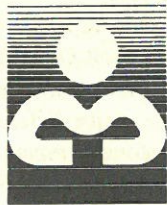


Visitors' Information

This brochure has been produced to help visitors take a self-guided tour of the Arthurdale community. Visitors are free to drive throughout the area. However, all of the homes are privately owned and occupied. They are not open to the public except during organized tours which have been previously publicized in the media.

PLEASE DO NOT INTRUDE ON THE PRIVACY OF THESE HOMES.

For a detailed map of the Arthurdale area and more information, stop at the Visitors' Center in the Stone Administration Building, which is open during listed hours.

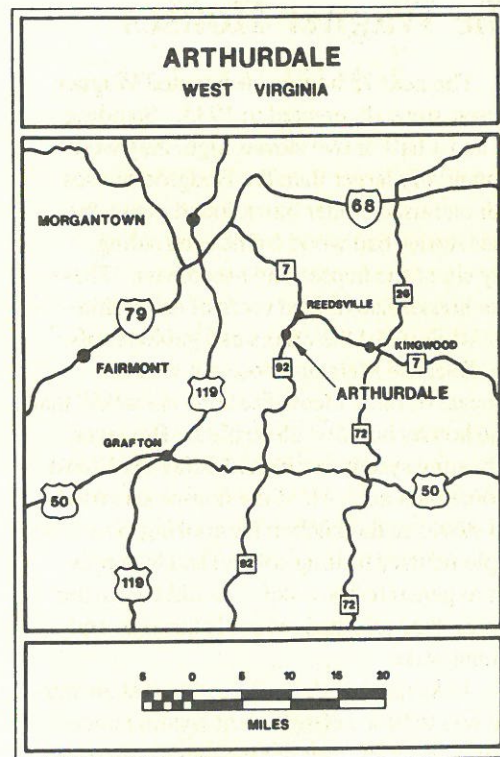


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Directions to Arthurdale

Arthurdale is approximately 14 miles southeast of Morgantown, West Virginia, and is easy to reach from Interstate 68, East or West. Interstate 68 (formerly WV 48) can be reached from either the North or South from Interstate 79. From Interstate 68, exit at Exit 4 (Sabraton) onto West Virginia 7 East. Follow WV 7 for approximately 10 miles to Reedsville, then onto WV 92, going approximately 1.5 miles to the Arthurdale entrance.

An alternate route from the South would be to exit Interstate 79 at Clarksburg, taking WV 50 East, then WV 92 North to Arthurdale.

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Arthurdale's Heritage

At the height of the Great Depression of the 1930s, a significant event occurred in the social history of the United States. The U.S. Department of the Interior's Subsistence Homesteads Division created Arthurdale as a homesite for unemployed West Virginians.

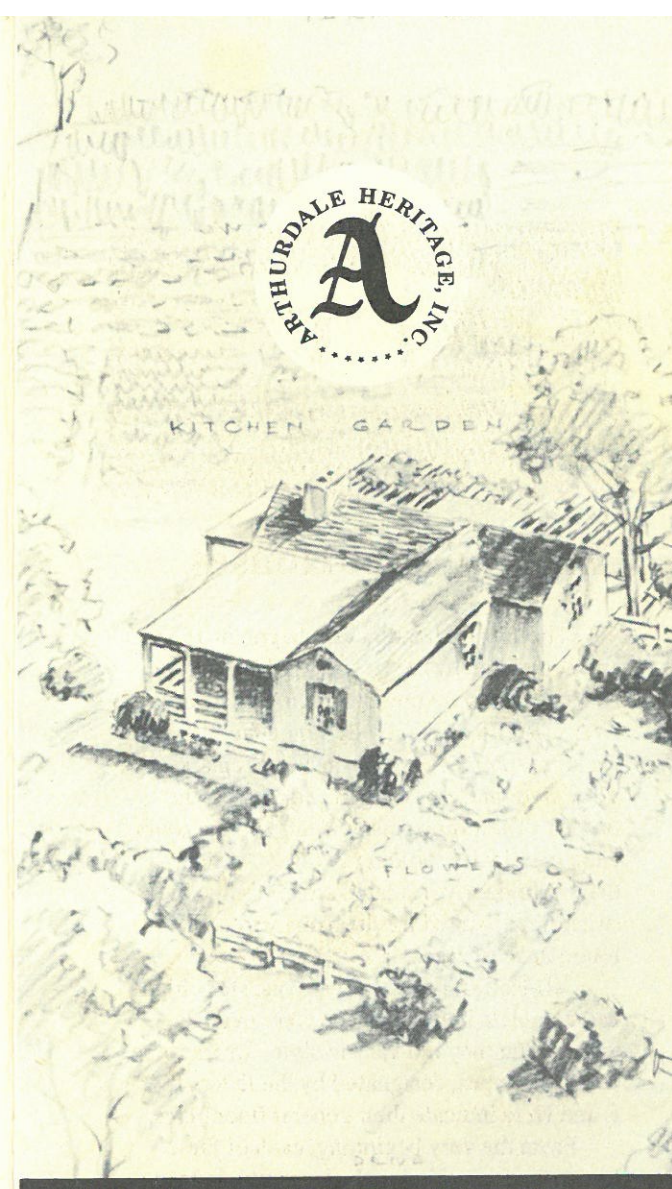
Arthurdale became an agricultural settlement for 165 families from Preston and Monongalia counties in the northern part of the state. Between 1933 and 1937, they came to Arthurdale to escape the hard times and to gain new hope through a spirit of pioneer neighborliness and cooperation.

This homestead community, the first of its kind in the United States, was a favorite project of Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The Federal government operated Arthurdale until 1947, ending its involvement after administrative and financial setbacks and the loss of political backing.

Arthurdale was named after the Arthur family, who owned the 1,018 acre farm which the government purchased as its site. It is located on West Virginia Route 92. It is 10 miles west of Kingwood, the county seat of Preston County and 14 miles southeast of Morgantown, county seat of Monongalia County.

Today, the remnants of past accomplishments and disappointments blend with its achievements and renewal to form Arthurdale's heritage. A large part of that heritage lies in the work, homestead and community life that has been generated within this project from its beginnings to this present day.

That heritage is being preserved for future generations by individual homeowners, many of them the descendants of the original families who came here more than half a century ago. In addition, Arthurdale Heritage, Inc., works to protect the historic value and architectural integrity of this community.



Arthurdale's Houses

Homestead of the 1930s