

# Members' Handbook 2025

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A world of wonder awaits you

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# Welcome



At the RHS we believe everybody should have access to gardens and gardening for the benefits they bring – joy and fulfilment, outdoor exercise, stronger communities and thriving environments. This underpins everything we do as the UK's largest gardening charity, and your support as a member is vital to help us achieve our vision of a world where gardening is embraced as a way of life.

Childhood is the best place to start and introducing all children to gardening – capturing their natural sense of curiosity – is key to a healthier, better future. In a survey of members, helping children and young people reap the benefits of gardening was one of your top three priorities for our charitable work.

We reach 2.2 million children through our RHS Campaign for School Gardening, which provides teachers with free resources and training to bring the joy of plants and gardening into the classroom. Nearly 3,000 schools have signed up so far to the National Education Nature Park initiative, helping connect young people with nature and empowering them to boost biodiversity in their school grounds. More than 50,000 school children enjoy fun, educational visits to our gardens each year, and we're exploring ways to introduce natural sensory experiences to engage the youngest budding gardeners.

Another subject close to our members' hearts is supporting the environment by being greener gardeners. Through our scientific research we're helping the horticulture sector transition away from growing in peat and studying the effects of a changing climate so that we can give science-based advice about creating resilient gardens. How gardeners can help the biodiversity crisis is another area of our research, and a newly updated RHS Plants

***“Introducing all children to gardening is key to a healthier, better future”***



The tranquil Cottage Garden at RHS Garden Wisley in high summer

for Pollinators list will be launched this year.

To bring gardening inspiration and RHS expertise to more people, schools and communities, especially those that aren't near an RHS Garden, we announced last year that three of our RHS shows will tour to new locations, starting in 2025 with a new show at Wentworth Woodhouse near Sheffield, as RHS Flower Show Tatton Park takes a two-year break. Other new shows will follow in 2026 at the historic grounds of Badminton Estate in Gloucestershire and Sandringham in Norfolk.

Plans at RHS Gardens this year include the redesigned and extended Winter Garden at RHS Garden Rosemoor and a revamp of RHS Garden Hyde Hall's historic Rope Rose Walk.

As well as unlimited, year-round free entry to the five RHS Gardens, members can visit over 230 RHS Partner Gardens in the UK and overseas at selected times, which are all listed in this Handbook, including 15 new additions. Read more about all your membership benefits on p6, from personalised advice to discounted tickets to shows and workshops.

I hope your membership brings you much joy and inspiration this year.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Weed".

**Keith Weed**  
RHS President



# THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

Stay in the comfort of the **Pestana Chelsea Bridge Hotel**, just a 15-minute walk or a 5-minute drive to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Nestled between the scenic Battersea Park, the River Thames, and the iconic Battersea Power Station, our hotel offers a perfect blend of convenience and tranquility.

After a busy day of exploring, relax in one of our spacious rooms or unwind in our **spa**, which features a **heated pool, sauna, and steam room**, along with irresistible treatments. Continue to pamper yourself with a cocktail or two at our bar, followed by a delicious meal at **The Bridge**, where you can sip and savour every moment.

Before heading off on your adventures, start your day with our tasty **breakfast buffet**, where you're spoilt for choice. Book with us and have the time of your life.





# The RHS – who we are and what we do

The RHS is the UK's leading gardening charity, helping people and plants to grow. Founded more than 200 years ago, we're now a thriving and diverse community of both professional and amateur gardeners, members, supporters, volunteers, RHS Garden and Show visitors, students, scientists and more – all passionate about spreading the joy we get from gardening.

We have five RHS Gardens that welcome more than three million visitors every year. We run events including the famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show. We work with thousands of different schools and communities. We have longstanding partnerships, such as Britain in Bloom. We undertake cutting-edge scientific research at RHS Hilltop. We have amazing botanical archives. And our experts give RHS members encouraging gardening advice all year round.



**RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science – underpins all the work we do**



**Summer in the Paradise Garden at RHS Bridgewater, our fifth RHS Garden**

Our mission is to be there for everybody on their lifelong adventures with gardening because few other activities offer so many benefits to so many people, or to our planet – and yet millions of us still lack access to gardens and green spaces. From improving mental and physical health, to opening up new careers, and from bringing neighbours together, to finding new solutions to climate change – we believe that every life deserves gardens, and that saving the world starts at our fingertips.

As a charity, we raise money through events, membership and donations, which is then put to work in communities, research facilities, education and much more. And we're always open to adopting better ways of doing things, such as our commitment to sustainability.

Our vision is a world where gardening is a way of life for everyone – connecting even more people and plants, in order to grow happier, healthier lives and communities.

# Enjoy the benefits of RHS membership

We hope you'll enjoy the many benefits that RHS membership brings, from informing and inspiring your own gardening to enjoying wonderful days out at magnificent gardens and shows



## **The Garden magazine**

RHS Members receive *The Garden* magazine, which brings seasonal inspiration through its timely news pages, beautifully illustrated features and specialist advice from RHS experts. See [rhs.org.uk/thegarden](https://rhs.org.uk/thegarden)

## **The Garden app**

- ❖ Read *The Garden* magazine
- ❖ Listen to the *Gardening with the RHS* podcast
- ❖ Enjoy daily updates from [rhs.org.uk](https://rhs.org.uk)



Scan the QR code or search 'The Garden' in the App Store or on Google Play



## **Members' Days at RHS Flower Shows**

Collectively our RHS Shows offer the latest sustainable ideas, innovative thinking, Show Gardens and exceptional horticulture. You can book tickets to special Members' Days and save on public day tickets too. See pp10-11 or visit [rhs.org.uk/shows](https://rhs.org.uk/shows)



## **RHS Gardening Advice**

Members can get free expert help from RHS advisors. For advice on gardening problems or help to identify a plant or pest, you can submit an enquiry via [rhs.org.uk/myadvice](https://rhs.org.uk/myadvice) or call 01483 479700 (see website for opening times).







## Entry to five RHS Gardens

Enjoy unlimited free visits to our gardens – RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey, RHS Garden Harlow Carr in North Yorkshire, RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex, RHS Garden Rosemoor in Devon and RHS Garden Bridgewater in Salford. Each offers events, courses and workshops that you are welcome to join in. For more details see pp12–21 or visit [rhs.org.uk/gardens](https://rhs.org.uk/gardens)

## Entry to more than 230 RHS Partner Gardens

You can enjoy free entry at selected times to over 230 RHS Partner Gardens located all around the UK and overseas (for joint members, entry is free for main member only). From grand estates to cottage-style and quarry gardens, a world of discovery awaits. Find out more on pp22–23 and at [rhs.org.uk/partnergardens](https://rhs.org.uk/partnergardens)

Visitors enjoying dazzling spring colour at RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex

## Courses and Workshops

Through our adult-learning courses and workshops, expert tutors help you learn a new skill or brush up on existing knowledge. Topics range from pruning to photography, with discounted member prices. [rhs.org.uk/learning](https://rhs.org.uk/learning)





## RHS Seed Scheme

The RHS Members' Seed Scheme is an exclusive opportunity for members to buy seeds harvested from the diverse plant collections at RHS Gardens. UK members can order seeds online using a MyRHS account from November 2025 to March 2026. Seed is dispatched between January and April 2026. Visit [rhs.org.uk/seedlist](https://rhs.org.uk/seedlist) for details.



## Online membership

If you haven't already done so, you can sign up for your free online account that comes with your membership at [rhs.org.uk](https://rhs.org.uk). Here you can manage your membership, use your account to access the member gardening advice service and read *The Garden* magazine on your desktop.

**To set up your account, visit [rhs.org.uk/my-rhs](https://rhs.org.uk/my-rhs)**



## Loans from RHS Libraries

Our members can borrow books, e-books and audiobooks free of charge from the world's finest horticultural library collection, which covers plants, gardening, design, botanical art and much more.

Visit [rhs.org.uk/libraries](https://rhs.org.uk/libraries) for further information.



## Contact us

We welcome your feedback about the RHS and your membership. Getting in touch with us is easy – by phone or email. If you have any suggestions or questions about your membership, please contact our membership services team, who will be happy to help you.

### Membership enquiries

**Phone:** 020 3176 5810

**Email:** [membership@rhs.org.uk](mailto:membership@rhs.org.uk)

## Keeping in touch

Sign up to our membership emails and we'll keep you updated on all you need to know to get the most from your RHS membership. You'll hear the latest about RHS Gardens, our charitable work, news from the RHS as well as regular advice from our experts on jobs to do in your own garden. We'll also keep you informed about RHS flower shows and you'll be the first to hear when tickets go on sale to members. Sign up to receive emails by visiting [rhs.org.uk/my-rhs](https://rhs.org.uk/my-rhs)



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# RHS Flower Shows

## RHS Malvern Spring Festival

*In partnership with Three Counties*

**8–11 May 2025**

Spring is the star at this RHS Show nestled in the beautiful Malvern Hills and organised in partnership with Three Counties. The Show Gardens mark the start of the season with inspiring and exciting design innovation. The Schools Garden Challenge introduces the green-fingered stars of the future, and the Talks and Demonstrations stages host a packed schedule of advice and tips. Browse the many varied markets including the vast Festival of Houseplants.

At RHS Malvern, there's plenty of space to slow the pace and take in the view while enjoying a drink or bite to eat from a host of stalls and restaurants. Then head back to the Plant Village or the Floral Marquee to pick up some free advice and lots of plants to take home to your own garden.

[rhs.org.uk/malvern](https://rhs.org.uk/malvern)



## RHS Chelsea Flower Show

*Sponsored by The Newt in Somerset*

**20–24 May 2025**

At the height of spring, the jewel of the RHS Show crown returns. Show, Sanctuary, All About Plant and Balcony & Container gardens explore themes and highlight causes in designs that steer horticultural themes and trends for the year ahead.

The Great Pavilion is transformed into a feast of flowers by nursery exhibitors and floral designers all hoping to earn a prestigious RHS Medal, and around the Showground you can find beautiful and deliciously-scented floral art creations. The House Plant Studios, nestled in the shaded plateau of Ranelagh Gardens, showcase quirky and inspirational indoor gardens.

And, if you don't like Pimms, there's always champagne!

[rhs.org.uk/chelsea](https://rhs.org.uk/chelsea)





## RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

**1–6 July 2025**

This summer floral celebration is set against the majestic backdrop of the royal palace. The heady scent from the Festival of Roses fills the air – from the grow your own area allotments to the cutting-edge designs of the Show and Feature gardens. This year the new Gardens of Curiosity category promises a range of beautiful and inspiring designs. The Pocket Planting returns with a brand-new theme and a chance for aspiring designers to be awarded RHS medals. A stroll across the Long Water is rewarded by a riot of colour in the Floral Marquee, and more opportunities to fill your beds and borders at the Plant Village. Then grab a cool drink and sit back to enjoy live music at the bandstand.

[rhs.org.uk/hamptoncourt](https://rhs.org.uk/hamptoncourt)



## RHS Flower Show Wentworth Woodhouse

**16–20 July 2025**

On tour from its previous location at Tatton Park, this year the Flower Show hops across the Pennines to South Yorkshire and the impressive grounds of RHS Partner Garden Wentworth Woodhouse. The Plant Village and Floral Marquee burst with blooms at their best in the height of summer, while inspiring exhibits and installations are dotted around the showground, from the Long Borders to the community and school gardens. Show, Feature and Terrace gardens offer practical take-home ideas, and the prestigious Young Designer of the Year and Career Changer competitions introduce the horticultural stars of the future. The packed timetable at the Talks Theatre means there's always something to see or do at the Show.

[rhs.org.uk/wentworth](https://rhs.org.uk/wentworth)



# RHS Gardens



A summer vista of the magnificent Weston Walled Garden at RHS Bridgewater



# RHS Garden Bridgewater

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Covering an area of 154 acres in Salford's historic landscape, RHS Bridgewater is constantly evolving, thriving and inspiring garden visitors, and provides a valuable community resource.

The masterplan, created by landscape architect Tom Stuart-Smith, was brought to life by our fantastic RHS Bridgewater team and award-winning garden designers. Its 'gardens within a garden' concept blends history with world-class horticulture.

One of the UK's largest Victorian walled gardens, the restored Weston Walled Garden showcases Mediterranean, Asiatic and North American planting in the peaceful Paradise Garden. In contrast, the contemporary Worsley Welcome Garden includes beautiful beech topiary, yew domes and billowing herbaceous perennials.

Local groups and school pupils grow together and develop their gardening skills in three community gardens: Community Grow, the Wellbeing Garden and Peel Learning Garden.

The beautiful and productive Kitchen Garden is bursting with inspiration for growing fruit, vegetables and herbs in spaces of all sizes. The naturalistic Orchard Garden is a haven for wildlife and biodiversity, with the addition of a pond started in 2024.

In the centre of the Chinese Streamside Garden is a stunning, sculpted Music Pavilion. Work began in 2024 to create four Elemental Borders themed around air, water, earth and fire.

Children can visit the Blue Peter Garden – Discover Soil and let off steam in the adventure play space in Middle Wood.

## Events programme

The year-round events programme includes plant fairs and exhibitions, horticultural talks and craft workshops, and seasonal highlights such as RHS Glow and Festival of Flavours. Families can enjoy a host of activities during the school holidays.

- Visit [rhs.org.uk/bridgewaterwhatson](https://rhs.org.uk/bridgewaterwhatson)

## Garden highlights

- Paradise Garden
- Worsley Welcome Garden
- Blue Peter Garden – Discover Soil
- Chinese Streamside Garden & Jewel Borders
- Community Gardens
- Kitchen Garden
- Middle Wood
- Orchard Garden
- Windrush Garden & COP26 Garden
- Moon Bridge Water
- Meadows
- Trials Garden

## Garden information

Open: daily (excl 25 Dec);  
Nov–Feb, 10am–4pm;  
Mar–Oct, 10am–6pm.  
Last entry one hour  
before closing.

Garden facilities include:

- Bridgewater Café
- Stables Café
- Garden Cottage  
Shepherd's Hut
- Woodland Play  
Coffee Truck
- Garden Centre and Shop
- Children's play area
- Designated picnic areas
- Free car park
- Accessible parking  
and toilets, mobility  
scooters and manual  
wheelchairs

Please note: dogs  
(except assistance dogs)  
are not allowed on site,  
with the exception of  
Walkies events.

For public transport,  
search RHS Bridgewater  
at [goodjourney.org.uk](https://goodjourney.org.uk)

Summer  
planting in the  
Paradise Garden





# RHS Garden Harlow Carr

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Set in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside, this 58-acre family-friendly garden offers streams and lakes, woodland and wildflower meadows, prairie-style planting and moisture-loving plants to reflect and celebrate its location.

Running through the heart of the garden, Streamside is lush with plants that thrive in moist soil. The Main Borders provide spectacular seasonal colour from bold drifts of herbaceous perennials, bulbs and grasses, with the Sun Border a vibrant showstopper.

Take in the stunning lakeside views from the Thaliana Bridge and be transported to exotic climes in the Sub-Tropicana Garden, which pushes the boundaries of what can be grown in Yorkshire. Relax and connect

with nature in the tranquil Arboretum with a bird hide and wildflower meadow.

The Kitchen Garden is packed with ideas for growing fruit and vegetables, including local and heritage varieties. Exquisite alpine plants bring all-year wow-factor to the Alpine House and newly created alpine rockery.

