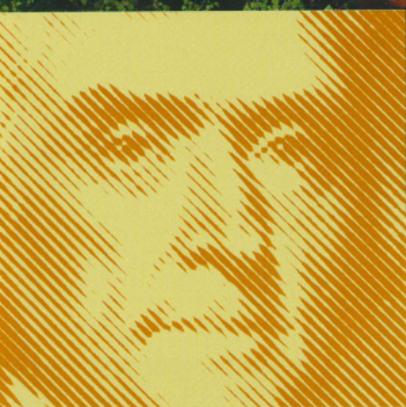
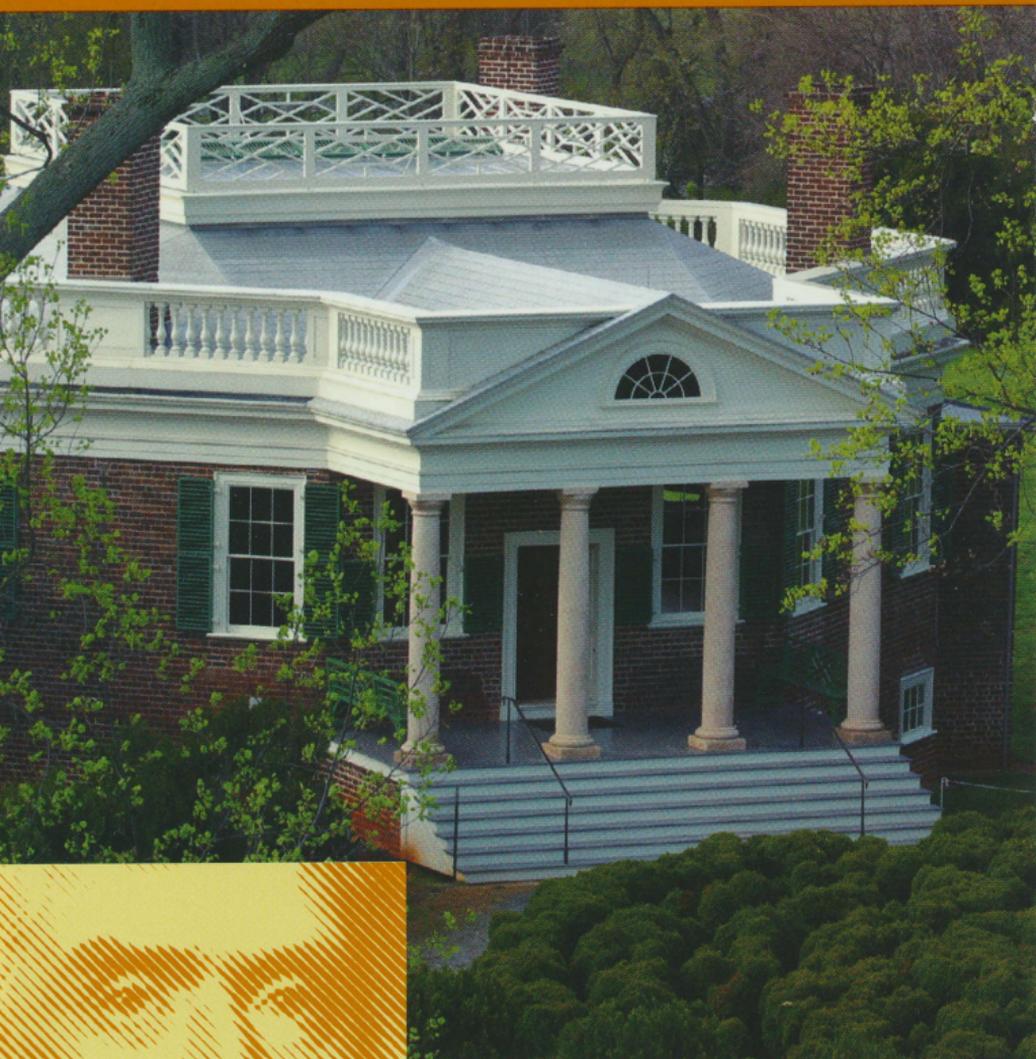


THOMAS JEFFERSON'S

Poplar Forest

DISCOVER

his personal retreat



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EXPERIENCE POPLAR FOREST

Architecture

Experience Jefferson's distinctly American architectural masterpiece and the perfect counterbalance between modern and classical.

