

Maymont is a well-preserved, historic 100-acre American estate overlooking the James River that was given to the public by James and Sallie Dooley, who lived there from 1893 to 1925. Today, Maymont is a welcoming community gathering place, with many unique experiences for all to enjoy, including the historic Maymont Mansion, The Robins Nature Center, an arboretum, formal gardens, and habitats for native Virginia wildlife and farm animals. Consistently ranked one of Central Virginia's top attractions by travelers and locals alike, Maymont serves over 800,000 guests annually, with free admission to the grounds, plus guided and self-guided tours, seasonal events, programs and rental spaces. Since 1975, Maymont has been maintained and operated by the nonprofit Maymont Foundation, committed to creating programs and experiences that delight, educate and inspire its guests.

The property is called “Maymont” (not “Maymont Park”)

James Henry & Sallie May Dooley (not “Sally”).

Maymont Mansion (formerly called “Maymont House Museum” or “Dooley Mansion”). A restored 33-room house museum, representing both the luxurious lifestyle of the Gilded Age and the mostly African American domestic staff who worked there, open for tours Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

In Domestic Service, located in the Maymont Mansion basement, is an exhibition space detailing the working lives of the domestic staff who maintained the home. Originally titled “In Service and Beyond” when it opened in 2005, after a decade of research with descendants of Maymont workers, it reopens in 2022 with a new audio tour and updated exhibits.

Maymont Farm and Farm Barn (not “petting zoo” or “Children’s Farm”). Features domesticated farm animals.

Maymont Wildlife Habitats (not “zoo”). Natural, outdoor habitats for native Virginia wildlife including black bear, bison, fox, bobcat, birds of prey, elk and sika deer. Most of Maymont’s animals were orphaned or injured and could not survive in the wild.

The Robins Nature Center at Maymont features a James River experience, interactive learning stations, a 20-foot waterfall, 34-foot climbing sculpture, and fish, turtles, owls, a river otter and more.

Maymont Gardens include the **Italian Garden**, the **Japanese Garden** and **Maymont Arboretum** (an award-winning tree collection).

Maymont’s Historic Corridor includes the Normandy-style **Carriage House** (built of James River granite), the three-storied **Stone Barn** and the **Water Tower**. All three were designed by architects Noland and Baskervill and constructed in the early 20th century.

Maymont Carriage Collection, established in 1975 through the support of Elisabeth Scott Bocoock, daughter of Frederic W. Scott, one of James Dooley’s business associates, displays examples of horse-drawn transportation typical of country estates in Virginia during the period that the Dooleys lived at Maymont (1893-1925).

Maymont Foundation, the nonprofit organization that maintains and operates Maymont.

The Robins Nature Center Entrance, Maymont’s entrance at 2201 Shields Lake Drive.

Hampton Steet Entrance, Maymont’s entrance at 1700 Hampton Street. This is the easiest access to Maymont Mansion and the Gardens.

Maymont Farm Entrance, Maymont’s entrance at 1001 Spottswood Road. This is the easiest access to the Farm and Wildlife Habitats.