The on-site Harrogate Arms is now home to an RHS café and visitors can explore the newly designed surrounding landscape.

There are delights in every season, from carpets of snowdrops followed by spring-flowering rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias in the enchanting Woodland, to magnificent border displays in summer and autumn, and the surprising colour and delightful fragrance of the Winter Walk.

The many natural play features for children include the Craggle Top Tree House and Logness Monster.



## Events programme

The garden provides an inspirational backdrop for events, from gardening shows to art and craft fairs, ‘meet the expert’ events, specialist plant weekends, seasonal activities and not forgetting our popular Festival of Flavours.

A range of different short courses and workshops offer an opportunity to learn everything from garden design to grow your own, as well as art, craft and photography.

• Visit [rhs.org.uk/harlowcarrwhatson](https://rhs.org.uk/harlowcarrwhatson)

## Garden highlights

- Sun Border
- Woodland
- Alpine House
- Kitchen Garden
- Main Borders
- Sandstone Rock Garden
- Streamside
- Sub-Tropicana Garden
- Winter Walk

## Garden information

Open: daily (excl 25 Dec);  
Nov–Feb, 9.30am–4pm;  
Mar–Oct, 9.30am–6pm.  
Last entry one hour  
before closing.

Garden facilities include:

- Harrogate Arms Café
- Bettys Café Tea Rooms and Tea House
- Children’s play areas
- Designated picnic areas
- Free car park
- Garden Centre and Shop
- Changing Places unit
- Accessible parking and toilets, mobility scooters and manual wheelchairs

Please note: dogs (except assistance dogs) are not allowed on site, with the exception of Walkies events. For public transport, search RHS Harlow Carr at [goodjourney.org.uk](https://goodjourney.org.uk)

Spectacular seasonal colour in the Main Borders at RHS Harlow Carr (main pic) and beside the lushly planted Streamside (right)





# RHS Garden Hyde Hall

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Situated in the heart of rural Essex, RHS Hyde Hall's 365-acre site makes it the largest of the five RHS Gardens. It's also one of the most visited attractions in the East of England, welcoming more than 400,000 visitors a year.

Its unique hilltop location offers big open skies, sweeping panoramas and far-reaching views across the surrounding countryside. The inspiring mix of horticultural styles provide year-round seasonal interest, and planting styles range from traditional to modern. You'll be enchanted by the exciting spaces, natural beauty and colourful blooms.

The quintessential Hilltop Garden with its scented Rose Garden and colour-themed Herbaceous Border is full of English charm, while in stark contrast the Dry Garden is packed with more than 400 drought-resistant plants from Mediterranean regions, southwest USA, South Africa and Australia.

Brightening even the dullest days, the Winter Garden celebrates the extraordinary colours, textures and scents of plants in winter. Discover a mouthwatering showcase of edibles from around the world in the Global Growth Vegetable Garden.

Inspired by prairie planting, a sea of swaying grasses and perennials fill the large serpentine beds of Clover Hill. The Cottage Garden is beautifully haphazard with favourite garden plants spilling out from the borders and over the paths.

Families and children are encouraged to explore winding paths, roll down hills and run in wide open spaces. Nestled in the trees is Higgledy Hyde, a wooden adventure play area.

## Events programme

Throughout the year you'll find a fabulous selection of events for children of all ages and gardeners of all abilities. From hands-on kid's activities and flower shows, to craft fairs and expert-led workshops, there's always something going on to help you make the most of your visit.

• Visit [rhs.org.uk/hydehallwhatson](https://rhs.org.uk/hydehallwhatson)

## Garden highlights

- Rose Garden
- Colour-themed Herbaceous Border
- Dry Garden
- Courtyard Gardens
- Australia and New Zealand Garden
- Floral Fantasia
- Global Growth Vegetable Garden
- Winter Garden
- Woodland and meadows
- Bird Hide






## Garden information

Open: daily (excl 25 Dec);  
Nov–Feb, 10am–4pm;  
Mar–Oct, 10am–6pm.  
Last entry one hour  
before closing.

Garden facilities include:

- Free car park
- Café and restaurant
- Designated picnic areas
- Garden Centre and Shop
- Children's play area
- Accessible parking and toilets, mobility scooters, manual wheelchairs and shuttle bus

Please note: dogs (except registered support dogs) are not allowed on site, with the exception of Walkies events. For public transport, search RHS Hyde Hall at [goodjourney.org.uk](http://goodjourney.org.uk)



Mediterranean plants thrive in the Dry Garden at RHS Hyde Hall (main pic) with an abundance of edibles in the Global Growth Vegetable Garden (left)

# RHS Garden Rosemoor

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Set in the stunning Torridge Valley in the heart of north Devon, between Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks, this 65-acre haven of biodiversity offers something for everyone. Explore our renowned 'garden rooms', each themed to celebrate the seasons with different planting styles and designs where the plants are always the main attraction.

Our two rose gardens, with over 250 cultivars, are at their fragrant peak in June. Experience a burst of colour and vibrant plants in our Hot Garden or relax among the calming pastels and blues of the peaceful Cool Garden with its teardrop-shaped pond.

Take a streamside walk from the Bog Garden, through the Rock Gully to the Lake and enjoy pools, waterfalls and lush moisture-loving plants.

Explore our woodlands and wildflower meadows and be

inspired by the Fruit and Vegetable Garden.

Discover trees from all continents of the Northern Hemisphere in the Bicentenary Arboretum and admire our collection of rare and local heritage apples in the orchards.

In the historic part of the garden, around Rosemoor House, the Mediterranean Garden, Exotic Garden, Stone Garden and Cherry Garden provide plentiful inspiration for different growing environments and gardening styles.

Doubling its size and bringing a renewed sense of wonder, the Winter Garden is undergoing an exciting redevelopment, with its new design created by award-winning garden designer Jo Thompson.

Families can let their imaginations run wild exploring our woodland walks and two dedicated play areas. Try your hand at den-making or follow our leaf-rubbing trail.





### Events programme

Year-round events and activities suit all ages and interests, with a range of inspirational short courses and workshops operating throughout the year, as well as a flower show, plant shows, craft fairs, sculpture and art exhibitions. Fun family activities make RHS Rosemoor a great destination for the school holidays.

● Visit [rhs.org.uk/rosemoorwhatson](https://rhs.org.uk/rosemoorwhatson)

### Garden highlights

- Rose Gardens
- Cool Garden
- Hot Garden
- Foliage Garden
- Fruit and Vegetable Garden
- Apple Orchards
- Lake, Rock Gully and Waterfall
- Winter Garden
- Woodland Walks
- Arboretum
- Wildflower Meadows


### Garden information

Open: daily (excl 25 Dec);  
Oct–Mar, 10am–5pm;  
Apr–Sept, 10am–6pm.  
Last entry one hour  
before closing.

Garden facilities include:

- The Garden Restaurant
- Otter Café
- Shepherd's Rest, Wisteria Tea Room (seasonal opening)
- Children's play areas
- Designated picnic areas
- Free car park
- Garden Centre and Shop
- Self-catering apartments
- Accessible parking and toilets, mobility scooters and manual wheelchairs

Please note: dogs (except assistance dogs) are not allowed on site with the exception of Walkies events. For public transport, search RHS Rosemoor at [goodjourney.org.uk](https://goodjourney.org.uk)



Relax amid the pastel planting in the tranquil Cool Garden at RHS Rosemoor (main pic) or revel in the Hot Borders (right)



# RHS Garden Wisley

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RHS Garden Wisley is the historic home of the RHS and one of the UK's most popular and cherished gardens. Covering more than 200 acres, it showcases a huge diversity of gardens and holds one of the world's largest plant collections.

The perfect year-round destination, it has swathes of spring bulbs and beautiful blossom, stunning mixed summer borders, spectacular autumn colour across the gardens, woodland and arboretum, and enchanting frost-dusted winter scenes, with a dedicated Winter Walk. Plant schemes are constantly evolving, so there's always something new to inspire and excite visitors.

Drift through rivers of flowers and foliage in the wonderfully immersive Oudolf Landscape, designed by Piet Oudolf, which opened in summer 2024. Clear Lake, which is both functional and beautiful, opened in 2023 and provides a valuable water storage facility for the garden. The World Food Garden is a triumph of diverse culinary excitement, while much-loved areas, such as the Rock Garden and Battleston Hill, continue to thrive and thrill. A striking lakeside feature, the impressive Glasshouse is home to a diverse range of tender plants from around the world and a dedicated Orchid House. Step back in time in the Old Laboratory and discover the early days of the RHS at Wisley.

RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science is the UK's first dedicated centre of horticultural scientific excellence and shines a light on the current research of the RHS.

There's ample space for kids to run, play and explore, with the Back to Nature Garden and its natural play features a highlight for families.

## Events programme

The garden hosts a wide variety of events all year including a flower show, plant and craft fairs, festivals and RHS Glow. In the school holidays, young gardeners are inspired and entertained by fun family events. There's an exciting range of courses and workshops for adults, with free talks at RHS Hilltop and exhibitions exploring fascinating aspects of horticulture in Wisley Gallery.

● Visit [rhs.org.uk/wisleywhatson](https://rhs.org.uk/wisleywhatson)

## Garden highlights

- RHS Hilltop
- Battleston Hill
- Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden
- Exotic Garden
- Rock Garden
- Oudolf Landscape
- The Glasshouse
- The Old Laboratory
- Wildlife Garden
- Wellbeing Garden
- World Food Garden
- Winter Walk





## Garden information

Open: daily (excl 25 Dec);  
Nov–Feb, 10am–4pm;  
Mar–Oct, 10am–6pm.  
Weekends open  
from 9am.  
Last entry one hour  
before closing.

Garden facilities include:

- Wisley Café, Food Hall
- Glasshouse Café
- Terrace Restaurant
- Stone Pine Café and World Food Café
- Children’s play area
- Designated picnic areas
- Free car park
- Garden Centre and Shop
- Libraries
- Accessible parking; Changing Places facilities in the Welcome Building and RHS Hilltop; mobility scooters and manual wheelchairs

Please note: dogs (except assistance dogs) are not allowed on site except for Walkies events. For public transport, search for RHS Wisley at [goodjourney.org.uk](http://goodjourney.org.uk)

Enjoy planting on a grand scale at RHS Wisley from the newly planted Oudolf Landscape (main pic) to the Wisteria Walk (left)





# RHS Partner Gardens

RHS Members can enjoy free days out at more than 230 RHS Partner Gardens in the UK and overseas, at selected times. It's a fabulous way to explore a variety of inspiring gardens as part of your RHS Membership.

RHS Partner Gardens help support our charitable work and do not receive any funding from the RHS, so we do encourage you to support their cafés, shops and plant sales during your visit.



## Planning your Visit to RHS Partner Gardens

- All individual RHS Members receive free entry to RHS Partner Gardens at selected times. For joint memberships, only the member with the \* on their membership card is entitled to free access. Free entry does not apply to guests.
- While around half of gardens give free entry to RHS Members whenever they are open, as independent gardens, others limit access according to what they can afford to offer. Please check free entry days/times on the following pages before visiting.
- Do double check the garden's opening times and dates at [rhs.org.uk/partnergardens](https://rhs.org.uk/partnergardens) or the garden's website before setting off.
- You must show a valid RHS Membership card to enter a garden – digital scans or

photos of cards are not accepted. Gardens will refuse entry if you do not have your card or your RHS Membership has expired. Membership cards are not transferable.

- If you have recently joined the RHS, free entry to RHS Partner Gardens starts when you receive your membership card.
- Free entry only applies to gardens and not adjoining houses or castles.
- Free entry does not apply to special event days such as plant fairs, exhibitions or shows unless otherwise stated. Not all gardens offer free entry on Bank Holidays. If in doubt, contact the garden directly.
- Free entry does not apply to RHS Members travelling together as part of an organised group. Please contact the gardens directly for group rates.

