

Tour of Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden on October 11

Club members are invited to enjoy a guided tour of the Main House and grounds at Stoneleigh, a 42-acre Natural Lands property in Villanova, PA, on Friday, October 11, 2019.



The tour is approximately 1.5 hours long. The cost per person is \$15. Stoneleigh is a place with history, towering trees, and wonderful landscape architecture.

Plan to arrive at the Buckingham Township parking lot at 9am. We will depart via carpools at 9:15am sharp. Please consider offering to drive so we can share this opportunity. We have four drivers signed up already. If you choose to drive yourself and not carpool, plan on arriving at Stoneleigh by 10:15am for our 10:30am tour. The address is 1829 East County Line Road, Villanova, PA 19085.

On the way back, we will stop for lunch (separate checks) at a nearby restaurant, Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar, 555 E. Lancaster Avenue, Radnor, PA 19087, <https://harvestseasonalgrill.com/radnor-restaurant/>. They have gluten-free and vegetarian options.

Stoneleigh was the home of the Haas family, who donated the property to Natural Lands in 2016, so that it would be preserved forever. Its story started in 1877 when the first residence was constructed. Over the years, successive owners and various landscape gardeners and architects, including the Olmsted Brothers (sons of Frederick Law Olmsted), contributed vistas and pathways, gardens and terraces, and plants and trees, marvelous trees. Stoneleigh is now undergoing a transition from a beloved family home to a public garden, keeping what was there and adding some new gardens of native plants. Stoneleigh features more than a mile of porous-paved walking paths, accessible to people of all abilities. The website is <https://stoneleighgarden.org/garden/home/>

Send the form below and your check, made payable to The Doylestown Nature Club, to Barbara Connolly, 700 Bryans Way, Warrington, PA 18976 by Friday, October 4, 2019. For questions, call Barbara at 267-483-8542.

attending _____ x \$15.00 each = \$_____ total payment enclosed (checks only, no cash, please).

Member Name (print) _____ Cell phone _____

Friend(s) Name (print) _____

Check one: I will drive a carpool. I will join a carpool. I will drive directly there.

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