# **Visitor information 2019**

As a visitor to RHS Garden Wisley you are supporting the charitable work of the RHS to enrich everyone's life through plants, and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place.

# **Admissions**

Open: daily except Christmas Day. Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm, Sat - Sun & BH 9am - 6pm (closes at 4.30pm, 22 October 2018 - 10 March 2019). Last entry one hour before closing. Closed Christmas Day.

RHS members enjoy free entry with a family guest (entitlements vary).

### Non-members:

Adult £15.95 with donation\* £14.50 Child (5 -16) £7.25 £8 with donation\*

Children (4 and under) Free

Family ticket £37 £40.70 with donation\*

(2 adults, 2 children)

Pre-booked Groups £12.20 per person (10+ adults) Green Travel by £11.00 £12.10 with donation\*

public bus or bike

Buy tickets online and save 10% at rhs.org.uk/wisley

\* By paying the donation price the RHS as a registered charity could claim Gift Aid worth 25% on the total payment, helping to inspire everyone to grow.

# RHS members visit free

Individual membership from £63 £47.25 by Direct Debit 1 member + 1 family guest OR 2 children (5-16 years)

Joint membership from £92 £69.00 by Direct Debit 2 members + 1 guest + 4 children (5–16 years)

# Other visitor information

Free parking and free entry to the Plant Centre, Gift Shop and Coffee Shop.

# How to find us

24 miles south west of London and 8 miles north of Guildford on the A3, near junction 10 of M25. Follow tourist attraction brown flower symbol.

RHS Garden Wisley

Sat Nav: GU23 6QB

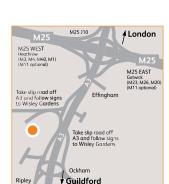
# Free Parking

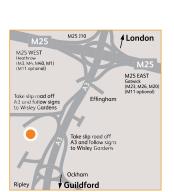
By Train: London Waterloo to West Byfleet (4 miles) or Woking (7 miles).

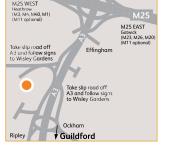
**By Bus:** Bus 715 runs Mon – Sat, Bus 715A on Sundays, from Kingston train station to Guildford bus station and stops nearby. Tel: 0871 200 2233

**RHS Garden Wisley** Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB

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**Highlights** 

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A garden for all seasons







RHS Garden Wisley is the historic home of the RHS and one of the UK's most visited and best loved gardens; as inspirational to the amateur gardener as it is awe-inspiring to nature lovers and plant enthusiasts. Its 240 acres houses a huge diversity of gardens, borders and one of the largest plant collections in the world, all of which adapt throughout the seasons to reveal their wonders all year round.

As well as many other attractions, don't miss the Exotic Garden, the Rock Garden (one of Wisley's oldest features dating back to 1912), the Cottage Garden, the Mediterranean Terraces, or the incredible Glasshouse, with its 3 climatic zones that transport you to gardens from far flung shores.

Spring 2019 will herald the exciting opening of our new entrance, which will sweep visitors into the very heart of the Garden, as well as offer fantastic new retail and dining opportunities.

# Family fun and events

Wisley hosts a huge variety of fun events throughout the year (see overleaf). Create your own family adventures around the Garden with our seasonal trails and Wild at Wisley play area. In the holidays there are extra activities including workshops, storytelling and fresh air fun designed to inspire young gardeners.

# Food, drink and shopping

Exciting times are on the horizon at Wisley, the RHS's flagship garden. In order to secure Wisley's position as a world-class garden for generations to come, a programme of transformational works began after the Wisley Flower Show in 2017. Now a brand new entrance opens early in 2019.

Visitors will be greeted by a beautiful, light and airy new garden entrance and landscape, designed by acclaimed designer Christopher Bradley-Hole. It will include a theatrical avenue of cherry blossom trees; two brand new restaurants, the 100-seater Terrace Restaurant and the 100-seater Wisley Café; a stunning new shopping space, with an indoor and outdoor plant centre and gift shop, selling exclusive RHS gifts, books and homeware collections.

For a full listing of all our events visit rhs.org.uk/wisley









# What's on at Wisley 2019

A year of glorious garden delights and exciting events

All events are subject to normal garden admission, which is free for RHS Members

Gardening Events

Family Activities

Focus on Food & Drink

Art or Craft Exhibitions

Live events

\* Activities vary daily.

£ Limited tickets. For information, prices and to book, see website

All information in this leaflet is correct at time of print, but the RHS reserves the right to make changes as necessary. Please check the website or call before



# **Spring**

Wisley is famous for its spring displays - huge collections of magnolias and rhododendrons that bring colour to the woodland gardens, and generous swathes of bulbs carpet lawns and borders. The Alpine House is always a real treat too.

# 26 January - 3 March LEGO® Jungle Discovery

A series of life-size animal sculptures made out of LEGO® including an elephant, tiger, crocodile, gorilla, lion cubs, turtles, spiders, butterflies, lizards, meerkats and insects.