## Using this Handbook

See below for a key to symbols and 2025 free access period

- Free access applies when open   ● Free access only at selected times
- ♿ Disabled facilities (**please contact venue for details**)   ☕ Refreshments   🍷 DIY refreshments
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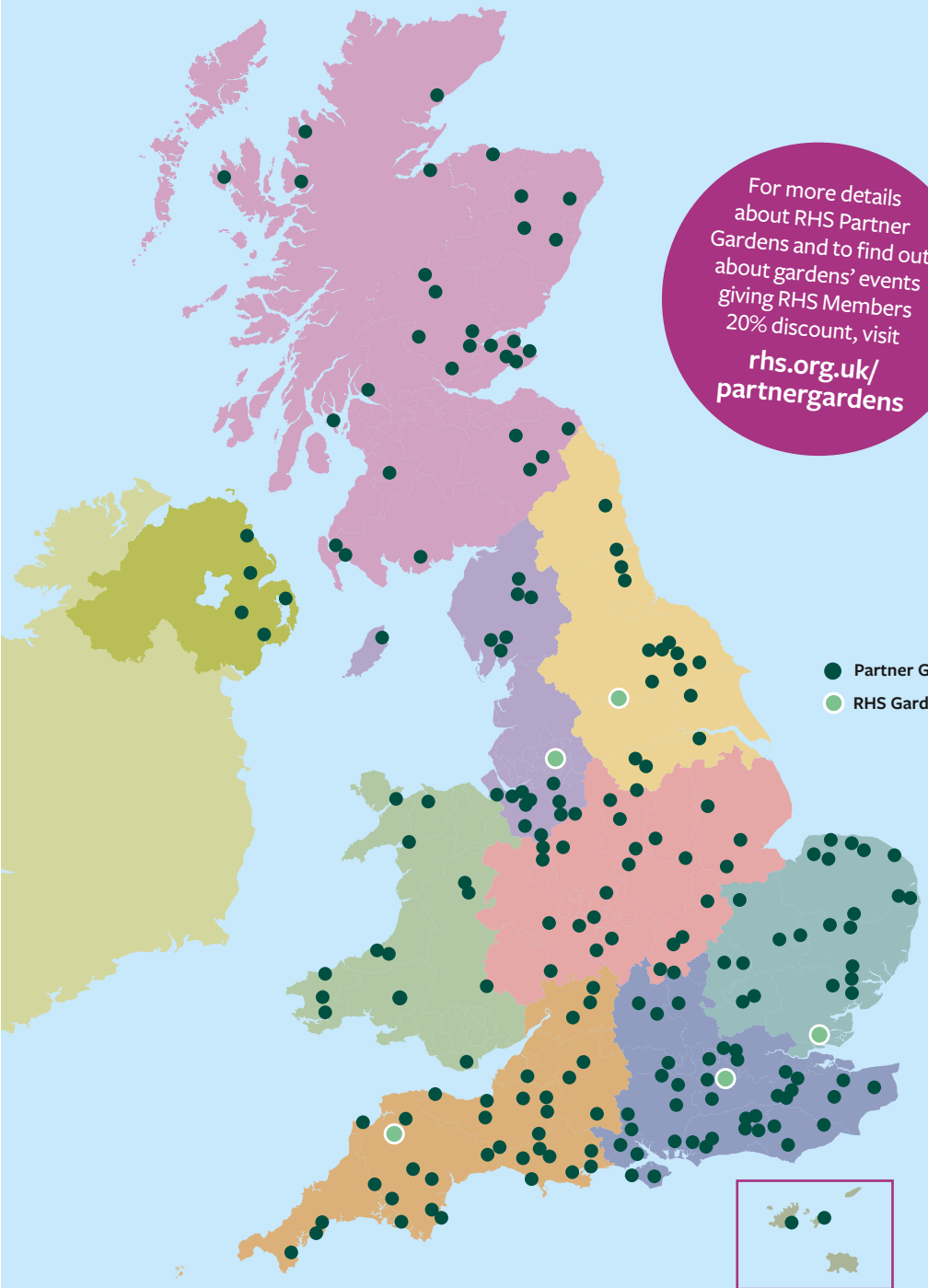
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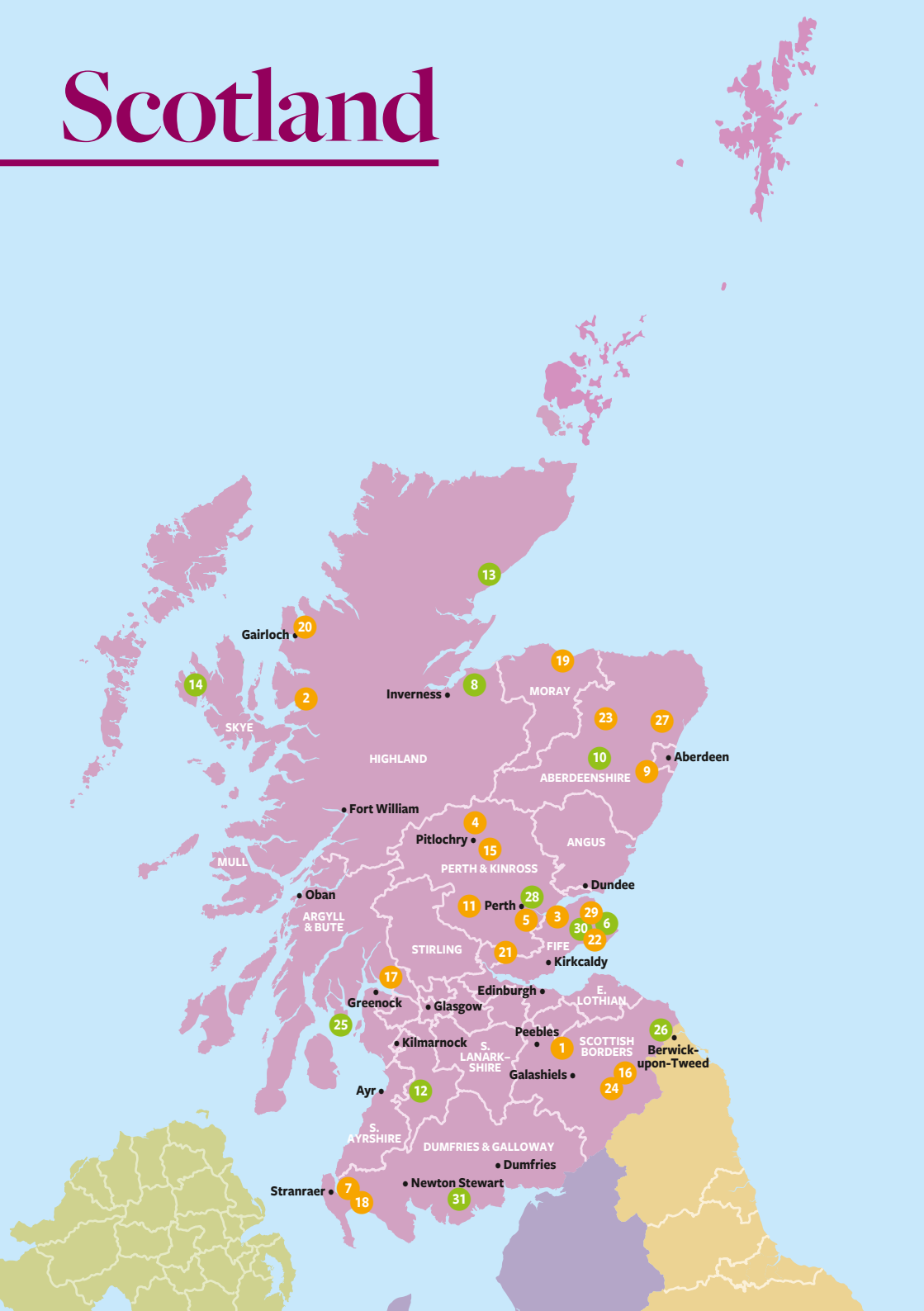


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# Scotland



## 1 Abbotsford

Abbotsford, Melrose TD6 9BQ  
01896 752043 [scottsassbotsford.com](http://scottsassbotsford.com)

Sir Walter Scott created the three walled gardens in the early 19th century, set within a naturalistic wooded landscape beside the River Tweed. For the past 200 years, vegetables, herbs and fruit have been grown here, now complemented by herbaceous borders, spring-flowering shrubs and a profusion of beautiful roses.



Free access 1 Mar–31 Dec, Wed–Thur, when open



The Abbotsford Trust

## 2 Attadale Gardens

Strathcarron, Wester Ross IV54 8YX  
01520 722217 [attadalegardens.com](http://attadalegardens.com)

In this artist's garden filled with colour through the seasons, a series of gardens lead on from one to another: includes water, Japanese, sunken, kitchen and fern gardens and a woodland walk. There are 20 sculptures scattered through the gardens, which children are encouraged to find and views of Skye.



Free access 1 Apr–30 Oct, Wed–Thur, when open



Julie Stanley

## 3 Backhouse Rossie Estate

By Collessie, Nr Ladybank, Fife KY15 7UZ  
0844 414 5803 [backhouserossie.co.uk](http://backhouserossie.co.uk)

This walled garden contains herbaceous borders, Scotland's longest rose archway, ornamental fish pond and potager. Visitors can follow in Mary Queen of Scots' footsteps in the shrubbery walk, and there's a National Plant Collection of *Narcissus*, woodland walk to a Covenanter's tomb, putting green with champion trees and infants' Bear Walk.



Free access 2 Apr–29 Sep, Thur–Fri, when open



Backhouse Rossie Estate

## 4 Blair Castle – Hercules Garden

Blair Atholl, Pitlochry, Perthshire PH18 5TL  
01796 481207 [atholl-estates.co.uk](http://atholl-estates.co.uk) Sat Nav: PH18 5TL

Sweeping lawns and magnificent trees around the castle lead to a fine pinetum centred around the statue of *Diana*. A short walk leads up to the statue of *Hercules* overlooking the magnificent 9-acre walled garden, which was restored 25 years ago to its original Georgian design. EV charging is available.



Free access Wed and Fri, when open



Alex MacLeod





## 5 Branklyn Garden (National Trust for Scotland)

116 Dundee Road, Perth PH2 7BB  
01738 625535 [nts.org.uk/visit/places/branklyn-garden](https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/branklyn-garden)

This enchanting 2-acre hillside garden contains a woody structure of rhododendrons, Japanese maples and other choice shrubs underplanted with bulbs and herbaceous plants. In spring there are alpine flowers, carpets of oxlip and dog's-tooth violets, followed by blue-flowered meconopsis, lilies and hydrangeas while autumn is filled with changing leaf colour and blue gentians.



Free access Wed–Thur, when open



## 6 Cambo Gardens

Cambo Heritage Trust, Kingsbarns, St Andrews,  
Fife KY16 8QD 01333 451040 [cambogardens.org.uk](https://cambogardens.org.uk)

Cambo's large walled garden, built around Cambo Burn and waterfall, gives the garden its unique, informal character. Famous for snowdrops, the gardens also host masses of spring bulbs, a lilac walk, rambling roses and spectacular late-season herbaceous borders, with a 'no dig' edible garden supplying produce for the vegetarian café.



Free access when open



## 7 Castle Kennedy Gardens

Castle Kennedy, Stranraer, Dumfries and Galloway DG9 8SJ  
01776 702024 (option 2) [castlekennedygardens.com](https://castlekennedygardens.com)

Described as 'one of the showpieces of Galloway', these 75 acres of sculptured landscapes and magnificent avenues radiate from the iconic castle ruins. With a 2-acre round pond, rhododendrons, champion trees and rare species, these historic, renowned gardens are romantically situated on an isthmus and surrounded by lochs.



Free access Feb–Mar, weekends;  
and 1 Apr–31 Oct, Thur, when open



## 8 Cawdor Castle and Gardens

Cawdor Castle, Nairn, Highland IV12 5RD  
01667 404401 [cawdorcastle.com](https://cawdorcastle.com)

Cawdor Castle and Gardens enjoys three historical gardens providing different elements to enjoy; the Flower, Walled and Wild Gardens. Modern sculptures and planting are positioned throughout traditional 16th-century layouts, stunning herbaceous borders, rose arbours and delightful topiary. The 14th-century Castle provides a beautiful backdrop to the colourful gardens.



Free access applies when open

## 9 Crathes Castle Garden and Estate

(National Trust for Scotland)

Banchory, Aberdeenshire AB31 5QJ

01330 844525 [nts.org.uk/visit/places/crathes-castle](https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/crathes-castle)

With pools, fountains, themed borders and many unusual plants, the internationally renowned Walled Garden is an inspiration to wander around at any time of year. The garden team is celebrating the completion of a new rose garden (2023), after over a decade of planning, reconstruction work and planting.



Free access Wed–Thur, when open



Brian & Nina Chapple



Stephen McCallum

## 10 Douneside House and Gardens

Tarland, Aberdeenshire AB34 4UL 01339 881072 (Gardens) [dounesidehouse.co.uk](https://dounesidehouse.co.uk)

The spectacular 17-acre gardens, with extensive views across the Grampian Mountains, surround an award-winning country house hotel. They comprise beautifully planted terraces in the Arts and Crafts style, ‘infinity’ lawn, rockpool and stream gardens, arboretum, productive organic kitchen garden and a large ornamental display glasshouse.



Free access applies when open

## 11 Drummond Castle Gardens

Muthill, Crieff, Perth and Kinross PH7 4HN

01764 681433 [drummondcastlegardens.co.uk](https://drummondcastlegardens.co.uk)

A magnificent Italianate parterre, revealed from a viewpoint, celebrates the saltire and family heraldry and a mile-long beech-lined avenue leads to a ridgetop tower house. The gardens were replanted after the Second World War, preserving the old yew hedges and copper beech tree planted by Queen Victoria to commemorate her visit in 1842.



Free access May, Sep and Oct, when open



Drummond Gardens



## 12 Dumfries House Estate

Dumfries House, Cumnock, Ayrshire KA18 2NJ  
01290 425959 [dumfries-house.org.uk/attractions](http://dumfries-house.org.uk/attractions)

Dumfries House consists of 800 acres of gardens and designed landscape. The 5-acre Queen Elizabeth II Walled Garden is both a traditional kitchen garden and provides a wide variety of floral interest, including the 40m-long *Delphinium* border, a fine rose garden and much more to inspire and delight.



Free access applies when open



## 13 Dunrobin Castle Garden

Golspie, Sutherland KW10 6SF  
01408 633177 [dunrobincastle.co.uk](http://dunrobincastle.co.uk)

An Italianate garden laid out in 1850 with fountains and pools, boxwood parterres, mature trees and yew topiary. Colourful planting fills the parterres and borders with season-long interest. The garden hosts twice-daily falconry displays April–October. Dogs are welcome to policies and foreshore but not formal garden.



Free access applies when open



## 14 Dunvegan Castle and Gardens

Dunvegan, Isle of Skye IV55 8WF  
01470 521206 [dunvegancastle.com](http://dunvegancastle.com)

Any visit to the Isle of Skye is incomplete without enjoying the wealth of history and horticultural delights on offer at the award-winning 5\* Dunvegan Castle and Gardens. See website for details of snowdrop days.



Free access applies when open



## 15 Explorers Garden

Port-Na-Craig, Pitlochry, Perthshire PH16 5DR  
01796 484626 [pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com](http://pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com)

Designed as a Theatricum Botanicum, Explorers Garden celebrates the rich history of Scotland's plant hunters, representing the areas of the world from where the plants originated. Within the garden you'll find a National Plant Collection of blue *Meconopsis*, rare Himalayan lilies, breathtaking views and unique odes to the Pictish heritage of the town of Pitlochry.



Free access Tues–Wed, when open



## 16 Floors Castle

Kelso, Roxburghshire TD5 7SF  
01573 223333 [floorscastle.com](https://www.floorscastle.com)

Here are some of the finest herbaceous borders in the Victorian tradition, themed to align with the seasons: Spring, Summer and Hot Borders overflow with colour and interest. Alongside the Victorian kitchen garden and glasshouses providing produce and showcasing vegetables and fruit is the formal Millenium Parterre with its heritage apple trees highlighting different pruning techniques.



Free access Tues–Wed, when open



David Cooke

## 17 Geilston Garden (National Trust for Scotland)

Main Road, Cardross, Dumbarrow G82 5HD  
01389 849187 [nts.org.uk/visit/places/geilston-garden](https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/geilston-garden)

Geilston is celebrated for its landscaping, which harmonises nature and cultivation. At the centre is the walled garden, dating back to 1797, dominated by a mammoth *Wellingtonia* tree. There is an inspiring 40m-long herbaceous perennial border and visitors can wander into wilder territory down by the Geilston Burn to connect with nature.



Free access Wed–Thur, when open



National Trust for Scotland

## 18 Glenwhan Gardens & Arboretum

Dunragit, Stranraer, Wigtownshire DG9 7PH  
07787 990702 [glenwhangardens.co.uk](https://glenwhangardens.co.uk)

Plantswoman Tessa Knott Sinclair's spectacular achievement, Glenwhan was carved out of Scottish moorland. Centred around two lochans are collections of herbaceous, rhododendrons, camellias, hydrangeas, embothriums, eucryphias, conifers and Southern Hemisphere, Himalayan and sino-Himalayan plantings, which form this 12-acre designed landscape with clearly marked garden trails.



Free access Jan–Feb, when open



Tessa Knott

## 19 Gordon Castle Walled Garden

Gordon Castle, Fochabers IV32 7PQ  
01343 612 312 [gordoncastle.co.uk](https://gordoncastle.co.uk)

The Walled Garden at Gordon Castle is one of the biggest working kitchen gardens in Europe. Recently restored to its former glory by a small team of gardeners to the designs of Arne Maynard, the garden is a showcase of fruit, vegetables, herbs and cut flowers grown to the highest standards.



Free access every Thur, plus Wed Jan–Mar and Oct–Dec, when open



Ed Bohm



## 20 Inverewe Garden (National Trust for Scotland)

Poolwee, Ross-shire IV22 2LG  
01445 712952 [nts.org.uk/visit/places/inverewe](https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/inverewe)

Rare species thrive in this heritage garden as the effects of the Gulf Stream meet the Highlands. Visitors can explore the garden of experimentation, wonder at the calendar of colour and scents, cultivated with care and creativity and be amazed by Inverewe's huge California redwoods that tower skywards.



Free access Wed–Thur, when open



## 21 Japanese Garden at Cowden

Cowden Garden, Upper Hillfoot Road, Dollar FK14 7PL  
07876 117703 [cowdengarden.com](https://cowdengarden.com)

Nestled in the foothills of the Ochils, this fully restored historic 7-acre Japanese Garden, established by explorer Ella Christie, was overseen by Chelsea Gold Medal winner Professor Fukuhara. There are additional walks in the Stewart Woodland, children's activities and tea room with delicious light lunches and baking. EV charging is available.



