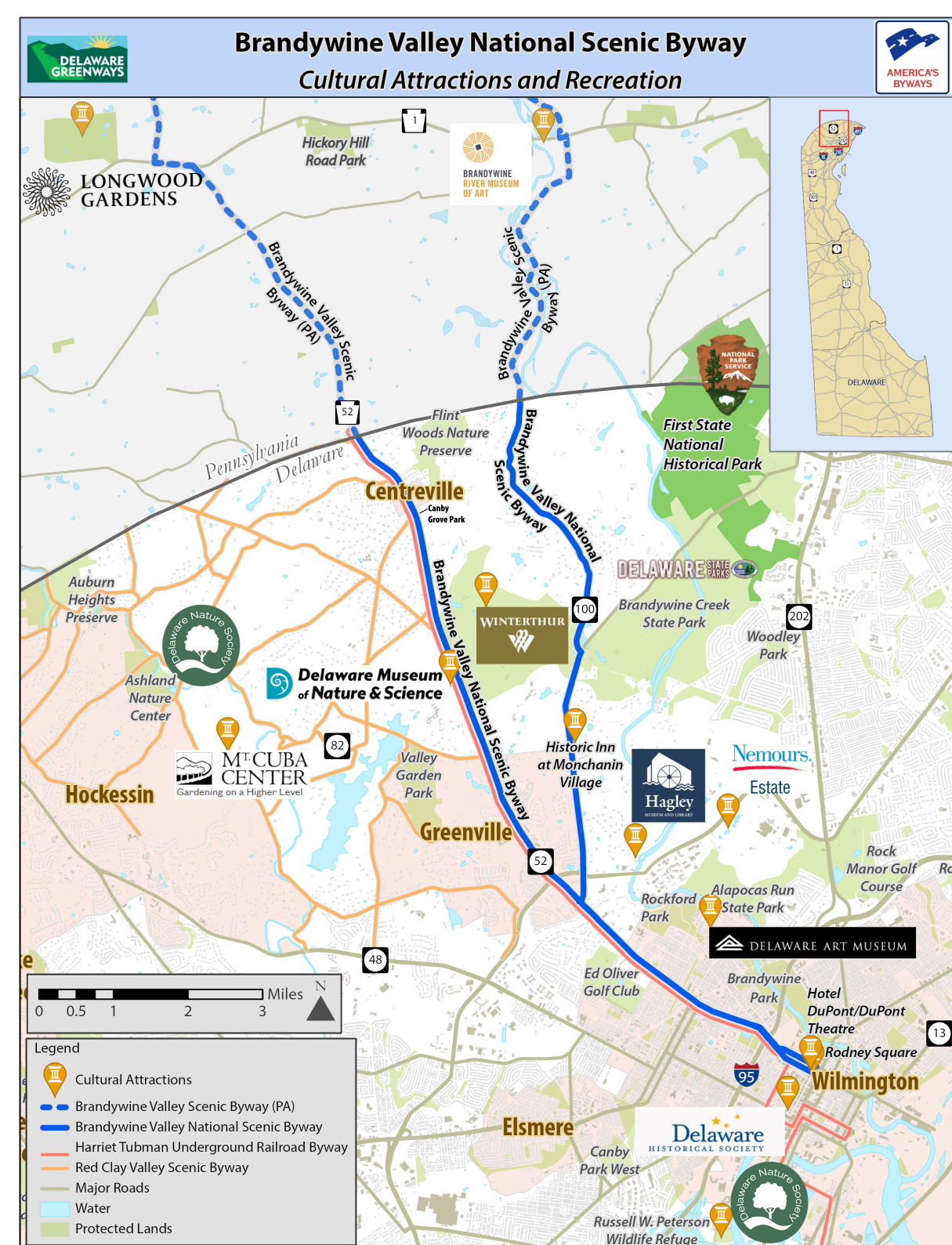


Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway



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The Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway (BVNSB), comprised of the Kennett Pike and Route 100 corridors from the city of Wilmington to the border with Pennsylvania, was designated a Delaware Scenic and Historic Byway in 2002 and Delaware's only National Scenic Byway in 2005. In applying for, and gaining National Scenic Byway designation, Delaware is obliged to continually update and implement a Corridor Management Plan involving the community, and the plan must provide for the conservation and enhancement of the Byway's intrinsic qualities as well as the promotion of tourism and economic development.

A road recognized by the United States Department of Transportation for one or more of its intrinsic qualities. The Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway (BVNSB) is just one of these such roads in the nation including such other treasures as the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia, Hells Canyon in Oregon, the Skyline Drive in Virginia, and the Top of the Rockies in Colorado.

The character qualities of the BVNSB Byway corridors can best be described as historic and cultural, passing through the National Historic Districts of Rodney Square, Centreville Village, and Montchanin Village. The Byway also passes by a number of historic and cultural institutions including the Goodstay Center, Gibraltar Mansion, Delaware Museum of Nature & Science, Winterthur Museum and Country Estate, Hagley Museum, Nemours Estate, Brandywine Creek State Park, and the First State National Historical Park along the Brandywine. Serving as a gateway to the Byways extension into Pennsylvania, the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway (PA) connects such attractions as Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum, and the Brandywine Battlefield Park. The Byway is the scenic corridor along which scores of visitors travel to reach these County, State and National treasures. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, the Byway's other defining aspect is its scenic qualities. The Byway's vista views, rolling hills, undisturbed landscapes and natural beauty are enjoyed by residents, hikers, bicyclists and many hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

The BVNSB is fortunate to have a number of organizations responsible for its conservation and enhancement. In addition to civic groups such as the Kennett Pike Association, Delaware Greenways, The Brandywine Conservancy and the Delaware Nature Society, there are two other organizations with responsibilities to preserve and protect the Byway: (1) The Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway Advisory Board was created through state legislation in 2012 to assist policymakers and other stakeholders in preserving, maintaining and enhancing the National Scenic Byway, and (2) the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway Partnership, a coalition of community, civic and government representatives with day-to-day management responsibility to preserve and protect the Byway.



1) The Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway gently cuts through the rolling hills of the piedmont landscape along Route 52 looking toward Route 100 at Winterthur between Greenville and Centreville, Delaware. *Photo credit: Rick Drake*, 2) Beautiful azaleas bloom on the grounds of the Winterthur Estate, the seven-story former home of Henry Francis du Pont. *Photo credit: Winterthur*, 3) Travel through Delaware and around the world at the Delaware Museum of Nature & Science, to discover dynamic and diverse ecosystems. *Photo credit: Jay Green Architecture*, 4) The New Century Club in the City of Wilmington, was built in 1893 by the country's first independent woman architect, Minerva Parker Nichols. Originally an active place for the women's rights movement, it became home to the Delaware Children's Theatre Company in 1982. *Photo credit: Delaware Greenways*, 5) Experience scenic views and wildlife sightings as you travel on the byway through acres of open fields and wooded lands. *Photo credit: Delaware Greenways*