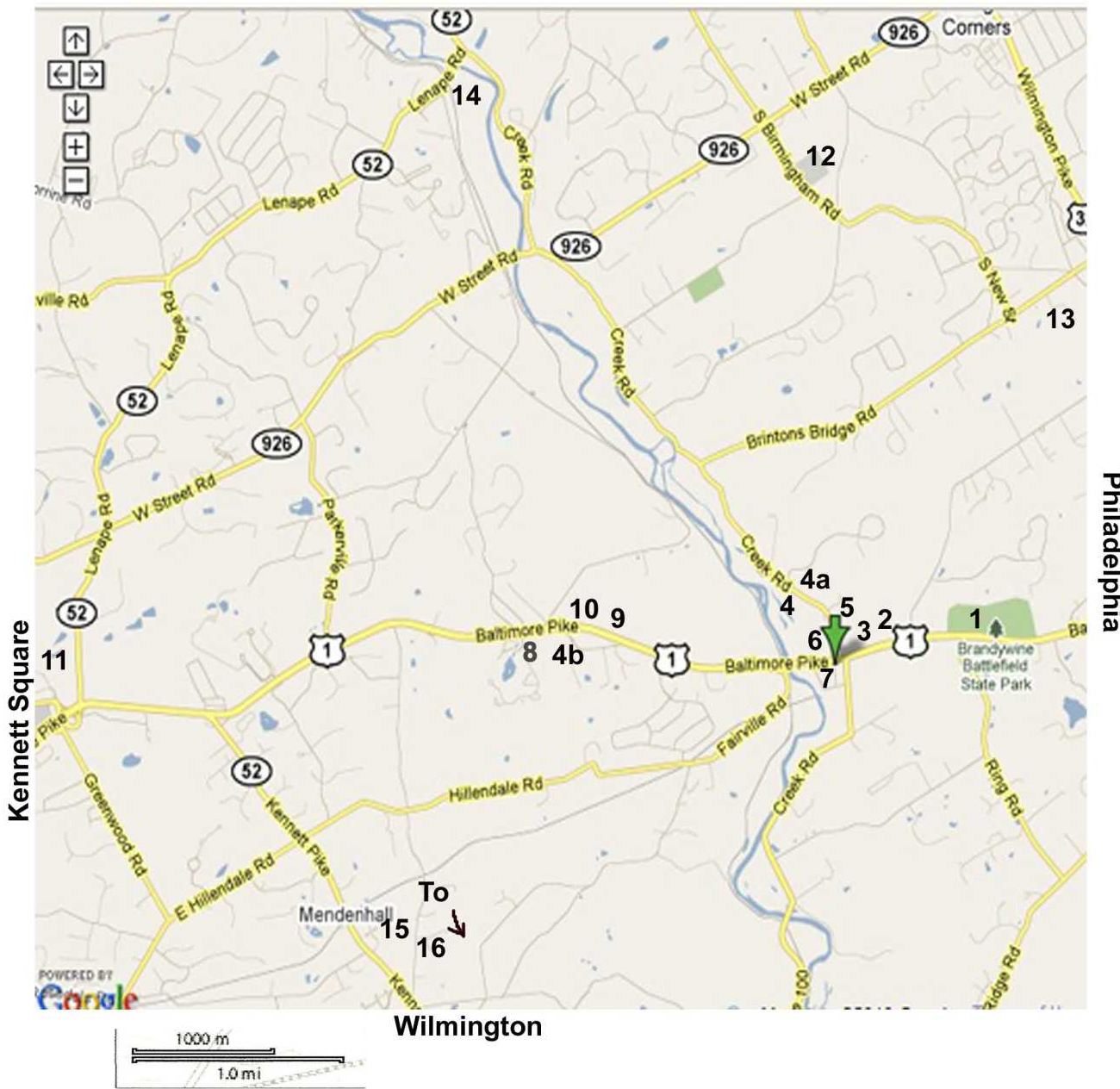


## West Chester



## Historic Chadds Ford & the Brandywine Valley



Originally inhabited by the Lenni Lenape Indians, Quaker settlers like the Brinton and Gilpin families arrived in the early 1700s. Route 1 (Ye Great Road to Nottingham) began in 1707 as a main route between Baltimore & Chester. First known as Birmingham, the town's name changed to Chadds Ford sometime after John Chads started a fording business to cross the Brandywine Creek in the 1730s.