Free access Thur and Nov daily, when open



## 22 Kellie Castle Garden

(National Trust for Scotland)

Pittenweem, Fife KY10 2RF 01333 720271  
[nts.org.uk/visit/places/kellie-castle](https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/kellie-castle)

A wander through this Arts & Crafts garden reveals magnificent herbaceous borders filled with the heavy scent of old roses, along with fruit and vegetables, which are all grown organically. You can enjoy fresh garden produce in the tearoom and walk in the beautiful walled garden.



Free access Wed–Thur, when open



## 23 Leith Hall Garden and Estate

(National Trust for Scotland)

Huntly, Aberdeenshire AB54 4NQ  
01464 831216 [nts.org.uk/visit/places/leith-hall](https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/leith-hall)

Leith Hall Garden is often described as a hidden gem. This Edwardian arts and crafts garden features serpentine herbaceous and *Nepeta* borders, a unique moon gate dating from 1911 and a redeveloped Edwardian rock garden.



Free access Wed–Thur, when open

## 24 Monteviot House Gardens

Jedburgh, Borders TD8 6UH 01835 830380 [monteviot.com](http://monteviot.com)

The Gardens at Monteviot on the banks of the Teviot river, contain differing gardens, the newest of which, The Garden of Persistent Imagination, is an eclectic mixture of plants meandering through stone structures and culminating in a Dali-style clock.



Free access Thur–Fri, when open



Lord Lethbride

## 25 Mount Stuart Gardens

Isle of Bute PA20 9LR 01700 503877 [mountstuart.com](http://mountstuart.com)

Set against a striking Firth of Clyde backdrop, these 300 acres of gardens boast arboricultural and horticultural collections of global significance. From spring's rhododendron and magnolia blooms to autumn's golden birch and maple trees, a colourful show is provided all year round. Exotic plant life flourishes, adding an unexpected hint of the tropical, while winding woodlands stretch right down to the shore.



Free access applies when open



Mount Stuart Trust/Jenny Fern

## 26 Paxton House Gardens

The Paxton Trust, Paxton House, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1SZ 01289 386291 [paxtonhouse.co.uk](http://paxtonhouse.co.uk)

The gardens and grounds of Paxton House were originally designed by Robert Robinson around 1756. Colourful Edwardian-style herbaceous borders surround the Palladian mansion with extensive woodland and Tweed riverside walks. The gardens offer stunning colourful displays and are maintained by the Head Gardener and team of volunteers.



Free access applies when open



David Leachner

## 27 Pitmedden Garden

(National Trust for Scotland)

Ellon, Aberdeenshire AB41 7PD

01651 842296 [nts.org.uk/visit/places/pitmedden-garden](http://nts.org.uk/visit/places/pitmedden-garden)

An amazing 30,000 annual bedding plants make up the colourful parterre designs. Celebrity gardener Chris Beardshaw has designed a newly planted naturalistic, sustainable, 21st-century twist on a traditional garden and there are woodlands around the garden to explore on a waymarked trail.



Free access Wed–Thu, when open



National Trust for Scotland





Scone Palace

### 28 Scone Palace

Perth PH2 6BD 01738 552300 [scone-palace.co.uk](http://scone-palace.co.uk)

Scone Palace lies in the heart of Perthshire and is surrounded by more than 100 acres of glorious grounds filled with magnificent trees, which are underplanted with pockets of gardens in a tranquil woodland setting. Explore the Murray Star Maze, Kitchen Garden, Walled Garden, Victorian Pinetum and much more.

**Free access applies when open**



Fiona Drummond

### 29 St Andrews Botanic Garden

Canongate, St Andrews, Fife KY16 8RT  
01334 461200 [standrewsbotanic.org](http://standrewsbotanic.org)

Set just a few minutes from the heart of St Andrews, this botanic garden features a range of innovative horticultural and conservation features including sand dunes and urban gardens. The garden aims to create an inspiring ‘window to a wilder world’, with spaces for learning, research and reflection.

**Free access Wed–Thur, when open**



Craig Cameron

### 30 Teasses

Teasses, Leven, Fife KY8 5PG 07966 529205 [teasses.com](http://teasses.com)

Set within 59 acres, Teasses offers a restored walled garden full of perennial colour and organically grown produce, woodland gardens – including gardens for children – and formal gardens surrounding the house comprising a rose garden, pond and terraced ravine garden. Workshops and events are held all through the year.

To contact the garden, email: [events@teasses.com](mailto:events@teasses.com)

**Free access applies when open**



National Trust for Scotland / Stuart Thom

### 31 Threave Garden (National Trust for Scotland)

Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway DG7 1RX  
01556 502575 [nts.org.uk/threave](http://nts.org.uk/threave)

In the only Scottish garden dedicated to the training of horticulturalists and home of the School of Heritage Gardening since 1960, visitors can discover unique garden design. Each ‘garden room’ showcases a different gardening style and planting scheme and there are stunning views over the Galloway Hills and the Ken/Dee Valley.

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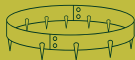
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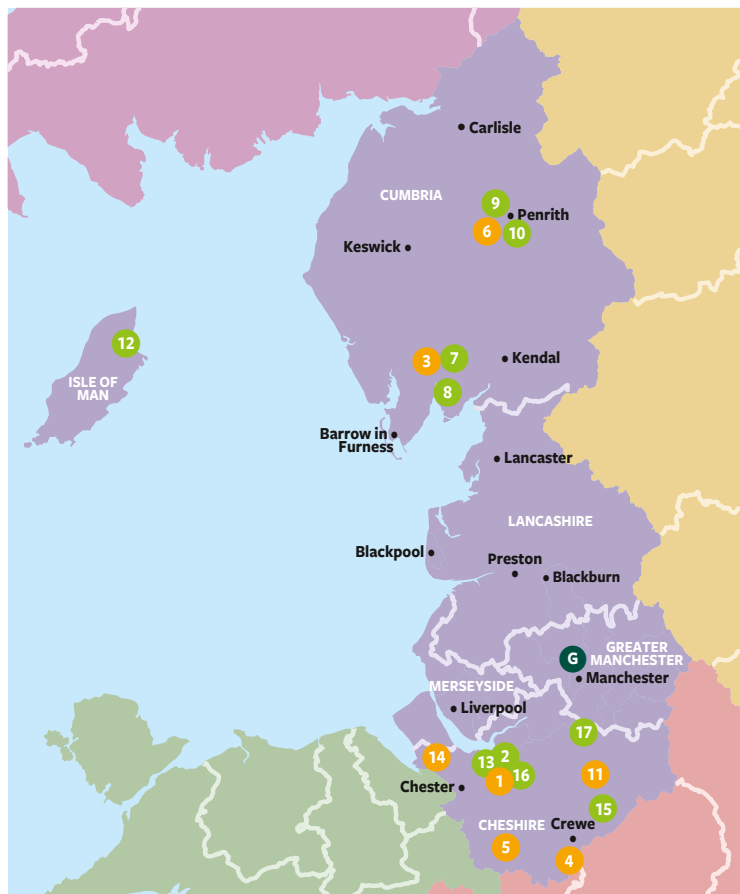


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# North West



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Abbeywood Gardens / Nicola Stocken

## 1 Abbeywood Gardens

Abbeywood Estate, Chester Road, Delamere, Cheshire  
CW8 2HS 01606 888251 [abbeywoodestate.co.uk](http://abbeywoodestate.co.uk)

Abbeywood Gardens has plenty to offer on a day out in Cheshire, including woodlands and 6 acres of informal and formal gardens – all different and distinctive in their own right. Plus, visitors can relax and enjoy the atmosphere in the Garden Cafe, which serves fine homegrown and local quality food.



Free access Tues–Wed when open



## 2 Bluebell Cottage Gardens

Lodge Lane, Dutton, Nr Warrington,  
Cheshire WA4 4HP 01928 713718  
[bluebellcottage.co.uk](http://bluebellcottage.co.uk)

This 1½-acre rural garden is full of colour and interest from April to September. Wide herbaceous borders, an orchard meadow, spring bulbs and gorgeous autumn tints make it a regional favourite. It features a new walled garden and 'moongate' created in 2022.



**Free access applies when open  
(excl charity open days)**



Bluebell Cottage Gardens

## 3 Brantwood

East of Lake, Coniston, Cumbria LA21 8AD  
01539 441396 [brantwood.org.uk](http://brantwood.org.uk)

Created by John Ruskin on the shores of Coniston Water, these historic woodland gardens nestle in a 250-acre biodiverse estate. The wildlife-friendly gardens contain rhododendrons and bluebells, special plant collections, summer-long herbaceous borders, famous Zig-Zaggy allegorical garden, traditional hay meadow and more.

There is a room with spectacular lake and mountain view.



**Free access Fri and Sun only**



Brantwood Trust

## 4 Bridgemere Show Gardens

Bridgemere Garden Centre, owned by the Blue Diamond Garden Centre Group, London Rd, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 7SN 01270 360003 [bridgemereshowgardens.co.uk](http://bridgemereshowgardens.co.uk)

The 6-acre Bridgemere Show Gardens are home to 15 individual gardens, including eight RHS Gold and Silver Medal award-winners. There is year-round interest with many rare trees and plants. Entry is via Bridgemere Garden Centre, which stocks many of the plants on show. Dogs welcome on leads.



**Free access Mon-Fri when open (excl events)**



Joe Warrington

## 5 Cholmondeley Castle Gardens

Malpas, Cheshire SY14 8AH 01829 720203 [cholmondeleycastle.com](http://cholmondeleycastle.com)

Visitors can discover the romantic Temple and Folly Water Gardens, Glade, Arboretum, double herbaceous bordered Lavinia Walk, ornamental woodland upon Tower Hill and the new Cholmondeley Rose Garden with more than 800 new plantings creating two very different connected Rose Rooms between old and new.



**Free access May and Sep,  
Wed, Thur and Sun only, when open**



Cholmondeley Castle Gardens

## 6 Dalemain Mansion and Historic Gardens

Dalemain, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0HB  
01768 486450 [dalemain.com](http://dalemain.com)

Home to the Hasell family since 1679, this award-winning delight inside the UNESCO World Heritage Site sits with glorious views to the High Fells amid open parkland, encapsulating the Lake District. The nationally important plantsman's garden is full of imagination, energy and variety.



**Free access Feb–Apr and Aug–25 Nov,  
when open**



Hermione McCosh Photography

## 7 Holehird Gardens

Patterdale Rd, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1NP  
01539 446008 [holehirdgardens.org.uk](http://holehirdgardens.org.uk)

The 10-acre garden at Holehird has been managed by the volunteers of the Lakeland Horticultural Society since 1969. Attractions include the Walled Garden, fellside borders, alpine houses, woodland walk, streamside beds and a number of National Plant Collections. There is always something to see, at all times of the year.



**Free access applies when open**



Holehird Gardens

## 8 Holker Hall and Gardens

Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7PL  
015395 58328 [holker.co.uk](http://holker.co.uk)

Peace, romance and adventure lie at the heart of the 26-acre landscape, which includes an arboretum, inspirational formal gardens, flowering meadow and labyrinth as well as voluptuous summer borders, thousands of spring flowers, bedding, topiary, wonderful trees and flowering shrubs, plus the National Plant Collection of *Styracaceae*.



Holker Hall and Gardens

## 9 Hutton-in-the-Forest

Penrith, Cumbria CA11 9TH  
01768 484449 [hutton-in-the-forest.co.uk](http://hutton-in-the-forest.co.uk)

A total of 400 years of changing styles have contributed to the charm of Hutton-in-the-Forest. Contemporary gates lead to the Walled Garden with herbaceous plants, heritage roses and trained fruit trees; topiary terraces overlook the wildflower meadow, cascade and lake; while the Woodland Walk reveals a 17th-century dovecote.



Hutton-in-the-Forest



Clive Nichols

## 10 Larch Cottage Nurseries

Melkinthorpe, Penrith, Cumbria  
CA10 2DR 01931 712404  
[larchcottage.co.uk](http://larchcottage.co.uk)

A true plants person's nursery and garden, this was built and continually developed over the past 40 years by Peter Stott. An eclectic mix of architecture creates a unique setting, showcasing the biggest plant range in the country. The gardens are a tranquil place, where paths meander beside mixed borders, displaying many rare and unusual specimens.





## 11 Lovell Quinta Arboretum

Swettenham Lane, Swettenham, Near Congleton, Cheshire CW12 2LF 01565 831981 [lovellquintaarboretum.co.uk](http://lovellquintaarboretum.co.uk)

The Lovell Quinta Arboretum, a 28-acre site in the Cheshire countryside, has something for everyone. Owned by Tatton Garden Society, its features include three National Plant Collections (*Quercus*, *Fraxinus* and *Pinus*), autumn colour, spring bulbs, a newly-restored lake and many champion trees. Shady paths offer stunning views over the nearby Dane Valley.



Free access all year, except Oct, when open

Peter Brerley



## 12 Milntown Garden

Lezayre, Isle of Man IM7 2AB 01624 812321 [milntown.org](http://milntown.org)

Milntown is a private charitable Trust that was left for the good of the Manx people and those who visit the island. In the gardens visitors can find traditional stone-built walled gardens, cottage-style planting and unusual shrubs and trees. There are woodland areas, a mill pond and working mill wheel as well as a collection of vintage cars and bikes.



Free access applies when open

Milntown Estate and Garden



## 13 Mount Pleasant Gardens

Yeld Lane, Kelsall, Cheshire CW6 0TB 01829 751592 [mountpleasantgardens.co.uk](http://mountpleasantgardens.co.uk)

With views of the Welsh hills, these landscaped gardens are mature and lush, thanks to the south-westerly aspect and natural springs that feed the many water features. Diverse planting gives year-round interest with a display of azaleas and rhododendrons in May and wildflower meadow in July. The sculpture trail is open Apr–Sep.



Free access applies when open

Mount Pleasant Gardens



## 14 Ness Botanic Gardens

Neston Rd, Ness, Neston, Cheshire CH64 4AY  
0151 795 6300 [liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens](http://liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens)

Spread across 64 acres with impressive views of the River Dee and North Wales, Ness Gardens offer a diverse range of plants and planting areas. With vibrant year-round colour and fine collections of rhododendrons, *Sorbus*, snowdrops and camellias, there are always new things to see.



Free access Jan–Feb and Dec, when open



Sarah Bishop / University of Liverpool

## 15 Rode Hall and Gardens

Church Lane, Scholar Green, Cheshire ST7 3QP  
01270 873237 [rodehall.co.uk](http://rodehall.co.uk)

In this Humphry Repton landscape there are Snowdrop Walks (February), a blaze of rhododendrons in the terraced rock garden (April) and carpets of bluebells and lily of the valley in the Old Wood (May). The stunning 2-acre walled kitchen garden is at its peak in summer.



Free access when open (except during snowdrop and bluebell walks)



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## 16 Stonyford Cottage Gardens

Stonyford Lane, Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 2TF  
07816 531358 [stonyfordcottage nursery.co.uk](http://stonyfordcottage nursery.co.uk)

In this informal garden, shade- and moisture-loving plants grow within wooded poolside areas and paths lead across bridges to an unusual island. The cottage gardens are planted with summer-flowering perennials. Highlights include candelabra primulas from mid-April, waterside iris and hardy orchids in June. The nursery stocks a range of hardy perennials.



