West Main Street, New Market, 21774

This circa 1798 Federal house features a beautiful Flemish brick bond pattern. In the mid-1820s, an addition was added to the house to serve as one of New Market's first taverns. Today, the property operates as a nonprofit respite inn for parents and caregivers who have loved ones with disabilities.