Founder by Welsh settlers in 1682, Ardmore thrived for over a century as an agricultural village. With the end of the Revolutionary War and the establishment of the turnpike connecting Philadelphia with Lancaster, Ardmore emerged as a commercial center. Located in one of Pennsylvania’s original first class townships, Ardmore continues to distinguish and define itself. It is the most socio-economically diverse town on the Main Line, an attractive and accessible community that offers an amazing array of opportunities for residents, businesses, and visitors from throughout the region.

Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia is an initiative of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) designed to foster the growth of the region’s older communities by promoting what makes each community a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Explore Ardmore, PA and the other Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia at classictowns.org.
Visiting Ardmore

Whether coming from Philadelphia, the Main Line, or even Manhattan, Ardmore is easily accessible. Both SEPTA and Amtrak trains stop here daily and plentiful parking is also available.

After stopping at Suburban Square, many make their way to Ardmore’s downtown to enjoy its antique shops, art galleries, and consignment shops. Some of the finest on the Main Line, these shops offer unique and unforgettable experiences.

Before heading home, many make sure to stop by Milkboy Coffee and Recording Studios. Tucked away in a little corner of a downtown side street, this entertainment venue attracts many of the country’s premier recording artists and performers.

While there’s always something happening in Ardmore, there are a number of events that no one should miss. In addition to its seasonal celebrations, Ardmore hosts Ardmore Blossoms in June and Taste of Ardmore Food & Fashion in November.

Living in Ardmore

Many who make Ardmore their home are long-time residents, having enjoyed its strong community and tremendous accessibility for generations. More recently, it has begun to attract young families, young professionals, and emerging entrepreneurs who are all attracted to its pedestrian-friendly nature; superb public, private, and parochial schools; many houses of worship; and growing economic opportunities.

Recently recognized by CNN as one of America’s best places for the rich and single to live, Ardmore’s diverse and affordable housing stock and ample amenities also make it accessible for anyone who enjoys the culture of a city but still favors a small-town feel.

Working in Ardmore

Ardmore’s accessibility and walkability, combined with the affluence of the surrounding region and support of local business organizations, contribute to its strong and sustained economic growth.

Downtown’s diverse mix of locally owned retailers and professional, financial, and medical service providers is complemented by Suburban Square and its impressive array of retailers and restaurants that attract residents from the surrounding region.

A transit-oriented community, many residents take advantage of employment opportunities at leading colleges and corporations along the Main Line and in Philadelphia. Others catch the Amtrak train at the Ardmore station, commuting regularly to New York or Washington, DC.

Playing in Ardmore

Ardmore is all about art, culture, fun, and family. Residents spend their free time taking dance classes and music lessons, painting pottery, and enjoying free arts and culture events monthly during First Friday Main Line.

Those who enjoy more active endeavors have an array of options. Ardmore is located close to more than 40 parks that range from large areas of open space to smaller playgrounds and a number of fields and courts for organized activities. One local favorite is the two-mile Cynwyd Heritage Trail that connects the Cywnyd Station to the Manayunk viaduct.

Even with all of this to choose from, shopping is still one of the best ways to spend time in Ardmore. The nationally recognized retailers at Suburban Square, as well as the award-winning restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues of downtown, make it easy to lose track of time.

Philadelphia’s diversions and destinations are also easily accessible, just 20 minutes away via SEPTA’s R5 Regional Rail Line.