## VISITOR SERVICES

Open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The last bus for a tour of the du Pont residence leaves at 3:30 p.m. Tickets purchased after 2 p.m. are valid for the following day. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

From January through mid-March, guided tours are at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. weekdays, with weekend hours 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visitors with special needs should inquire at the Visitor Center concerning available services.

Contact any staff member for first aid assistance.

Several self-guided special tour leaflets are available at the Visitor Center.

#### For everyone's pleasure and safety, the following are prohibited:

Using cell phones on the bus or during guided tours Walking beyond the Steam Engine House

Pets

- Food or drink in exhibit buildings
- Smoking
- Picking plants or climbing trees
- Strollers inside the du Pont family home, the First Office or the Gibbons House

Photography is allowed everywhere except inside the du Pont Family Home and the First Office.

## Enjoy the benefits of becoming a Hagley member.

Apply today and you will receive free admission for this visit and throughout the coming year. Visitor Center staff can assist you with enrollment. Consider joining today!

Visit www.hagley.org for more information about educational programs, group tours, and special events.



# WORKERS' HILL

Workers' Hill is the remains of one of several workers' communities built by the DuPont Company within walking distance of the powder yards.



The Gibbons House reflects the lives of the powder yard foremen and their families.

The Brandywine Manufacturers' Sunday School illustrates early nineteenth-century education where workers' children learned to read and write.

The Belin House, where three generations of company bookkeepers lived, is now the Belin House Organic Café.

You may walk or take a bus to this area.

## **POWDER YARD**

E. I. du Pont began building black powder mills on the Brandywine in 1802 and his company soon became the largest American manufacturer of this important explosive. The Hagley Yard, named by a former



owner, was part of the first expansion in 1812.

"Easy Does It," a hands-on, fun exhibit of simple machines, is open weekends. Exhibits on power transmission and explosions are nearby.

The Millwright Shop has working models of the powder-making process. The gunpowder demonstration and the machine shop demonstration start here.

The Birkenhead Mills and the 1870s steam engine are at the farthest end of the powder yard.

To learn more about the Powder Yard sites, pick up the Powder Yard Trail brochure in the Visitor Center lobby or the lobby of the Millwright Shop.

Allow at least an hour for your self-guided visit to the Powder Yard. You may walk or take a bus to see this area.

# **ELEUTHERIAN MILLS, THE DU PONT FAMILY HOME**

Eleutherian Mills, the first du Pont home in America. was named for its owner, Eleuthère Irénée du Pont. He acquired the sixty-five-acre site



in 1802 to build a gunpowder manufactory. The home today has furnishings and decorative arts that belonged to his family and the generations that followed.

E. I. du Pont's restored French Garden is the beginning of the du Pont family garden tradition in the Brandywine Valley.

The First Office (1837) reflects business practices of the nineteenth century.

The Lammot du Pont Workshop illustrates the creative mind of Lammot du Pont, known as the family chemist.

The barn contains wagons, carriages and antique cars, as well as a collection of weathervanes and a cooper shop display.

Allow one and a half hours for your guided tour. This area is reached by bus only.

# **VISITOR CENTER**

The Visitor Center was constructed in 1814 as a cotton spinning mill. Today it contains three floors of selfguided exhibits.



On the first floor, dioramas tell the story of "Industry on the Brandywine" and "DuPont: The Explosives Era."

The second floor features changing exhibits that highlight the extensive collections of Hagley Museum and Library.

On the third floor, the interactive exhibit "DuPont Science and Discovery" examines how the country's largest maker of explosives became its largest chemical firm.

The Hagley Store, located in the stone building next to the Visitor Center, carries a large selection of unique gifts, books, posters, postcards, and souvenirs. Open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Hagley MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

Where the du Pont story begins.

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### PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Located on 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine River, Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works founded by E. I. du Pont in 1802. This example of early American industry features indoor and outdoor exhibits, including restored mills, a workers' community, and the ancestral home and garden of the du Pont family.

A visit to Hagley can take anywhere from two hours to a full day. Hagley has four main areas:

## **Eleutherian Mills - du Pont Family Home**

- This area features the first du Pont family home, garden, barn, and First Office.
- This is a guided tour; allow one and a half hours.
- This area is reached by bus only.

## **Powder Yard**

- Restored mills, dioramas, and demonstrations illustrate the process of making gunpowder.
- This area is self-guided; allow at least an hour.
- Gunpowder demonstrations are held on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Machine Shop demonstrations are held on the half hour from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- There are ongoing steam engine demonstrations. The bus stops on the return trip from the du Pont family home and waits during the demonstration.
- You may walk or take the bus from the Visitor Center.

# Workers' Hill

- This nineteenth-century workers' community includes a foreman's home, the Brandywine Manufacturers' Sunday School, and the Belin House Organic Café.
- This area is self-guided; allow at least half an hour.
- You may walk or take the bus.

# **Visitor Center**

- There are three floors of self-guided exhibits.
- Allow half an hour minimum.

Buses leave the rear of the Visitor Center every half hour from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., traveling through the Powder Yard to Eleutherian Mills, the du Pont family home. Buses travel up Workers' Hill on the return trip.