Free access applies when open



Phillip Overland

## 17 Tatton Park

Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN  
(SatNav WA16 6SG) 01625 374400 [tattonpark.org.uk](http://tattonpark.org.uk)

Highlights include spring walks amid colourful rhododendrons and bluebells, summer picnics in an Italian garden and the autumn colours and serenity of the 100-year-old Japanese garden together with walled kitchen gardens, pinetum, rose garden, topiary and exotic plant collections in the fernery and conservatory. Dogs (on short leads) welcome. Parking charges apply.



Free access applies when open



Tatton Park

# North East



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## 1 Beningbrough (National Trust)

Beningbrough, York YO30 1DD  
01904 472027 [nationaltrust.org.uk/beningbrough](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/beningbrough)

This evolving garden offers colour and scent around every corner and is undergoing a renaissance by award-winning garden designer Andy Sturgeon. Highlights include an abundance of spring bulbs, herbaceous borders, historic trees and a walled garden full of fruit blossom together with the Pergola and new Mediterranean Garden.



Free access applies when open



## 2 Bide-a-Wee Cottage Garden

Stanton, Netherwitton, Morpeth, Northumberland  
NE65 8PR 01670 772004 [bideaweeco.uk](http://bideaweeco.uk)

Tucked between walls and high hedges, this extraordinary quarry garden and 'plantsman's delight' combines a landscape of rock and water to create an uncommon and delightful setting reminiscent of a secret garden. Unusual grasses, herbaceous perennials and ferns from the garden are on sale, including *Cardiocrinum* or giant Himalayan lily.



Free access Fri when open



Anthony Brown

## 3 Birkheads Secret Gardens

Birkheads Lane, Nr Sunnyside, Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE16 5EL 07778 447920 [birkheadssecretgardens.co.uk](http://birkheadssecretgardens.co.uk)

This gardeners' garden has something of interest around every corner, lots of plants year round with plenty of birds and wildlife in the series of 12 garden areas. There is a hardy plant nursery with plants propagated on site offering some irresistible treasures for collectors and a coffee shop with indoor and outdoor covered seating.



Free access 3 Apr–28 Sep,  
Thur–Fri only, when open



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Christine Liddle

## 4 Burnby Hall Gardens and Museum

The Balk, Pocklington, York YO42 2QF  
01759 307125 [burnbyhallgardens.com](http://burnbyhallgardens.com)

Home to a National Plant Collection of hardy waterlilies, which bloom mid-June to August, these 9 acres of gardens and woodland include an ornamental bridge, Walled Garden, aviary garden, rock garden, birch walk and stumpery. A Tulip Festival and other events are held in spring and summer.



Free access 5 Jan–31 March when open



Peter Rogers

## 5 Crook Hall Gardens (National Trust)

Sidegate, Durham, County Durham DH1 5SZ  
0191 383 1832 [nationaltrust.org.uk/crook-hall-gardens](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/crook-hall-gardens)

This verdant oasis, only a few minutes' walk from Durham city centre, has a series of interlinking gardens set against the backdrop of a Grade I-listed medieval hall. There is a maze, walled gardens, an orchard, a wildlife-rich moat pool, café and views of the city and Durham Cathedral to be discovered.



Free access applies when open



National Trust Images / Annapurna Mehta



## 6 Duncombe Park Terraces

Helmsley, North Yorkshire YO62 5EB  
01439 770213 [duncombepark.com](http://duncombepark.com)

Pevsner described this early-18th-century-designed landscape with long grass terraces, veteran trees and classical temples overlooking the Rye Valley as 'one of the most extensive and boldest' enterprises in England. It has been designated a National Nature Reserve for its rare insects and fungi.



Free access applies when open



## 7 Durham University Botanic Garden

Hollingside Lane, South Road, Durham DH1 3TN  
0191 334 2887 [durham.ac.uk/botanic.garden](http://durham.ac.uk/botanic.garden)

This 25-acre university botanic garden is set among mature woodlands with alpine garden, winter garden, bamboo grove, glasshouses, woodland garden and wildflower meadow. The visitor centre is open daily with a coffee shop and gift shop.



Free access Mon and Thur when open



## 8 Helmsley Walled Garden

Cleveland Way, Helmsley, North Yorkshire YO62 5AH  
01439 772314 [helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk](http://helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk)

This 260-year-old walled garden offers a diverse range of intimate spaces to explore, with year-round interest. The 5-acre site features seasonal borders, apple orchards, wildflower meadow, glasshouses, a turf labyrinth and National Plant Collections.

The Vine House Café serves seasonal food, the Garden Shop sells gifts and plants.



Free access each Wed and all Oct when open



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## 9 Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park

The Hutts, Hutts Lane, Grewelthorpe, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 3DA 01765 658009 [himalayangarden.com](http://himalayangarden.com)

Set in 45 acres of beautiful North Yorkshire countryside, this park is home to a huge collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias and 90 striking contemporary sculptures, with a woodland playground and garden tearoom serving freshly prepared food.



Free access 3 Sep–2 Nov, Wed–Sun when open

## 10 Normanby Hall Country Park

Normanby, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 9HU  
01724 720588 [normanbyhall.co.uk](http://normanbyhall.co.uk)

A Regency mansion set in 300 acres of picturesque parkland, the award-winning Normanby Hall Country Park contains the county's only Go Ape, fun-filled playground areas and exhibitions. Visitors can enjoy a treetop adventure, relaxing walk in beautiful gardens, the newly improved walled garden, an abundance of wildlife or a delicious bite to eat in the Stableyard Cafe.



Free access applies when open



See Hoy / Normanby Hall Country Park

## 11 Nunnington Hall (National Trust)

Nunnington, York YO62 5UY 01439 748283  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/nunnington-hall](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/nunnington-hall)

The garden at Nunnington Hall is the perfect place to enjoy some peace and quiet. Restful hidden spots, flamboyant peacocks and colourful flowers offer a wide variety of features to enjoy in this relaxed, wildlife-friendly setting.



Free access applies when open



Joe Cornish



Scampston Walled Garden

## 12 Scampston Walled Garden

Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 8NG  
01944 759111 [scampston.co.uk](http://scampston.co.uk)

Set within 80 acres of Capability Brown parkland, the Walled Garden at Scampston is a striking contemporary garden quite unlike any other. Designed by Piet Oudolf, the garden is a journey through contrasting rooms, from the colour of the perennial meadow to the peace and tranquillity of the silent garden; it is a true plantsman's paradise!



Free access each Fri, plus all Oct, when open



Wentworth Garden Centre



## 13 Wentworth Garden Centre and Historic Gardens

Hague Lane, Wentworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire  
S62 7TF 01226 744842 [wentworthgardencentre.co.uk](http://wentworthgardencentre.co.uk)

Developed in the late 18th century as the pleasure grounds and kitchen garden by the Fitzwilliams of Wentworth Woodhouse, the gardens fell into disrepair after the Second World War. Now substantially restored, features include a maze, formal Italian Garden and canal pond, topiary and herbaceous borders.



Free access applies when open

Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust



## 14 Wentworth Woodhouse

Wentworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S62 7TQ  
01226 351161 [wentworthwoodhouse.org.uk](http://wentworthwoodhouse.org.uk)

Formerly the site of open-cast mining, the gardens are now well-recovered and offer a tranquil space to reconnect with nature. There are 50 acres of woodland and wildflower meadows to explore, peppered with follies and monuments as well as the newly-restored Camellia House – home to some of the oldest and rarest camellias in Britain.



Free access applies when open

Matthew Harrison



## 15 The Yorkshire Arboretum

Castle Howard, York YO60 7BY  
01653 648598 [yorkshirearboretum.org](http://yorkshirearboretum.org)

The Yorkshire Arboretum has a magnificent collection of trees and shrubs, large expanses of wildflower meadows and an enclosure of breeding red squirrels set in 120 acres of beautiful, tranquil landscapes with wide vistas, lakes and ponds. With woodland walks, themed trails and tours, events and family activities, gift shop and café, there's something for everyone and it is situated just 30 minutes from York.



Free access 1 Feb–31 Aug when open

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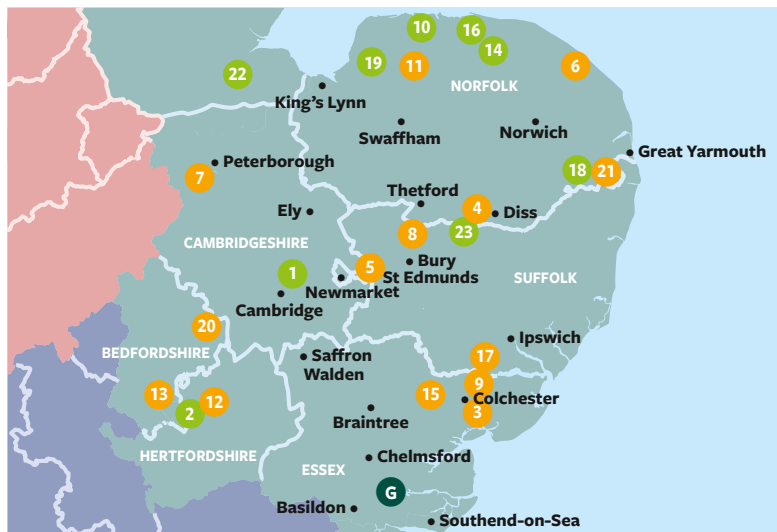
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# East of England



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## 1 Anglesey Abbey Gardens and Lode Mill (National Trust)

Quy Road, Lode, Cambridge CB25 9EJ 01223 810080  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill)

Anglesey Abbey Gardens and Lode Mill is one of the foremost 20th-century gardens in the country. Shaped from the Cambridgeshire fens, the gardens show Lord Fairhaven's style and eclectic taste in plants and statuary.







Ashridge House

## 2 Ashridge House Gardens

Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire HP4 1NS  
01442 843491 [ashridgehouse.org.uk](http://ashridgehouse.org.uk)

Designed by Humphry Repton in 1813, these 190 acres of stunning Grade II\* gardens offer year-round interest, from colourful formal and informal gardens to breathtaking views. The naturalised spring bulbs among impressive trees provide a place to wander and unwind and there is a cosy dog-friendly café. The Bakehouse, with indoor and outdoor seating, serves fresh bakes and seasonal specials.

**Free access applies when open (excl private events)**

## 3 Beth Chatto's Plants and Gardens

Elmstead Market, Colchester, Essex CO7 7DB  
01206 822007 [bethchatto.co.uk](http://bethchatto.co.uk)

Starting in 1960, Beth Chatto transformed a site of problem areas to harmonise with the surrounding East Anglian countryside. The gardens are an inspiration – the art of planting at its best. The nursery offers an unrivalled range of plants, mostly propagated from the gardens.



**Free access 4 Feb–29 Mar, Tues–Sat;  
30 Oct–13 Dec, Thur–Sat, when open**



Leanne Crozier

## 4 The Bressingham Gardens

Low Road, Diss, Norfolk IP22 2AA  
01379 686900 [thebressinghamgardens.com](http://thebressinghamgardens.com)

Featuring inspirational planting for year-round drama and colour, these 17 acres of themed gardens contain summer perennial beds, a winter garden, North American wood, ponds and fragrant garden. Started in 1967, Adrian Bloom's magical Foggy Bottom shows how to grow and use trees, conifers, shrubs, perennials and grasses.



**Free access 1–30 May and 1–30 Oct,  
when open**



The Bressingham Gardens



## 5 Chippenham Park Gardens

Chippenham, Cambridgeshire CB7 5PT  
01638 721416 [chippenhampark.co.uk](http://chippenhampark.co.uk)

These gardens are noted for their vast swathes of snowdrops, aconites, daffodils, hellebores, spring bulbs and blossom, and yearly interest continues with roses, a generously stocked long border and wooded walks. The walled garden contains tall colonnaded Leyland cypress, pleached ornamental pears, yew theatre and gravel garden of ornamental grasses.



Free access Mon–Fri, when open



## 6 East Ruston Old Vicarage

East Ruston, Norwich NR12 9HN  
01692 650432 [eastruston.co.uk](http://eastruston.co.uk)

With a microclimate and shelterbelts, this 32-acre coastal garden contains many rare plants and gardens from Exotic and Mediterranean to Desert Wash, inspired by the Arizona landscape. The Diamond Jubilee Walled Garden, Clematis Walk and Thalictrum Garden buzz with wildlife and the Tea Garden is full of potted plants.



Free access Mar–Oct, Wed–Sun, when open



## 7 Elton Hall

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE8 6SH  
01832 280468 [eltonhall.com](http://eltonhall.com)

Immaculate hornbeam and yew hedges encompass four gardens set among lawns and gravelled paths. The Flower Garden display lasts until early autumn with towering clumps of *Eupatorium* and *Sorbaria* surrounded by asters, salvias and phlox. The Orangery Garden and the topiary shapes in front of the house are a must-see.



Free access Jun–Aug, Wed–Thur, when open



## 8 Fullers Mill Garden

West Stow, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 6HD  
01284 728888 [fullersmill.org.uk](http://fullersmill.org.uk)

This award-winning 7-acre garden is an enchanting waterside oasis offering unusual shrubs, perennials, lilies and marginal plants. It was created by the late Bernard Tickner MBE in 1958 and gifted to the charity Perennial. Fresh with spring growth, the garden feels full of hope and new beginnings. Textures and golden hues illuminate autumn days and the River Lark and Culford Stream sparkle in winter as snowdrops awaken.



Free access 2 Apr–31 Oct, Wed, when open

**9 Green Island Gardens**

Park Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7SP  
01206 230455 [greenislandgardens.co.uk](http://greenislandgardens.co.uk)

These 20 acres of professionally designed wildlife-friendly gardens were created within woodland destroyed by the 1987 'Great Storm'. Huge island beds, water gardens, Japanese garden, seaside garden and extensive woodland gardens are packed with unusual plants, often of borderline hardiness.

**Free access 14 Jan–11 Apr and 1 Nov–14 Dec, Tues–Sat; 15 Apr–1 Nov, Wed only**



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**10 Holkham Walled Garden**

Holkham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk NR23 1AB 01328 713111

Stepping through the Venetian gates, visitors can explore Holkham's enchanting Walled Garden dating back to the late 1700s. There is a spectacular stand of Georgian and Victorian greenhouses and vineries, a formal ornamental garden, established vineyard, working kitchen garden, exotic garden and cutting garden with its beautiful array of blooms to be discovered. Car parking charges apply.

**Free access applies when open. Excl special events – see website**

**11 Houghton Hall and Gardens**

Houghton Hall, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6UE  
01485 528569 [houghtonhall.com](http://houghtonhall.com)

This award-winning 5-acre walled garden includes a spectacular double-sided herbaceous border, Mediterranean garden, formal rose parterre and kitchen garden with apple and pear espaliers. There are antique statues, fountains, glasshouse and contemporary sculptures by Jeppe Hein, Richard Long and Stephen Cox.

**Free access Jun–Jul, when open**



Houghton Hall archives





## 12 Knebworth House Gardens

Knebworth House, Knebworth Park, Knebworth, Hertfordshire SG1 2AX 01438 812661 [knebworthhouse.com](http://knebworthhouse.com)

Largely designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll, the 30 acres of formal gardens are separated into distinct 'garden rooms' with a range of landscapes and colourful plants. There's a maze, rose garden, walled vegetable garden and tropical borders.



