



Sensory Information

Houseplant Takeover – Plants Before Time
2024

At RHS Garden Wisley



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Introduction

Houseplant Takeover – Plants Before Time Glasshouse Exhibition

At this visit the [Glasshouse](#) at [RHS Garden Wisley](#) will look different. It will show an exhibition with a Jurassic theme of plants and exhibits including fossils, dinosaur footprints and dinosaurs. There will be a route through the temperate, tropical and arid zones and through the orchid house to guide your visit.

The link to book a sensory friendly timeslot is: <https://gardentickets.rhs.org.uk/rhswi/sessions.aspx?tid=222>

We will hold sensory friendly timeslots where you can expect the following differences to a regular timeslot:

Sensory Friendly exhibition visit

Tues 13th Feb 9am – 10am (meet at main entrance at 8:45am)
 Sat 2nd Mar 4pm – 5pm (meet at main entrance at 3:45pm)
 Fri 8th Mar 9am – 10am (meet at main entrance at 8:45am)

80 people / hour

No dinosaur footstep audio soundtrack

The waterfall will be switched **off**

Short cuts and by-passes on the route

Trained staff on the route

Regular exhibition visit

3 FEBRUARY – 10 MARCH 2024
 Monday – Friday 10am – 3.45pm (last entry 3.15pm)
 Saturday – Sunday 9.30am – 3.45pm (last entry 3.15pm)

No limit to number of people / hour

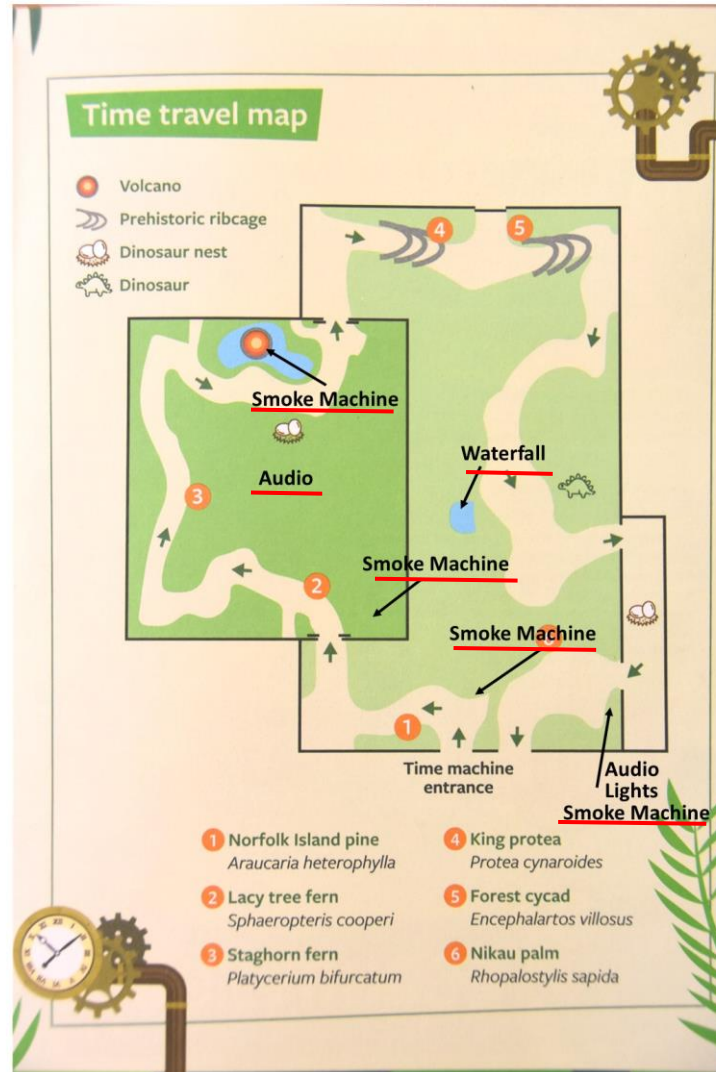
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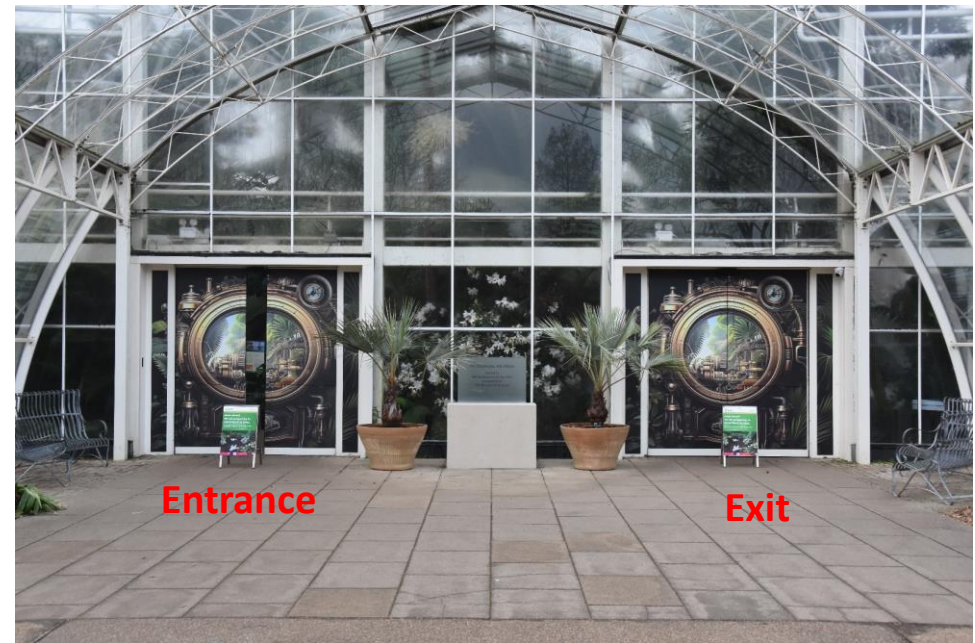
Map showing areas with increased sensory activity through the glasshouse exhibition