Restoration

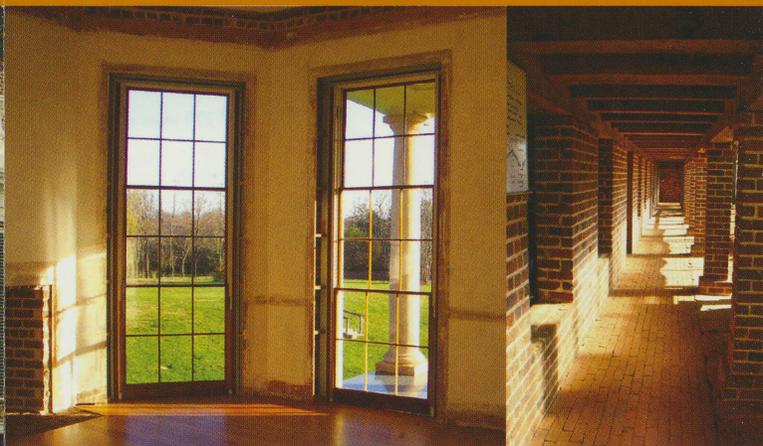
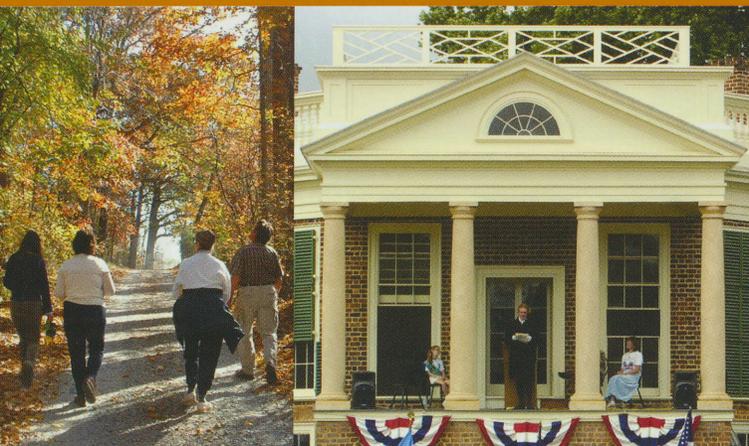
Witness meticulous historic restoration in progress. Tour the house to learn about architecture, preservation and life in the early 19th century.

Archaeology

See ongoing excavation and view artifacts from the plantation community that lived and worked at Poplar Forest.

Landscape

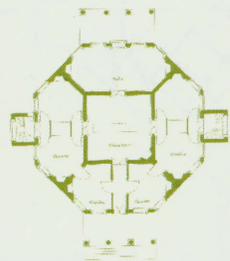
Discover Jefferson's vision for his gardens, ornamental plantings and farm at Poplar Forest as it emerges through archaeology.



EXPERIENCE THOMAS JEFFERSON

Jefferson sojourned to Poplar Forest, his secluded retreat, between the ages of 66 and 80 to rekindle his creativity, spend time with his grandchildren and escape public life.

A visit to Poplar Forest will deepen your understanding of Thomas Jefferson. Ongoing restoration and archaeology provide a rare glimpse into his genius and private life.