Free access Mon–Fri, when open  
(excl BH or event days)



## 13 Luton Hoo Estate Walled Garden

Luton Hoo Estate, Luton LU1 4LF  
01582 721443 [lutonhooestate.co.uk](http://lutonhooestate.co.uk)

This unique Capability Brown-designed Walled Garden is surrounded by its original 18th-century octagonal wall and supported by a selection of rare service buildings. The garden is the focus of a dynamic volunteer project and continues to be revived, repaired and re-imagined for the enjoyment of everyone.



Free access 7 May–24 Sep when open



## 14 Mannington Gardens

Mannington Hall, Saxthorpe, Norwich, Norfolk NR11 7BB  
01263 584175 [manningtonestate.co.uk](http://manningtonestate.co.uk)

Designed around a moated Medieval manor, the gardens feature many classic roses together with trees, shrubs and themed borders. More formal gardens contrast with wild areas including meadow, woodland and a lake. There's also a special children's garden and enchanted trail.

Dogs must be kept on leads.



Free access applies when open



## 15 Markshall

Coggeshall, Essex CO6 1TG 01376 563796 [markshall.org.uk](http://markshall.org.uk)

There's a world of trees to be discovered through the Arboretum's geographic zones. Visitors can walk the longest herbaceous border in the county and enjoy beautiful blooms and luscious lakeside views before exploring natural play areas. There are plants on sale in the plant centre and tasty treats available from the Tearoom.



Free access 7–31 Jan, Fri–Sun;  
6–23 May, 3–29 Jun and 2–30 Sep,  
Tues–Sun, when open

## 16 Natural Surroundings

Bayfield, Holt, Norfolk NR25 7JN  
01263 711091 [naturalsurroundings.info](http://naturalsurroundings.info)

Lying in a sheltered valley near the north Norfolk coast, these 8 acres of gardens and meadows nestle on a gentle slope beside the River Glaven. In this plantsman's and wildlife gardener's paradise, the diversity of plants and wildlife both delights and inspires. The nursery offers a range of wildflowers and unusual perennials with a café on site.



Simon Harrup

## 17 The Place for Plants

East Bergholt Place, Suffolk CO7 6UP 01206 299224  
[placeforplants.co.uk](http://placeforplants.co.uk)

In this tranquil 20-acre woodland garden and arboretum, unusual trees, shrubs, magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons and flowering *Cornus* give plenty to see in spring and early summer. Climbing roses and hydrangeas extend the season to the brilliant autumn colour and fruits later on. There is also a specialist plant centre.



East Bergholt

## 18 Raveningham Gardens

Raveningham, Norwich, Norfolk NR14 6NS  
01508 548480 [raveningham.com](http://raveningham.com)

This traditional country house garden set in parkland contains long herbaceous borders and a Victorian walled kitchen garden and glasshouses. Modern additions include a herb garden, arboretum, stumpery, Time Garden based on Francis Bacon's *Essays* and well-sited sculpture.



Raveningham Gardens

## 19 Sandringham

King's Lynn, Norfolk PE36 6EN  
01484 544112 [sandringhamestate.co.uk](http://sandringhamestate.co.uk)

The private country retreat to Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla offers seasonal gardens with Topiary, a maze, lakes, streams, ornamental trees and shrubs.



Sandringham Estate

## 20 Shuttleworth Swiss Garden

Alder Drive, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 9DT  
01767 627927 [shuttleworth.org](http://shuttleworth.org)

A fine example of the Regency fashion for creating Swiss Picturesque or Alpine landscapes, this tranquil 9-acre space is home to the rustic Swiss Cottage, Grotto and Fernery, rock garden, woodland walk, lake and peacocks. Includes admission to Shuttleworth's internationally acclaimed collection of historic aircraft and motor vehicles.



Free access Mon and Thur, when open



Daren Heber Photography

## 21 Somerleyton Hall Gardens

Somerleyton, Nr Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 5QQ  
01502 734901 [somerleyton.co.uk](http://somerleyton.co.uk)

The 12-acre gardens at Somerleyton Hall are renowned for their Victorian architecture and specimen trees combined with sweeping lawns. There is a walled garden with interesting shrubs and flower borders, a kitchen and cut-flower garden, rose garden, wisteria pergola, jungle garden and Nesfield's 1846 Maze. (Please check website before travelling.)



Free access 23 Apr–24 Sep, Wed, when open



Somerleyton Hall Gardens

## 22 Springfields Outlet Shopping and Festival Gardens

Camel Gate, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 6EU  
01775 760909 [springfieldsoutlet.co.uk/gardens](http://springfieldsoutlet.co.uk/gardens)

Springfields offers a stylish blend of retail and leisure set in 25 acres with award-winning Chelsea-style gardens, 55 outlet stores, Blue Diamond Garden Centre and Children's Adventure Land. Springfields is the perfect day out.



Free access applies when open. Free parking and tea or coffee for Members – see website for details



Lloyd Rogers

## 23 Wyken Hall

Stanton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 2DW  
01359 250262 [wykenvineyards.co.uk](http://wykenvineyards.co.uk)

Connecting the manor house to the Suffolk landscape, this series of old-style gardens includes a knot garden, herb garden and traditional kitchen garden. An old-fashioned rose garden and pergola lead to a wildflower meadow, maze, nuttery and vine-covered gazebo. Wyken wines can be tasted at the vineyard restaurant.



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Wyken Hall / Rob Kent





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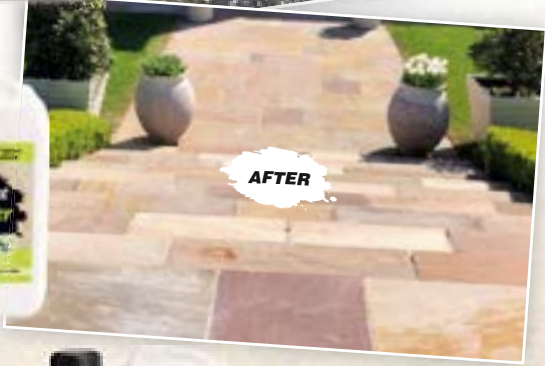
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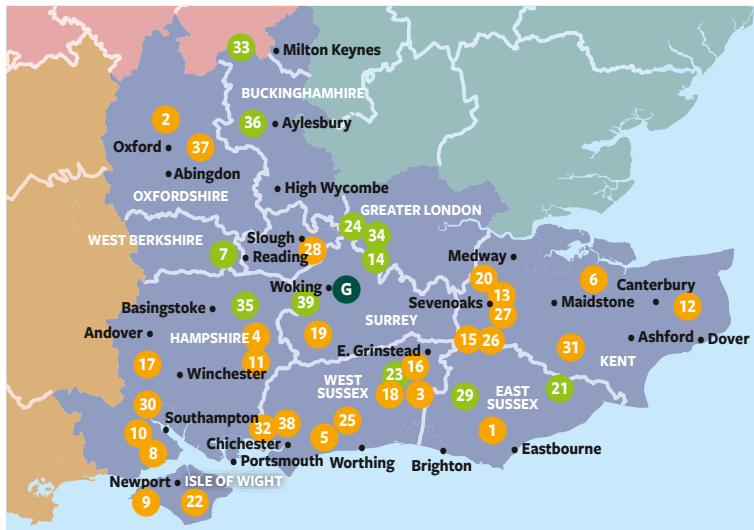


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# South East



**G** RHS Garden Wisley



John Glover

## 1 Bates Green Garden

Tye Hill Road, Arlington, Polegate, East Sussex BN26 6SH  
07818 888440 [batesgreengarden.co.uk](http://batesgreengarden.co.uk)

This naturalistic garden in a rural setting is a peaceful space to relax and appreciate the selection of unusual plants including mature trees and shrubs. It is divided into three areas offering a sensory experience with plants providing colour, scent and texture in all

seasons. The 5-acre Wildflower Meadow has paths, seating and views.



**Free access 26 Feb–2 Apr and  
10 May–22 Oct, Wed only, when open**



Peter Seaward

## 2 Blenheim Palace – Park and Gardens

Woodstock, Oxfordshire OX20 1PS  
01993 810530 [blenheimpalace.com](http://blenheimpalace.com)

Featuring over 90 acres of formal gardens and 2,000 acres of parkland, highlights include the Italian Garden, Water Terraces and Churchill Memorial Garden. Landscaped by ‘Capability’ Brown, the park provides stunning views and the Secret Garden offers a tranquil retreat.



**Free access 26 Feb–4 Apr  
and 8 Sep–24 Oct, when open**

### 3 Borde Hill Garden

Borde Hill Lane, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1XP  
01444 450326 [bordehill.co.uk](http://bordehill.co.uk)

Tranquil and picturesque, Borde Hill has been planted with passion by five generations of the Stephenson Clarke family. Featuring rare and fine rhododendrons, magnolias, rose borders and champion trees, the 13 outdoor rooms offer visitors the chance to travel around the world in one garden.



Free access Mar, Jul and Sep,  
daily when open



Clive Nicholls

### 4 Chawton House

Chawton House, Gosport Road, Chawton, Alton, Hampshire  
GU34 1SJ 01420 541010 [chawtonhouse.org](http://chawtonhouse.org)

An enchanting garden with a Wilderness, Walled Garden, Terraces and sweeping views across a landscape that inspired Jane Austen. Carpets of snowdrops and daffodils, spring blossom, summer florals, autumn colours and festive lights give year-round interest. A place of women's writing, the garden tells the stories of early plantswomen.



Free access when open except Feb



Louise Carpenter

### 5 Denmans Garden

Denmans Lane, Fontwell, Nr Arundel, West Sussex  
BN18 0SU 01243 278950 [denmans.org](http://denmans.org)

Created by gravel garden pioneer Joyce Robinson, and former home of landscape designer John Brookes MBE, this Grade II-listed post-war garden offers gravel gardens, dry riverbeds, architectural plantings and year-round interest. The tranquil 4-acre contemporary garden comprises diverse spaces connected by curving paths.



Free access 2 Jan–31 Mar; 10 Oct–23 Dec  
Thu and Sat; Apr–Sep Thur only, when open



Gwendolyn Van Passaden

### 6 Doddington Place Gardens

Doddington Place, Church Lane, Doddington,  
Nr. Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0BB  
01795 717050 [doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk](http://doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk)

These 10 acres of landscaped gardens are recognised as being of historic importance in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The gardens include a woodland garden, large rock garden, clipped cloud yew hedges, specimen trees and herbaceous borders.



Free access Fri when open



Amelia Orfield



Englefield Estate



## 7 Englefield Gardens

Englefield, Reading, Berkshire RG7 5EN 0118 930 2504  
[englefieldestate.co.uk/the-estate/gardens-woodlands/gardens](http://englefieldestate.co.uk/the-estate/gardens-woodlands/gardens)

The woodland garden falls from the rise behind the historic house to join two formal terraces with stone staircases and balustrades dating from the 19th century. All contain a wide range of planting and spectacular views over the deer park and Kennet valley.

 **Free access when open**

Stephen Strud



## 8 Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway

Exbury, Southampton, Hampshire SO45 1AZ  
 02380 891203 [exbury.co.uk](http://exbury.co.uk)

There is always something new to see at Exbury. The world-famous collection of colourful rhododendrons and azaleas are a delight in spring with camellias, magnolias and early bulbs. In summer, the heavenly hydrangea collection and the Sundial, Herbaceous, Iris and Centenary Gardens feature a heady mix of perennials and exotic flowers.

 **Free access 8–31 Mar, Jun and Sep, when open**

Ellen Penstone-Smith



## 9 Farringford Estate

Farringford Estate, Bedbury Lane, Freshwater, Isle of Wight PO40 9PE 01983 752500 [farringford.co.uk](http://farringford.co.uk)

Farringford gardens reflect the period of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson who lived here 1853–1892. Cottage-style planting within the walled garden consists of mixed herbaceous borders containing old rose cultivars. There are some Isle of Wight apples, heritage fruit and vegetables, a small woodland and parkland walk.

 **Free access Wed and Thur when open**

Furzey Gardens



## 10 Furzey Gardens

School Lane, Minstead, Nr Lyndhurst, Hampshire SO43 7GL  
 02380 812464 [furzey-gardens.org](http://furzey-gardens.org)

This enchanting, informal 10-acre woodland garden bursts with colour, scents and secrets. Along winding paths, visitors can explore Furzey's historically significant plant collection from around the world. Planted in 1922 in the heart of the New Forest, it supports people with learning disabilities through training and work experience.

 **Free access 15 Feb–21 Dec, Mon–Thur, when open**

## 11 Gilbert White's House and Gardens

High Street, Selborne, Hampshire GU34 3JH  
01420 511275 [gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk](http://gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk)

The 25-acre garden of 18th-century naturalist and keen gardener Gilbert White has been recreated according to his gardening journals and is a quirky landscape garden in miniature. His plants and techniques all feature in the formal Six Quarters garden, herb garden and kitchen garden and it is managed to boost biodiversity.



Free access 3 Jan–24 Dec, Tues–Thur, when open



Bob Pargett

## 12 Goodnestone Park Gardens

The Street, Goodnestone, Canterbury, Kent CT3 1PJ  
01304 840107 [goodnestonepark.co.uk](http://goodnestonepark.co.uk)

Formal gardens are arranged around the house with terraced lawns and parterre. A 4-acre walled garden contains diverse herbaceous borders, subtropical patio, xeric planting and kitchen garden. Beyond these you can find woodland gardens and arboreta. The garden is peaceful; a haven for wildlife and people.



Free access Apr and Sep, daily; 2 Jan–24 Dec, Wed; when open



Sally Lewis

## 13 Great Comp Garden

Comp Lane, Platt, Nr Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 8QS  
01732 885094 [greatcomparden.co.uk](http://greatcomparden.co.uk)

The 7-acre garden surrounds an early-17th-century manor and has built up an enviable reputation as one of the finest gardens in the area. Different types of magnolias plus wonderful azaleas and rhododendrons make an unrivalled spring display followed by a fine collection of salvias that bursts with colour in summer and autumn.



Free access Sep–Oct, daily, when open (excl event days)



Vikki Renner

## 14 Ham House and Garden (National Trust)

Ham House, Ham, Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey TW10 7RS  
020 8940 1950 [nationaltrust.org.uk/ham-house-and-garden](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/ham-house-and-garden)

Ham House and Garden, on the banks of the Thames, is a rare Stuart survivor. The re-imagined 17th-century garden includes a productive walled kitchen garden that supplies the Orangery Café, the shaded maze-like Wilderness and summerhouses, the formal Cherry Garden with lavender parterre and a spectacular annual display of spring bulbs.



Free access applies when open



National Trust Images / Chris Davies



## 15 Hever Castle and Gardens

Hever, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7NG  
01732 865224 [hevercastle.co.uk](http://hevercastle.co.uk)

Within the magnificent award-winning gardens set in 125 acres of glorious grounds at Hever Castle visitors can marvel at the Pompeian Wall and classical statuary in the Italian Garden; admire the giant topiary chess set; and inhale the fragrance of more than 5,000 rose bushes in the quintessential English Rose Garden.



