

VIRGINIA

Northern Virginia Towns

9A Leesburg - Quaint historic town loaded with antique shops. Morven Park, a restored Greek Revival mansion, is surrounded by beautiful gardens. A one mile scenic nature trail winds through the estate. Admission fee. Tel# 703-777-2414.

<http://www.leesburgva.org/default.aspx>

9B Oatlands Plantation 6 miles south of Leesburg on SR 15 is home to a mansion built combining Federal and Greek Revival styles. Grounds include terraced formal gardens. The popular Christmas at Oatlands begins in mid-November. Tel# 703-777-3174.

<http://www.oatlands.org/>

9C Waterford - From Leesburg take Old Waterford Road (Rt.698) 7 miles northwest. A local foundation restored the 18th century Waterford Mill which operates as a craft shop. Every October for 3 days Waterford homes are opened to the public and artisans exhibit, demonstrate and sell their wares. You can visit anytime but beware of the large crowds during the October 3-day craft festival.

<http://www.waterfordva-wca.org/about.htm>

9D Manassas - A small railroad town in the 1850's, Manassas was bloodied by the Civil War and changed hands between the North and the South several times. The historic old town section contains buildings from the Victorian era. The Manassas National Battlefield Park just north of I-66 on Rt.234 commemorates two major battles of Manassas (Bull Run).

<http://www.manassascity.org/>

9E Middleburg, Warrenton and Culpeper - These towns lie in the gently rolling hills of the Piedmont. The area is noted for fox hunting, horse shows, farms, ranches and vineyards. Check on Rapidan River Vineyards tours and tastings on Rt.4 (call 540-399-1855). Prince Michel Vineyards (10mi so of Culpeper on JJS 29) conducts tastings and tours (call 540-547-3707 or 800-869-8242). Also, try Dominion Wine Cellars (call 540-825-8772) at the junction of US 29 and Rt. 3, Meredyth Vineyards south of Middleburg on Rt. 628 (call 540-687-6277) and Piedmont Vineyards on Rt. 626 (call 540-687-5528).

<http://www.middleburgonline.com/>