September 11, 1777 marked the largest land battle of the Revolutionary War when General George Washington and British General Howe met with over 25,000 troops across a 10 square mile area centered at Chadds Ford. Not widely published since Washington lost, the Battle of the Brandywine was a fierce conflict in which the young General Marquis de Lafayette first fought heroically, receiving a gunshot wound to the leg.

Today this bucolic community is known for the Wyeth family painters, equestrian farms, historic homes, Americana museums and world renowned gardens... all nestled in rolling hills along the meandering Brandywine Creek. Drive through the countryside, visit the museums and stop in for a meal at one of the many local establishments... all proud to be part of the Brandywine Valley.



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**1. Brandywine Battlefield Park**

1491 Baltimore Pike  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-459-3342  
[www.ushistory.org/Brandywine](http://www.ushistory.org/Brandywine)  
This 52 acre park contains the Ring House (Washington's Headquarters), Gilpin House (Lafayette Quarters) and a comprehensive museum store.

**2. Chadds Ford Gallery**

1609 Baltimore Pike—Bldg 400  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-2412 or 877-993-8425  
[www.awyethgallery.com](http://www.awyethgallery.com)  
Located in a 1700s era building, the Gallery specializes in Wyeth reproductions and features artworks by regional, national and international artists.

**3. Brandywine Prime and The Bistro**

1617 Baltimore Pike  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-8088 or 610-388-8090  
[www.brandywineprime.com](http://www.brandywineprime.com)  
Built in the 1700s, the Inn is said to have entertained American soldiers prior to the battle of 1777. In 2007, the Inn was converted to an upscale steakhouse.

**4. Chadds Ford Historical Society**

1736 Creek Rd  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-7376  
[www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org)

**4a. John Chads House**

Built in 1725 by John Chads, the home was a residence until the 1960s when CFHS restored & opened it to the public.

**4b. Barns-Brinton House**

Built in 1714 by blacksmith Barns, it later served as a tavern and then home to the Brinton family.

**5. Sanderson Museum**

1755 Creek Rd (Route 100)  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-6545  
[www.sandersonmuseum.org](http://www.sandersonmuseum.org)  
*A Man's Life, A Nation's History.*  
Chris Sanderson's 1800s-era residence contains an eclectic array of art, military memorabilia, local history & collectibles.

**6. Hanks Place**

Route 1 & Route 100 intersection  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-7061  
[www.hanks-place.net](http://www.hanks-place.net)  
A friendly local restaurant serving down-home food in a low key setting.



**7. Brandywine River Museum**

1 Hoffman's Mill Rd  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-2700  
[www.brandywinemuseum.org](http://www.brandywinemuseum.org)  
Outstanding collection of American paintings as well as an unparalleled collection of art by three generations of Wyeths

**8. Chaddsford Winery**

632 Baltimore Pike  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-6221  
[www.chaddsford.com](http://www.chaddsford.com)  
Founded in 1982 by Eric & Lee Miller, the winery offers a relaxing atmosphere for wine tasting and seasonal concerts.

**9. The Gables of Chadds Ford**

423 Baltimore Pike  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-7700  
[www.thegablesatchaddsford.com](http://www.thegablesatchaddsford.com)  
Simple, yet elegant dining in a converted 1800s dairy barn.

**10. Brandywine View Antiques**

1301 Brintons Bridge Rd & Route 1  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-388-6060  
[www.brandywineview.com](http://www.brandywineview.com)  
An eclectic collection of antiques fill this three story historic 18th century home.

**11. Longwood Gardens**

1001 Longwood Rd  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
[www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org)  
610-388-5200  
Over 1,000 acres of gardens encompass this onetime home of Pierre du Pont.

**12. Birmingham Meeting House**

[www.birminghamfriends.org](http://www.birminghamfriends.org)  
Active 1700s Quaker meeting house.

**13. Dilworthtown Inn**

610-399-1390  
[www.dilworthtown.com](http://www.dilworthtown.com)  
Since the 1780s, the Inn has offered a warm and cozy colonial dining experience.

**14. Simon Pearce Glass Blowing & Restaurant**

1333 Lenape Rd (Route 52)  
610-793-0949  
[www.simonpearce.com](http://www.simonpearce.com)  
Riverfront Dining – Glassblowing Demonstrations – Hand blown Glass & Pottery Shop

**15. Winterthur**

[www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org)

**16. Hagley Museum**

[www.hagley.org](http://www.hagley.org)