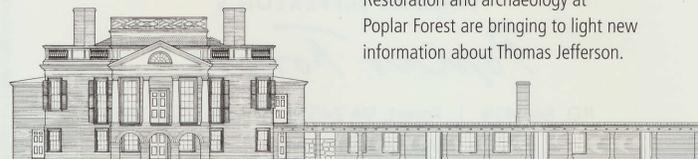
Jefferson designed the octagonal house at Poplar Forest during his second term as President of the United States.

"While at Monticello I am so much engrossed by business or society that I can only write on matters of strong urgency. Here I have leisure, as I have everywhere the disposition to think of my friends."

Thomas Jefferson, Age 69

Thomas Jefferson – Founding Father, author of the Declaration of Independence, third president of the United States – often longed to be out of the spotlight, to “detach myself from public life, which I never loved, to retire to the bosom of my family, my friends, my farm and books, which I have always loved.” At the age of 63, during the most challenging time of his presidency, he began to construct a secluded retreat far from public scrutiny and the demands on his time.

Drawing closely from Italian architect Andrea Palladio's seamless blending of landscape and architecture, Jefferson designed a neo-classical villa that was intensely personal, conceptual, and strikingly modern for its time.



Restoration and archaeology at Poplar Forest are bringing to light new information about Thomas Jefferson.



Special Events

Enjoy special events each year at Poplar Forest, including musical performances, historical theater, visiting artists and lectures. Visit the website for annual updates.

Inspiration

Feel Jefferson's presence at Poplar Forest. Poplar Forest is the place to experience the contemplative, creative and personal Thomas Jefferson.



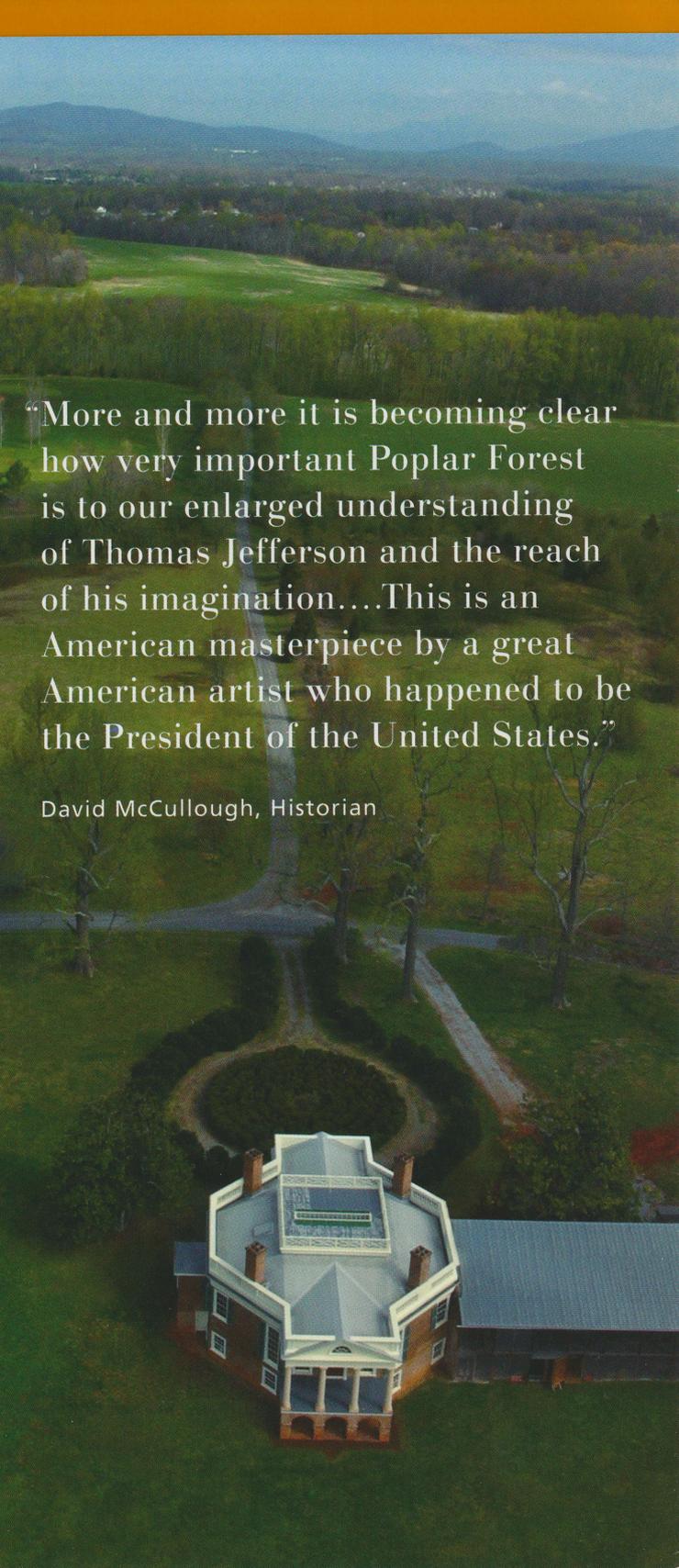
To miss Poplar Forest is like reading a person's public letters but not their private journal. Each year, visitors come to Poplar Forest to sense Jefferson's presence in the house and feel an emotional connection to the man, his ideas and ideals, his boundless energy, and his ingenuity.