9 February **British Iris Early Spring Show** 

### 9 - 17 March Science Week

A science extravaganza! Showcasing the research of the RHS, along with hands on

**Spring Community Free Day** 



# 22 - 24 March

**Spring Plant Fair** Meet the growers and choose quality plants from over 30 specialist nurseries. Plants on sale include many with an RHS Award of Garden Merit

### 23 & 24 March **Bonsai Show**

This specialist show will include plant and bonsai equipment sales, displays and care information aimed at beginners through to experienced growers.

# **Cyclamen Spring Show** Come and see delightful cyclamens displayed in the Glasshouse Gallery

31 March **World of Alpines** Also displayed in the Glasshouse Gallery



# Easter Holidays Drop-in Fun Family Activities

With something new to enjoy every day, bring your family along for a full day of Easter fun and join in with art & craft sessions

27 April British Iris Society Late Spring Show



which are vast beds of colour, texture and form. The recently to behold in late summer.



# 30 April – 5 May **National Gardening Week**

Enjoy a host of gardening activities, talks and tips from expert gardeners throughout



# 2 - 6 May **Spring Craft Fair**

et some of the finest craftspeople in the UK and browse a range of contemporary and traditional crafts.

5 May **Mammillaria Society Show** 

### 9 May Meet the Designer -**RHS Chelsea Flower Show**

Come and see a preview of a design for a 2019 Chelsea Show Garden, meet the Designer and hear inside stories on what it is like to design an award-winning garden.

11 May - 9 June Glasshouse Display **Late Spring Pelargoniums** 

## Garden Evening - Wisteria Join the Curator for an exclusive talk and tour after the Garden closes.

25 May **British Iris Society Summer Show** 

### 25 May - 2 June **Family Gardening Festival** Get Set Grow

A chance to try your hand at lots of practical gardening activities and garden



Wisley Live Lates Enjoy an evening in the Garden while istening to live music.

# 20 June Meet the Designer -

RHS Hampton Court Garden Festival 2019 Hampton Court Show Garden, meet the Designer and hear inside stories on what

### Wisley Live! June and July: Live Jazz every Saturday throughout June

and July. Plus dance workshops, book



6 July - 18 August Summer Glasshouse Display



## 15 & 16 June Plant Society Show

Spectacular displays from 20 Plant Societies featuring all the garden favourites such as delphiniums, clematis, sweet peas, iris & dahlias as well as alpines, fruit & vegetables hosta, carnivorous, bonsai & cactus, Visitors can also attend free demonstrations.

11 - 13 July **Open Air Cinema** 



### Summer

A visit to Wisley in summer is always made memorable by the extensive Rose Garden which is bursting with colour and scent, as well as the Mixed Borders, created Exotic Garden is a sight



20 July - 1 September **Summer Holidays** Family Fun Garden Adventures with The Very Hungry Caterpillar™ Very Hungry Caterpillar™ TM & © 2018 Eric Carle LLC



23 July A Celebration of Echinacea

20 & 21 July **Carnivorous Plant Society Show** 

### 26 July Wisley Live Lates Enjoy an evening in the Garden while listening to live music.

3 & 4 August Tender & Hardy Fern Show

14 August - 30 September



17 August – 22 September Surrey Sculpture Society Trail Contemporary or traditional, find your vourite from over 100 inspiration sculptures by some of the South East's finest, established and emerging artists. All sculptures are available to buy.

23 August **Wisley Live Lates** Enjoy an evening in the Garden while listening to live music.



Enjoy the acres of autumn

colour from Wisley's extensive

tree collections, the autumn

flowering crocus and see how

beautiful a garden can look when

it is falling asleep for the winter.



# 3 – 8 September **RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show**

Browse, buy and get advice from more than 50 specialist nurseries. There will also be a range of garden furniture, accessories, art and more. Surrey NAFAS returns with its colourful displays. Don't miss the National Dahlia Society Show for spectacular dahlia disp

Garden Evening – Exotic Garden Garden for an exclusive talk.

1 October **Autumn Community Free Day** Book free tickets online



### 5 & 6 October Woodfest

Admire the traditional skills on display at our artisan woodcraft demonstrations and take part in family activities, all inspired by



Cyclamen Society Autumn Show

10 October Garden Evening - The Orchard Join the team who look after the Orchard for an exclusive talk.





# 16 - 20 October Taste of Autumn

Celebrate the sights, sounds and tastes of the season with over 30 exhibitors, apple identification and tasting from Wisley's Edibles team



20 October - 3 November **Hocus Pocus Half Term Family** 

26 October - 17 November **Autumn Glasshouse Display** 

2 November £ Don't miss Wisley's first fireworks



see at Wisley, and winter is no exception. The Winter Walk route is a circular path around the lake which is planted with shrubs and trees for winter display, including many scented plants and shrubs with colourful stems and leaves. Marvel at the century old conifers in the Pinetum and warm up in the glasshouses where there is always something exotic to admire.

Enjoy the atmosphere of the festive season with over 100 'Jigantics' magical giant illuminated flowers around the Garden

