



My top attractions near Longwood Gardens

Attraction	Approx. from Longwood	Why go
Longwood Gardens	0 min	The centerpiece—gardens, conservatories, fountains, performances
Historic Kennett Square	5–10 min	Charming downtown, restaurants, galleries and shops
Brandywine Museum of Art	15–20 min	Wyeth family art and beautiful Brandywine River setting
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library	15–20 min	Magnificent du Pont estate, house museum and gardens
Nemours Estate	20–25 min	Extraordinary French-inspired mansion and formal gardens
Brandywine Battlefield	15–20 min	Revolutionary War history and historic landscape
Chadds Ford	15–20 min	Historic village, Wyeth connections, restaurants and wineries
Hagley Museum & Library	20–25 min	du Pont family history and early industrial America
Mt. Cuba Center	20–25 min	Outstanding native-plant gardens in Delaware
Wineries & breweries	10–30 min	Numerous countryside tasting rooms and breweries

Longwood specifically lists Brandywine Museum of Art, Winterthur, Nemours, Hagley, Brandywine Battlefield, Historic Kennett Square, Mt. Cuba and other regional attractions as recommended destination  Longwood Gar...

1. Historic Kennett Square

Kennett Square is probably the best place to combine Longwood with dining and an evening out. The downtown is compact and walkable, with restaurants, cafés, boutiques, galleries and bars. It is also famous as the **Mushroom Capital of the World**, making mushrooms a recurring theme on local menus.  Visit Philadelp...

For a group, I'd allow **1½–2 hours** to stroll around downtown before dinner.

2. Brandywine Museum of Art

Brandywine Museum of Art is an especially good companion to Longwood. It houses an important collection of American art, particularly works by **N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth and Jamie Wyeth**, in a beautiful setting along the Brandywine River.  Brandywine Va...

Best combination: Museum in the morning → lunch → Longwood in the afternoon/evening.

3. Winterthur

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library is one of my strongest recommendations if your visitors enjoy gardens, architecture and American history. It was the former home of Henry Francis du Pont and combines a spectacular country estate with an important decorative-arts collection.

It's particularly appropriate as a companion to Longwood because both are closely connected to the **du Pont family and the region's horticultural tradition**.

4. Nemours Estate

Nemours Estate offers something quite different: a magnificent French-inspired mansion surrounded by formal gardens. It's a good choice for people who appreciate architecture, history and grand estates.

5. Brandywine Battlefield

Brandywine Battlefield Park is a worthwhile stop for history-minded visitors. It was the site of the 1777 Battle of Brandywine during the American Revolution. The battlefield notes that it is surrounded by historic sites, restaurants and other Brandywine Valley attractions.

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Restaurants

There are plenty of choices, but I'd divide them into **special occasion**, **casual/group**, and **downtown Kennett Square**.

Special occasion

1906 at Longwood Gardens — **the obvious special-occasion choice**. It's inside Longwood, with views toward the Main Fountain Garden. It is contemporary/fine dining and particularly attractive if you're planning an evening at Longwood.  TripAdvisor

Sovana Bistro — A polished, chef-driven bistro in Kennett Square. Good choice for a dinner after Longwood, particularly for a smaller group or special occasion.

Portabellos of Kennett Square — Contemporary American cooking with a strong local mushroom connection. It's in the heart of downtown Kennett Square.

Prentis and Ty personal favorite: Buckley's Tavern – Great food and atmosphere, worth the drive!!! 5812 Kennett Pike, Centreville, DE 19807

Downtown Kennett Square

Trattoria La Tavola — Italian, with pasta, seafood and pizza. A good choice for a relaxed but attractive group dinner.

La Verona Restaurant — Another established Italian option, with a broad menu and experience handling celebrations and groups.

The Naked Olive — Mediterranean/Greek-influenced food, good for a more casual lunch or dinner.

Casual / convenient

Two Stones Pub Kennett Square — A good option when you want something informal and reasonably priced. It's particularly convenient after Longwood because it's in the shopping area immediately along Baltimore Pike.

Longwood itself also has **The Café**, the **Beer Garden** and 1906.  Tripadvi...

Hotels

For an overnight visit, I would focus on **three different styles**.

Best for convenience

Hilton Garden Inn Kennett Square- • (610) 444-9100

About 5–10 minutes from Longwood. It's a conventional full-service hotel with indoor pool, fitness center and an on-site restaurant. It is probably the easiest choice for a larger group where convenience and predictable accommodations m  Visit Philadelp...

Best boutique experience

Artelo Hotel

4.8  TripAdvisor • Hotel

Website • Directions • (484) 730-1268

A **14-room boutique hotel in downtown Kennett Square**, with each room incorporating original artwork by a regional artist. It puts guests within walking distance of restaurants and shops and is a short drive from Longwood.  Longwood Gar...

Best for a charming romantic getaway

Inn at Whitewing Farm

4.2  Yelp • Bed & breakfast

Website • Directions • (610) 388-2013

A country B&B in an 18th-century farmhouse setting, about five minutes from Longwood. It has gardens, a pond, pool, tennis courts and a restored barn where breakfast is served.

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Other interesting choices

The Francis Hotel & Suites — Eight-room boutique hotel right in downtown Kennett Square.

The Bookhouse Hotel — A very small, book-themed boutique hotel in downtown Kennett Square.

Robinhurst Hospitality — Historic, small-scale accommodations in downtown Kennett Square.

Fairfield Inn & Suites Kennett Square Brandywine Valley -- It is at 719 East Baltimore Pike and is less than two miles from Longwood Gardens. Longwood specifically offers a package through the hotel that includes two adult Longwood admission tickets and complimentary hot breakfast.

Hampton Inn & Suites Chadds Ford — 40 State Farm Drive in Glen Mills, about 8 miles

from Longwood Gardens. Hilton describes it as recently renovated. It is also close to Brandywine Battlefield, the Brandywine River Museum and Winterthur. Hampton Inn & Suites Chadds Ford —

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