"I write to you from a place 90 miles from Monticello...which I visit three or four times a year, & stay from a fortnight to a month at a time. I have fixed myself comfortably, keep some books here, bring others occasionally, am in the solitude of a hermit...."

Thomas Jefferson, Age 69



More than 200,000 artifacts have been unearthed at Poplar Forest. Archaeologists have uncovered fragments of dinnerware with an octagonal design.

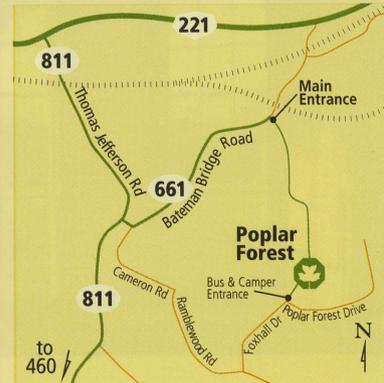
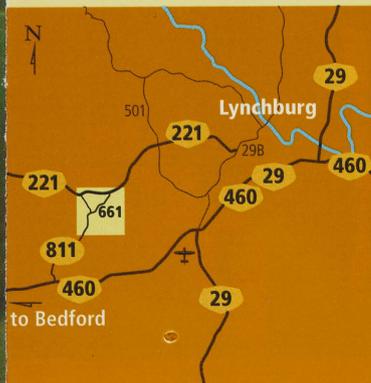


Poplar Forest was Thomas Jefferson's well-kept secret, and for generations it was lost to history. The nonprofit Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest was formed in 1983 by a group of individuals to lead the ongoing rescue and restoration of Poplar Forest for the cultural and educational benefit of the public.



“More and more it is becoming clear how very important Poplar Forest is to our enlarged understanding of Thomas Jefferson and the reach of his imagination...This is an American masterpiece by a great American artist who happened to be the President of the United States.”

David McCullough, Historian



Directions

Take US 460 or US 221 (avoid business routes) to Rt. 811 (Thomas Jefferson Road). Turn onto Rt. 661 (Bateman Bridge Road) to main entrance. Campers and buses enter via Foxhall Drive. Google Maps, Mapquest, and GPS use 1548 Bateman Bridge Road.

Approximate driving time to Poplar Forest from

Washington DC	4 hours
Richmond	2 hours
Blue Ridge Parkway	30 minutes
Lynchburg	15 minutes

Hours

Guided tours
April through November
10 am to 4 pm.
Closed on Tuesdays and Thanksgiving Day.

Group tours
for 20 or more individuals are available year-round, by appointment.



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