Map showing route through the Glasshouse exhibition and exit opportunities



Arrival **outside** the glasshouse



You will use the left door to enter the Glasshouse into the tropical zone. You will exit by the other door.

This area may be busy as people queue to the main glasshouse doors.

If someone in your group finds queuing challenging, please let a member of staff know.

Arrival **inside** the glasshouse



Just inside will feature a booklet stand, an ammonite sculpture and an “archaeological” dig site. There will be a smoke machine gently puffing away, this may make a noise and a TV monitor with a small audio clip.

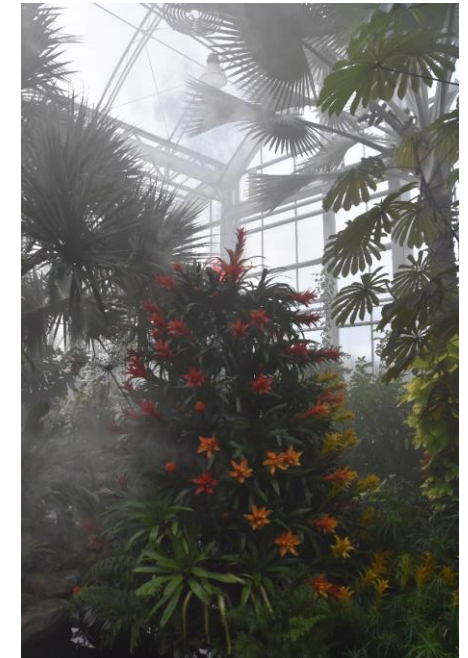
All Areas may be busy as people walk the route through this area.

The Glasshouse will feel closer as it is indoors and the sound will be noisier and may echo.

This area can feel hot and steamy.

Please ask staff or volunteers in the glasshouse if you need to exit quickly (see P5 for exits).

Glasshouse *Tropical zone* area



Immediately on entering you will witness smoke/haze. To the right of the sliding doors is the machine that jets this intermittently. It is harmless, but has the potential to startle.

There is also an audio installation throughout containing animal noises and dinosaur “stomping” sounds.

Near the back is a pond.

A model volcano, albeit releasing more fog.

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Glasshouse *Dry temperate* zone area



You will walk through model archways of bones. On the left is an exit point if needed. This is not a designated exit point for the route itself, but is there in case of emergency.

At the end colourful banners hang from the walls like a renaissance fair.