**Free access 12 Feb–14 Nov, Mon–Fri (excl BH and Kent school holidays), when open**



## 16 High Beeches Woodland and Water Garden

High Beeches Lane, Handcross, West Sussex RH17 6HQ  
01444 400589 [highbeeches.com](http://highbeeches.com)

This glorious 27-acre woodland and water garden of the Sussex Weald has been sensitively planted with many rare trees and shrubs to create a unique place of great beauty and tranquillity. A spectacular wildflower meadow peaks in June and the autumn colours are superb.



**Free access Jul–Sep, Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri, when open**



## 17 Houghton Lodge Gardens

Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6LQ  
01264 810502 [houghtonlodge.co.uk](http://houghtonlodge.co.uk)

Set above the River Test, this 18th-century Cottage Orné has formal and informal gardens with walled garden, herbs, hostas, iris, cutting garden, veg, sweet pea and orchid house. There is a peony, rose and clematis arbour, herbaceous borders, topiary peacock box garden and water meadow walks with alpacas and sheep. The new Oriental Garden opened in 2023.



**Free access Apr and Oct, daily (excl BH), when open**



## 18 Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens

Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6PP 08718 733389 [leonardsleegardens.co.uk](http://leonardsleegardens.co.uk)

Sitting within the Sussex High Weald National Landscape, this Grade I-listed garden offers 240 acres of breathtaking beauty that evolves with the seasons. Visitors can explore enchanting woodlands, serene lakes and vibrant gardens; discover rare wildlife, historic landmarks and sculpture; and enjoy delicious food and our sparkling wine.



**Free access Jan–Feb, Jul–Sep, Dec, daily; Mar–Jun, Oct–Nov, Mon–Tues, when open (excl BH)**



## 19 Loseley Park

Guildford, Surrey GU3 1HS  
01483 304440 [loseleypark.co.uk](http://loseleypark.co.uk)

The walled garden is a hidden treasure including the Rose Garden, Herb Garden, Fruit and Flower Garden, White Garden and Organic Vegetable Garden. Other features include the ancient wisteria, mulberry tree (reputed to have been planted by Queen Elizabeth I), moat walk and tennis court border.



**Free access May and 4–31 Aug,  
Sun–Thur when open**



Loseley Park/Aligail Rex Photography

## 20 Lullingstone Castle and The World Garden

Eynsford, Kent DA4 0JA 01322 862114 [lullingstonecastle.co.uk](http://lullingstonecastle.co.uk)

Heritage meets cutting-edge horticulture in this 2-acre 18th-century walled garden in the beautiful grounds of Lullingstone Castle. Laid out in the shape of a miniature map of the world, it delves into Britain's richly diverse plant heritage with thousands of species planted out in beds.



**Free access 3 Apr–26 Oct, Thur–Sun  
(excl BH and event days), when open**



Nicolas Stocken



Merriments Gardens

## 21 Merriments Gardens

Hawkhurst Rd, Hurst Green, East Sussex TN19 7RA  
01580 860666 [merriments.co.uk](http://merriments.co.uk)

This beautiful 4-acre garden in rural East Sussex has colour-themed borders with swathes of inspiring planting evolving through the seasons from spring pastels to fiery autumn hues, all on a south-facing site with good parking and easy access. There is a Plant Centre, Shop and Restaurant, and dogs are welcome on leads.



**Free access applies when open**



## 22 Model Village Godshill

High Street, Godshill, Isle of Wight PO38 3HH  
01983 840270 [modelvillagegodshill.co.uk](http://modelvillagegodshill.co.uk)

This family-run garden and Model Village opened to the public in 1952. Packed into the site is a collection of 3,000 coarse bonsai-treated conifers. These versatile trees are kept to scale with the authentic model buildings, providing kaleidoscopic hues and a structural backdrop to the dioramas.



**Free access 24 Mar–2 Nov, Mon and Fri, when open**



## 23 Nymans (National Trust)

Handcross, West Sussex RH17 6EB  
01444 405250 [nationaltrust.org.uk/nymans](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/nymans)

Set around a romantic house and partial ruin, Nymans is a garden for all seasons with a significant plant collection. In spring there is blossom, bulbs and magnolias and in summer the Rose Garden, inspired by a 1920s' design, is scented by old-fashioned roses. There is vibrant native tree colour in autumn with scented shrubs in winter.



**Free access applies when open**



## 24 Osterley (National Trust)

Jersey Road, Isleworth, London TW7 4RB  
020 8232 5050 [nationaltrust.org.uk/osterley](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/osterley)

One of London's last country estates, Osterley's 18th-century Robert Adam house is set within 350 acres of parkland, farm and gardens. There are tender plants and lemon trees in the Garden House; walled garden with vegetable plots and herbaceous borders; and rare North American trees. Car park charges apply.



**Free access applies when open**

## 25 Parham House and Gardens

Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 4HR  
01903 742021 [parhaminsussex.co.uk](http://parhaminsussex.co.uk)

Set in a medieval deer park, this 4-acre walled garden is a tapestry of colour and scent from early spring until the frosts with Edwardian herbaceous borders, rose and herb gardens, vegetable parterre, teak glasshouse with aromatic plants and specimen trees, lake and maze in the Pleasure Grounds.


  
**Free access 20 Apr–30 May and 3 Sep–12 Oct, Wed–Fri, Sun and BH Mon, when open**



Elizabeth Zeschlin

## 26 Penshurst Place and Gardens

Penshurst, Nr Tonbridge, Kent TN11 8DG  
01892 870307 [penshurstplace.com](http://penshurstplace.com)

This historic formal garden, dating from 1386, is the ancestral home of the Sidney family. Divided into distinct rooms by over 1 mile of yew hedging, Penshurst Place is one of few surviving examples of a formal walled garden, providing distinct designs, planting and structure throughout.


  
**Free access Mon–Fri (excl BH and school holidays) when open**



Deanne Davis Penshurst Place and Gardens

## 27 Riverhill Himalayan Gardens

Riverhill, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0RR  
01732 459777 [riverhillgardens.co.uk](http://riverhillgardens.co.uk)

There is lots to enjoy at Riverhill, from the stunning Walled Garden with terraced lawns and fountains, to the fragrant Rose Walk, leading down to the Rock Garden, with its rare ferns and gentle water cascades. The Wood Garden contains an historic rhododendron collection while the Little Everest Viewpoint gives panoramic views across the Weald of Kent.


  
**Free access Wed–Thur when open**



Kate Westbrook

## 28 The Savill Garden

Windsor Great Park, Wick Lane, Englefield Green, Surrey TW20 0UJ 01753 860222 [windsorgreatpark.co.uk/savill](http://windsorgreatpark.co.uk/savill)

A hidden gem in the heart of Windsor Great Park, The Savill Garden was commissioned by George V and created in 1932 by Sir Eric Savill. Visitors can connect with decades of royal history including the award-winning Queen Elizabeth Temperate House, The Golden Jubilee Garden and The Rose Garden – all opened by Queen Elizabeth II.


  
**Free access Feb, Jun and Sep, when open**



The Savill Garden / The Crown Estate





## 29 Sheffield Park and Garden

(National Trust) Sheffield Park, Uckfield, East Sussex  
TN22 3QX 01825 790231 [nationaltrust.org.uk/sheffieldpark](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/sheffieldpark)

This landscape garden and surrounding historic parkland is glorious in all seasons, with particular highlights the spring rhododendrons, summer waterlilies and spectacular autumn colour. Originally designed in the 18th century, the garden contains four lakes joined by a waterfall and cascade, while the parkland stretches down to the River Ouse and the Bluebell Railway.



## 30 Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

Jermyns Lane, Ampfield, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 0QA  
01794 368787 [hants.gov.uk/hilliergardens](http://hants.gov.uk/hilliergardens)

These remarkable 180-acre gardens are home to one of the world's most important plant collections. The National Plant Collection of *Cornus* provides brightly coloured stems in the Winter Garden and *Hamamelis* brings beautiful colour and fragrance.



## 31 Sissinghurst Castle Garden

(National Trust) Sissinghurst, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2AB  
01580 710701 [nationaltrust.org.uk/sissinghurst-castle](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/sissinghurst-castle)

Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson fell in love with Sissinghurst Castle and created a world-renowned historic, poetic and iconic garden: a refuge dedicated to beauty. Designed as a series of 'rooms', it boasts wonderful vistas in winter and encourages visitors to experience its architectural beauty.



## 32 Staunton Country Park

The Coach House, Petersfield Road, Havant, Hampshire  
PO9 5HD 03707 797522 [hants.gov.uk/scp](http://hants.gov.uk/scp)

Created by Sir George Staunton in the early 1800s, this fascinating 222-acre listed Regency landscape boasts follies, an ornamental lake, Chinese planting, Champion trees and the National Plant Collection of *Lardizabalaceae*, all surrounded by beautiful woodland and meadows. Free parking for RHS members.



**33 Stowe Gardens** (National Trust)

Stowe Gardens, Buckingham MK18 5EQ  
01280 817156 [nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe)

This 18th-century landscape garden laid out in the natural form contains over 30 different temples and monuments, a rock and water garden with regency planting, mixed herbaceous borders and shrub planting within Sleeping Wood, wildflower meadows and views across the landscape. The impressive seasonal displays start with snowdrops and end with autumn colour.


**Free access applies when open**



National Trust Images / Andrew Butler

**34 Syon Park**

London Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 8JF  
020 8560 0882 [syonpark.co.uk](http://syonpark.co.uk)

The 200-acre 'Capability' Brown parkland is home to 39 acres of gardens including meadows, an ornamental lake and extensive collection of rare and veteran trees. The impressive Great Conservatory was built in the 1820s. The gardens contain elements from several historic periods and change through the seasons.


**Free access applies when open**



Ginns Hillier



Tynley Hall Hotel and Gardens / Pete Webb

**35 Tynley Hall Hotel and Gardens**

Rotherwick, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9AZ  
01256 764881 [tynleyhall.co.uk](http://tynleyhall.co.uk)

In this large garden of 66 acres is extensive woodland; beautiful vistas; fine avenues of *Wellingtonia*; serene Water Gardens designed by Gertrude Jekyll; a boathouse lake; formal Italian garden; and the longest uninterrupted view in Hampshire. Rhododendrons, azaleas, wisteria and Virginia creeper offer a seasonal tapestry of colours. There is partial wheelchair access.


**Free access applies when open  
(excl NGS days 18 May and 29 Jun)**

National Trust / Waddesdon Manor / Hugh Mothersole



## 36 Waddesdon Manor (National Trust)

Nr Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP18 0JH  
01296 820414 [waddesdon.org.uk](http://waddesdon.org.uk)

One of the finest examples of late-Victorian horticulture, the gardens include a parterre, 3D bedding sculptures and a Rococo-style aviary housing rare birds. There are colourful bedding displays, impressive garden statuary and rolling parkland with hidden glades, magnificent woodland and picturesque views.



Free access applies when open

Andrew Lawson



## 37 Waterperry Gardens

Nr Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1LA  
01844 339226 [waterperrygardens.co.uk](http://waterperrygardens.co.uk)

These 20 acres of inspirational gardens with a spectacular 200ft herbaceous border have been delighting visitors for years. New developments include the replanting of the Mary Spiller rose garden, the new winter border and new bluebell copse. The colourful formal garden contains a small knot garden, herb border and wisteria tunnel.



Free access every Wed and Nov, when open

West Dean Gardens



## 38 West Dean Gardens

West Dean, Nr Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0RX  
01243 818318 [westdean.org.uk/gardens](http://westdean.org.uk/gardens)

Visitors can explore the restored Victorian walled kitchen garden with 19th-century glasshouses, 100m Edwardian pergola, spring garden and award-winning sunken garden. The 4km St Roche's Arboretum circular walk in over 49 acres of parkland offers panoramic views to West Dean College.



Free access Jan–Feb and Oct–30 Dec (excl 24 and 25 Dec), when open

Merilyn Abbott



## 39 West Green House Gardens

Thackhams Lane, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Hampshire RG27 8JB 01252 844611 [westgreenhouse.co.uk](http://westgreenhouse.co.uk)

A sylvan landscape encircles four walled gardens with a collection of follies, topiaries, a Nymphaem and Lake. In 10 acres it highlights natural fritillaries, annually 10,000 tulips, a potager and massed dahlias.



Free access applies when open



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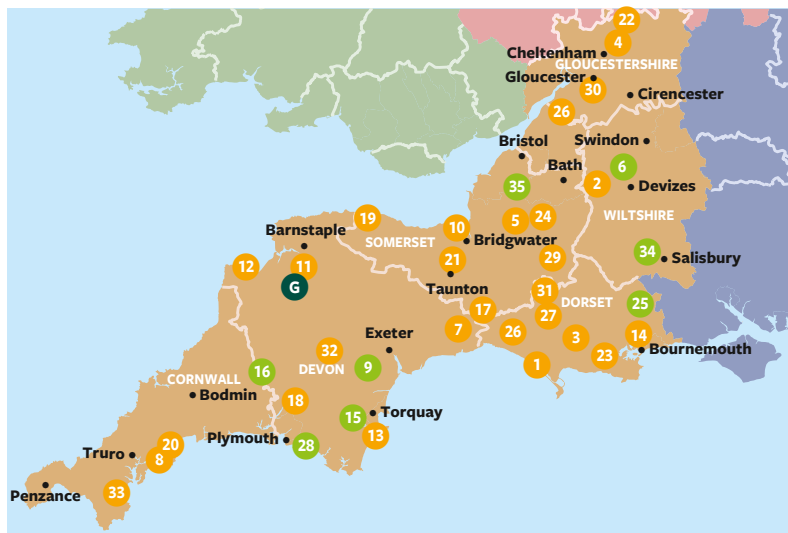
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# South West



**G** RHS Garden Rosemoor



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## 1 Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens

Buller's Way, Abbotsbury, Dorset DT3 4LA  
01305 871387 [abbotsburygardens.co.uk](http://abbotsburygardens.co.uk)

Abbotsbury is a subtropical paradise and haven for rare and unusual plants from around the world. Originating in 1765, the 30 acres of Grade I-listed gardens sit in a sheltered woodland valley where babbling brooks, secluded ponds and a romantic 18th-century walled garden set the scene for one of Britain's most diverse outdoor plant collections.



Free access Jan–Feb and Nov–Dec, when open



Rebecca Bernstein

## 2 American Museum and Gardens

Claverton Manor, Bath BA2 7BD  
01225 460503 [americanmuseum.org](http://americanmuseum.org)

These Grade II-listed gardens feature 2½ acres of formal gardens designed by Oehme van Sweden with valley views and large swathes of bulbs and prairie-style planting. The grounds include the New American Garden, the Mount Vernon Garden and the Children's Garden as well as an arboretum and parkland.



Free access 15 Feb–30 Jun and Sep–Dec Wed–Thur; Jul–Aug, Thur only, when open

### 3 Athelhampton House and Gardens

Athelhampton, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7LG  
01305 848363 [athelhampton.com](http://athelhampton.com)

Award-winning gardens surround the Tudor Manor and the 5-acre formal walled gardens, in the Elizabethan style, and an Edwardian kitchen garden delight visitors all year. Water runs in both the formal gardens and more natural gardens following the Arts and Crafts movement.

Free access every Sat, plus all Feb and Nov, when open



Athelhampton House and Gardens

### 4 Batsford Arboretum

Batsford, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 9AT  
01386 701441 [batsarb.co.uk](http://batsarb.co.uk)

Batsford Arboretum is home to a unique collection of some of the world's most beautiful and rare trees, shrubs and bamboos spread across 60 acres. Browse Batsford's garden centre and gift shop and enjoy a delicious breakfast, lunch or coffee at The Garden Terrace Café.

