### **Enjoy Your Trip!**

The Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens is the largest public iris garden in the United States. The display beds contain nearly 3,000 iris varieties (around 14,000 plants) that produce over 100,000 blooms each May. It is a LIVING MUSEUM of botanical preservation with some varieties dating back to the 1500s and is lovingly referred to by locals as The Rainbow on the Hill. After you spend time strolling through the Gardens, pick up a souvenir from the Bloom Room gift shop and then head into town!



# Plan Your Visit



ESSEX COUNTY PRESBY MEMORIAL IRIS GARDENS

474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 973-783-5974 / www.presbyirisgardens.org







"We are pleased to partner with the Citizens Committee to preserve and present the fabulous Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. We invite the public to come out and enjoy the dazzling display of colors at "The Rainbow on the Hill" and, after you have been dazzled by nature's beauty, explore the tastes, sites, and unique shops found in this area."

- Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. And the Board of Chosen Freeholders



## HOTEL

#### **The Wilshire Grand Hotel**

350 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ 973-731-7007 / www.thewilshiregrandhotel.com Directions: Upper Mountain Ave S; Right on Bloomfield; Left on Pleasant Valley



# **OTHER LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

#### 9/11 Memorial at Essex County Eagle Rock Reservation

Prospect and Eagle Rock Avenues, West Orange, NJ 973-268-3500 / www.essexcountynj.org Directions: Upper Mountain Ave S; Right on Bloomfield; Left on Prospect

#### **Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex**

Codey Arena / miniGOLF Safari / Turtle Back Zoo 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 973-268-3500 / www.essexcountynj.org Directions: Upper Mountain Ave S; Right on Bloomfield; Left on Prospect; Right on Northfield

#### **Montclair Art Museum**

3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 973-746-5555 / www.montclairartmuseum.org Directions: Upper Mountain Ave S; Left on Claremont; Right on North Mountain

#### **Thomas Edison National Historical Park**

211 Main Street, West Orange, NJ 973-736-0550 ext. 11 / www.nps.gov/edis Directions: Upper Mountain Ave S; Left on Claremont; Right on North Mountain; Left on Bloomfield; Right on Orange which turns into Harrison; Left on Main

#### Van Vleck House & Gardens

21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 973-744-4752 / www.vanvleck.org Directions: Upper Mountain Ave S; Left on Van Vleck



# **DINING & SHOPPING**

After visiting The Rainbow on the Hill, follow Upper Mountain Avenue south and turn left onto Bellevue Avenue. This road intersects with Valley Road which provides access through town to all SIX (!) of the Montclair and Upper Montclair business districts. Please see the map on the back of this brochure. For specific shop details, visit: www.destinationmontclair.com

# Upper Montclair

Closest to Presby, this district is lined with Tudor-style shops and restaurants, including major retail chains. At the intersection of Valley Road and Bellevue Avenue, look for the 100-year-old clock in the heart of it all.

## Watchung Plaza

One of the region's best independent bookstores anchors this friendly neighborhood of shops, restaurants, and always buzzin' coffee house that roasts its own beans. Follow the left turn under the trestle to arrive.

## Frog Hollow

Charge your electric car and pick up a quick lunch at one of the delis or pizzerias along Valley Road. Then backtrack to Edgemont Park, a beautiful setting with Montclair's landmark WWI monument.

#### Walnut Street

Home to a jazz club, art galleries, artisan bakeries, and several top restaurants including an authentic Irish pub, this area is in-trend. Walnut Street extends all the way to Grove Street, where more shops and restaurants can be found. Saturdays from June through November, the train station parking lot is transformed into a large Farmer's Market.

#### Montclair Center

Based around the Bloomfield Avenue strip, Montclair's largest district is where you'll find the art museum, top concert venue, art house movie theatre, spas, and hundreds of shops and cafés. There are multiple parking decks and lots. Be sure to check out the quaint Church Street!

#### South End

Discover this growing shopping area of small shops that is home to the Montclair Fire Department and MLK Peace Garden.