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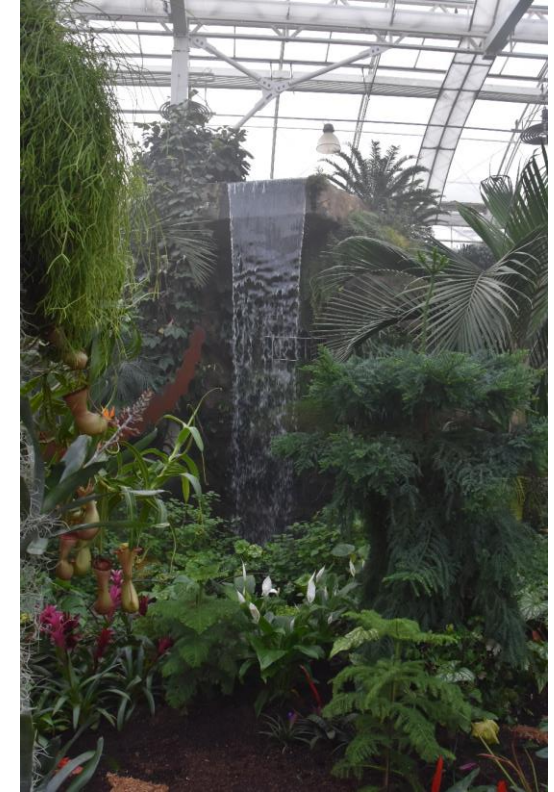
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There are spikey cacti in this area.

The waterfall will make a noise and will be turned on during regular timeslots.

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Glasshouse **Moist Temperate** zone area



The “Main” display has lots of dinosaur sculptures and may become a little crowded as people take photos.

There is a waterfall that may produce a lot of noise in a regular visit, this will be turned off during the sensory friendly timeslots.

A light mist will hang in the air.

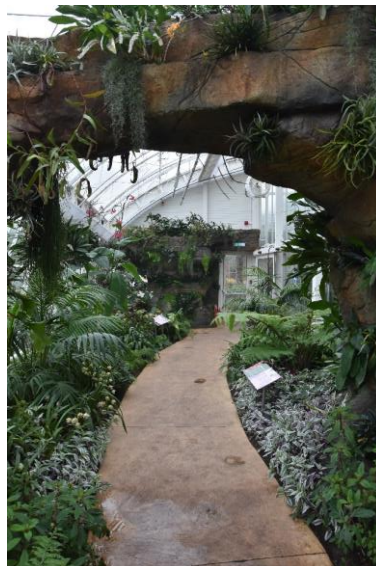
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Glasshouse Orchid House area



The orchid house has a narrow path and at the end a fire escape if needed.

The sliding door leads you onto the final part of the trail, and right next to it is another smoke machine by the pipes with some lights that will periodically trigger upwards. There is sound here that sounds like a “machine” sound.

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The Orchid house is smaller and will feel closer as it is indoors and the sound will be noisier and may echo.

The waterfall will make a noise and will be turned on during regular timeslots.

Please ask staff or volunteers in the glasshouse if you need to exit quickly (see P5 for exits).

Family Trail



There will be a family trail booklet available, with fun ‘bite-sized’ bits of information on the hero plant at each trail point.

There will be a code word to find at each point, as well as a dinosaur footprints.

Once you have found the code word at each trail point you can solve the word code-breaker which will complete the trail and bring you back to 2024. You will get a stamp in your trail booklet. There is an event booklet available to view pre-visit :

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/pdf/wisley/rhs-plants-before-time-booklet.pdf>

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Exiting the Glasshouse



The exit doors will also have a “trail completion” station next to them with a member of staff.

This area may be busy as people queue to exit the glasshouse.

If someone in your group finds queuing challenging, please let a member of staff know.

Transport

Wisley gardens is in Surrey. You can get here by car using the roads or the M25 or A3 motorway. You can also get here by the Wisley shuttle bus.

All the essential information and latest updates about your visit and transport can be found here:
<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley/plan-your-visit/how-to-get-to-wisley>

Feedback



If you have any comments on the Sensory Information resource before your visit or about your recent visit to RHS Garden Wisley please fill out our feedback form.

You can use the QR code or this link
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WisleySensoryFriendly>