Spend the day in the unique gardens and eateries of Delaware County. Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College and Tyler Arboretum are often called sister gardens because of a shared legacy of rhododendron and lilac collections started by the mutual first director, John Wister. Since this shared start, both gardens have developed their own unique identity. Come explore the differences. Spend the morning experiencing the intimate gardens of the Scott Arboretum. For lunch, enjoy the craft food of everyone’s hometown, Media. Complete your day exploring heritage and champion trees, hiking trails, and gardens of Tyler Arboretum.

Stop No. 1

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College
500 College Avenue
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
Open year round from dawn to dusk.

➔ Explore gardens with a combination of shade-loving perennials, tropical containers, many unusual trees and shrubs, an organically maintained rose garden, a naturalistic rain garden, a majestic magnolia collection, and a memorable amphitheater.

➔ Be sure to visit the Scott Outdoor Amphitheater to enjoy the peaceful view of the Crum Woods under dabbling sunlight streaming through the towering tulip poplars, Liriodendron tulipifera.

➔ Scott Arboretum labels all their plants across the Arboretum so guests can identify plants and get ideas for their own garden.
Stop No. 2
State Street in Media, Pennsylvania
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Open year round. Visit visitmediapa.com to learn more.

➔ An artful blend of new and traditional, eclectic and sophisticated, international and plain old down-home goodness, Media feature a wide variety of eateries for all diners. Steeped in the history of Delaware County, Media has become the life and heart of the region.

➔ Brick and Brew, and Dessert Rose are good spots for lunch.

➔ Media Theater is also located in Media if you would like to catch a show that evening.

Stop No. 3
Tyler Arboretum
515 Painter Road, Media, Pennsylvania
Plan your visit and confirm hours of operation at tylarboretum.org.

➔ With a rich history dating to 1681, Tyler Arboretum offers 650 acres of woodlands, meadows, gardens, champion trees, and a range of year-round events, activities, and programs for visitors of all ages.

➔ Don’t miss Tyler’s accessible Scenic Loop, the spring ponds, and Butterfly House. Seasonally flowering crab apples, cherries, magnolias, witch hazels, rhododendrons, and azaleas are great to enjoy. Enjoy year round birding and botany walks every Wednesday; and Tyler’s ceaseless seasonal color with glorious spring flowers; fabulous summer meadows, and fall foliage.

➔ Stop in Tyler’s Visitor Center and store for small gift items and visit the Edible Garden and classroom (opening spring 2019).

Enjoy this self-driving itinerary that will help you discover new places to get outside, enjoy nature and learn about horticulture! The Philadelphia region has a rich tradition of public gardens, arboretum and historic landscapes. There are more than 30 gardens within 30 miles of Philadelphia. The gardens mentioned in this itinerary are just a sampling of the rich diversity in the Philadelphia region where there is so much to discover and explore. Learn more at www.americasgardencapital.org.