Free access Jan-Sep and Dec daily, when open



Batsford Arboretum

### 5 The Bishop's Palace and Gardens

Wells, Somerset BA5 2PD  
01749 988111 [bishopspalace.org.uk](http://bishopspalace.org.uk)

Home to the Bishops of Bath and Wells for over 800 years and set within the ancient Palace ramparts, this 14-acre site houses the city's well pools, moat and swans. Filled with a profusion of shrubs, trees, bulbs, perennials and wildflowers, historic and contemporary gardens offer year-round interest.

Free access every Fri plus 4 Jan-30 Mar and 26 Oct-30 Dec (excl 24-26 Dec), when open



Bishop's Palace Wells

### 6 Bowood Woodland Garden

Calne, Wiltshire SN11 9PG 01249 812102 [bowood.org](http://bowood.org)

A separate attraction on the Bowood Estate, the Woodland Garden is only open for six weeks of the year during the flowering season (April to early June). Covering more than 30 acres, there are just over two miles of paths intersecting the Woodland Gardens with an oasis of azaleas, bluebells, magnolias and rhododendrons.

Free access applies when open



Bowood Woodland Garden / Anna Stowe





## 7 Burrow Farm Gardens

Old Taunton Road, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon EX13 7ET  
07903 527940 [burrowfarmgardens.co.uk](http://burrowfarmgardens.co.uk)

Voted the nation's favourite Public Garden 2021, the 13 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens offer unusual trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants with spring flowers, beautiful azaleas and rhododendrons, a meadow of orchids and magnificent autumn colour. A well-stocked nursery, tearoom and garden ironwork barn complete a visit.



Free access Apr–Oct, Mon and Fri, when open



## 8 Caerhays Castle Gardens

Gorran, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 6LY  
01872 501310 [visit.caerhays.co.uk](http://visit.caerhays.co.uk)

World famous for a Plant Heritage National Collection of *Magnolias* together with camellias and rhododendrons, these gardens were created by JC Williams, who sponsored plant-hunting trips to China in the 19th century. There are five woodland walks through one of the country's finest display of spring flowers.



Free access 10 Feb–8 Jun, Mon–Tues, when open



## 9 Canonteign Falls

Canonteign Falls, Christow, Nr Exeter, Devon EX6 7RH 01647 252434 [canonteignfalls.co.uk](http://canonteignfalls.co.uk)

This historic, privately owned estate in the heart of Devon offers 90 acres of parkland with beautiful waterfalls nestled in ancient woodland. Rocky cliffs give way to idyllic meadows and tranquil lakes, each offering a unique habitat for flora and fauna. The beautiful paved Labyrinth adds further interest to any visit. For garden enthusiasts, the Victorian Fern Garden was awarded Plant Heritage National Plant Collection status in 2022. Complete the day with afternoon tea in the pretty café and a browse in the gift shop.



Free access applies when open

## 10 The Walled Gardens of Cannington

Church Street, Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 2HA  
01278 655042 [btc.ac.uk/the-college/open-to-the-public/the-walled-gardens-of-cannington](http://btc.ac.uk/the-college/open-to-the-public/the-walled-gardens-of-cannington)

Lying within the grounds of a medieval priory, these gardens' classic and contemporary features include a 'hot' herbaceous border; blue garden; sub-tropical walk; botanical glasshouse and Victorian-style fernery.



Free access 7 Jan–18 Dec, Sat–Sun, when open



The Walled Gardens of Cannington / Samuel Thompson

## 11 Castle Hill Gardens

Castle Hill Gardens, Filleigh, Nr South Molton, Devon EX32 0RQ 01598 760336 [castlehilldevon.co.uk](http://castlehilldevon.co.uk)

Set against the breathtaking 18th-century Palladian house with 49 acres of parkland, the gardens feature pathways, temples, follies and fabulous vistas. A climb to the sham castle offers panoramic views to Exmoor, Dartmoor and Lundy Island. Tasty light lunches and Devon cream teas are served in the tearoom (see website for opening times).



Free access 24 Mar–Oct, Mon–Wed



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## 12 Clovelly Court Gardens

Clovelly, Nr Bideford, Devon EX39 5SZ  
01237 431781 [clovelly.co.uk](http://clovelly.co.uk)

In this classic example of a restored Victorian Kitchen Garden, magnificent lean-to glasshouses protect crops from salt-laden coastal winds and provide produce and propagated plants. Exotic plants thrive here, tended by Head Gardener Neil Coldrick and his team. There is a tranquil woodland walk and vistas of Bideford Bay to be enjoyed from the grass terraces.



Free access Mar and Oct, when open



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## 13 Coleton Fishacre (National Trust)

Brownstone Road, Kingswear, Devon TQ6 0EQ  
01803 843235 [nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre)

With a climate as mild as south Cornwall, tender and exotic plants thrive in the coastal valley garden at Coleton Fishacre. From elegant formal terraces around the Arts and Crafts house to natural woodland and wide sea views, this garden by the sea is filled with year-round interest.



Free access every Sat plus Fri 15 Feb–2 Nov (excl Good Friday), when open



National Trust / Lauren Hutchinson



Peter Chatterton

## 14 Compton Acres

164 Canford Cliffs Road, Poole, Dorset BH13 7ES  
01202 700778 [comptonacres.co.uk](http://comptonacres.co.uk)

Created from Dorset heathland in the 1920s, this Arts and Crafts-style garden offers five themed areas giving all-year interest. Differing plant features link the extensive Italian, Japanese, woodland, rock and water, and heather gardens, presenting an eclectic range of seasonal colour.



Free access Jan– Mar and Nov–Dec, daily, when open



Neville Evans, Dartington Estate

## 15 Dartington Hall Gardens

Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL 01803 847150  
[dartington.org/gardens](http://dartington.org/gardens)

Experience a sense of tranquillity at Dartington's impressive Grade II\*-listed gardens, which have been shaped and inspired by the remarkable custodians of this special place for more than 1,000 years. Many ancient trees and formal and informal plantings make this garden a haven for wildlife and visitors alike.



Free access applies when open



Ben Ruscombe-King

## 16 Hotel Endsleigh

Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0PQ  
01822 870000 [hotelendsleigh.com](http://hotelendsleigh.com)

This Grade I-listed garden is Repton's picturesque masterpiece. Formal gardens containing a 100m herbaceous border, rose walk, parterre and shell house contrast with a romantic woodland garden filled with streams, pools and waterfalls, a rockery and grotto. The arboretum contains 18 champion trees. The house is now a hotel and the restaurant is open to non-residents.



Free access applies when open



Mark Ebdon Photography

## 17 Forde Abbey and Gardens

Chard, Somerset TA20 4LU 01460 221290 [fordeabbey.co.uk](http://fordeabbey.co.uk)

These 29 acres of award-winning gardens around the abbey feature naturalised crocus on lawns, topiary-lined vistas, herbaceous borders, bog garden, kitchen garden, wildflower meadows, an arboretum, ponds with meandering pathways and seating to admire the views. It's also home to the country's highest-powered fountain. A gift shop, specialist plant nursery, coffee shop and pottery make it a full day out.



Free access (gardens only) 1 Mar–31 Oct, Mon when open



**18 The Garden House**

Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, Devon PL20 7LQ  
01822 854769 [thegardenhouse.org.uk](http://thegardenhouse.org.uk)

In this plant enthusiasts' garden with fine specimens, naturalistic meadows and woodland, the landscape has been carved from the original by Keith Wiley with great artistry to offer beautiful views and vistas. Seasonal interest is provided by snowdrops, summer flowers and autumn colour. The more formal walled garden has colourful herbaceous borders amid remnants of Medieval buildings.

**Free access Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec when open**



John Richmond / The Garden House

**19 Greencombe Gardens**

Greencombe, Porlock, Somerset TA24 8NU  
01643 862363 [greencombe.org](http://greencombe.org)

A woodland garden of international renown, Greencombe has an outstanding canopy of oaks, hollies, conifers and sweet chestnuts under which camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas, maples, lilies, roses, clematis and hydrangeas all flower among mosses, ferns and the garden's four National Plant Collections: *Erythronium* (lilies), *Vaccinium* (berries), *Gaultheria* and *Polystichum* (ferns).

**Free access Mon-Tues, when open**



Greencombe Gardens

**20 The Lost Gardens of Heligan**

Pentewan, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 6EN  
01726 845100 [heligan.com](http://heligan.com)

Heligan is one of the most mysterious estates in England. Lost to the brambles of time since the outbreak of the First World War, this Sleeping Beauty was reawakened in 1990 to become Europe's largest garden restoration project. Today Heligan's 200 acres are a paradise for the explorer, wildlife and plant lover and garden romantic.

**Free access Jan-Mar and Nov-Dec (excl 25-26 Dec), when open**



Andy Wilson

**21 Hestercombe Gardens**

Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton, Somerset TA2 8LG  
01823 413923 [hestercombe.com](http://hestercombe.com)

There are 300 years of garden design to be discovered in one inspiring estate. Examples of Edwin Lutyens' and Gertrude Jekyll's hallmarks are everywhere from iris-choked rills and pergolas to bold and simple planting. The secret landscape garden encompasses 40 acres of lakes, temples, combes and woodlands.

**Free access Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec, daily, when open**



Chris Lacey



## 22 Hidcote (National Trust)

Hidcote Bartrim, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire  
GL55 6LR 01386 438333 [nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote)

Created by horticulturist and plant collector Major Lawrence Johnston, Hidcote's intricately designed outdoor spaces are full of surprises and harmonise with the seasons. Along the narrow pathways are secret gardens, fine views and plants bursting with colour.



Free access Jan–Mar and 4 Aug–Nov,  
when open



## 23 Holme For Gardens

West Holme, Wareham, Dorset BH20 6AQ  
01929 554716 [holmeforgardens.co.uk](http://holmeforgardens.co.uk)

Through its landscaped features and planting, this large garden for everyone and for all seasons provides areas of formality and informality, tamed and untamed, dramatic and harmonious. The concept of achieving biodiversity through floral diversity provides visitors with a tranquil environment to be inspired and interact with nature.



Free access Jan–24 Dec, Mon–Tues,  
when open



## 24 Kilver Court Garden

Kilver Court, Kilver Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5NF  
07442 879896 [kilvercourt.co.uk](http://kilvercourt.co.uk)

Based on an award-winning 1950s' RHS Chelsea Flower Show garden, designed by multiple Gold-medal recipient George Whitelegg, the gardens were designed under the stewardship of Herbert Showering and later expanded by Roger Saul of Mulberry. Herbert's grandchildren now own these special gardens and share a passion for them.



Free access Jan–Feb and Oct–Dec,  
Thur–Sun; and Mar–Sep, Wed–Thur

**25 Knoll Gardens and Nursery**

Staplehill Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7ND  
01202 873931 [knollgardens.co.uk](http://knollgardens.co.uk)

In these calming, naturalistic gardens, exquisite plantings of grasses and flowering perennials create an immersive landscape based on the way plants grow in the wild. From shady spots beneath specimen trees visitors can enjoy the open prairie-style vistas that these painterly gardens offer. The on-site nursery sells many grasses including special Knoll selections.


**Free access applies when open**



Knoll Gardens

**26 Mapperton Gardens**

Nr Beaminston, Dorset DT8 3NR 01308 862645 [mapperton.com](http://mapperton.com)

Tucked into a steep north-south combe, Grade II\*-listed Mapperton is famous for its romantic setting, varied planting and sense of tranquillity and won the Historic Houses Garden of the Year 2020 award. One of the country's most important and distinctive gardens, it descends from the formal topiary gardens and Orangery to the north to an arboretum, beyond which the land unfolds in small, steep valleys and headlands to the sea.


**Free access applies Tues when open**



Tash Coombe-Abbott

**27 Minterne Gardens**

Minterne Magna, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7AU  
01300 341370 [minterne.co.uk](http://minterne.co.uk)

This historic rhododendron garden is at its peak in April and May. It contains 1 mile of wild woodland walk, with new vistas at every turn. Lakes, streams and cascades, the authentic Himalayan Hut and the valley topography make for tranquillity and a true feel of the Himalayas.


**Free access Feb-Mar, Jun-Oct and early Nov when open**



Mark Bolton

**28 Mothecombe Gardens**

Mothecombe House, Holbeton, Plymouth, Devon PL8 1LB  
01752 830253 [flete.co.uk](http://flete.co.uk)

Overlooking Mothecombe House is a walled garden with Lutyens Terraces planted with wisteria, irises and agapanthus, and a lawn with herbaceous borders. A door leads to an orchard underplanted with daffodils, with a camellia walk to the woodland garden, which also leads to the pollinator-friendly Bee Garden. Car parking charges apply.


**Free access applies when open**



Mark Bolton





## 29 The Newt Garden

The Newt in Somerset, Bruton, Somerset BA7 7NG  
01963 577750 [thenewtinsomerset.com](http://thenewtinsomerset.com)

The estate's 29 acres of formal gardens include the Parabola – a historic walled garden concealing an apple tree maze – plus a Produce Garden that feeds The Newt's restaurants, a Winter Garden and ancient woodland walks. Visitors can also explore The Story of Gardening, an interactive museum charting the history of horticulture.



Free access Tues–Wed, when open



## 30 Painswick Rococo Garden

Painswick, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 6TH  
01452 813204 [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk)

The UK's only complete surviving rococo garden is a haven of peace and tranquillity sprinkled with quirky features. Nestled in a hidden valley with magical follies and incredible views, it offers a play area, maze, kitchen garden, woodland walks, café and plant nursery. Perfect for a memorable day out!



Free access Mar–Nov, when open



## 31 Sherborne Castle and Gardens

New Road, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 5NR  
01935 813182 [sherbornecastle.com](http://sherbornecastle.com)

The Grade I-listed garden was one of 'Capability' Brown's first commissions. A large lake forms the backdrop to a 42-acre garden with sweeping lawns, stunning herbaceous borders and majestic trees, including some champion trees. There are delightful garden walks with colour all year.



Free access every Wed, plus daily Oct (excl 6, 13 and 20), when open



## 32 Stone Lane Gardens

Stone Farm, Chagford, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 8JU  
01647 231311 [stonelanegardens.com](http://stonelanegardens.com)

This beautiful arboretum threaded with pools and streams on the edge of Dartmoor has been extended to include a newly-planted arboretum, wildflower meadows and a lovely woodland path. There are National Plant Collections of birch and alder, a specialist tree nursery, Summer Sculpture exhibition and outdoor events – see website. EV parking at 45p/kwh.



Free access every Fri, plus Thurs–Mon Feb and Oct, when open

**33 Trebah Garden**

Mawnan Smith, Nr Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5JZ  
01326 252200 [trebahgarden.co.uk](http://trebahgarden.co.uk)

This subtropical paradise is set within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are more than 6.4km of footpaths to discover the magic of the beautiful valley garden, leading under canopies bursting with exotic blooms and following vibrant colours that cascade down to a secluded beach on the idyllic Helford River.

**Free access Jan–Mar and Nov–Dec (excl 24–26 Dec and 20–22 Jan) daily, when open**



Trebah Garden Trust

**34 Wilton House**

Wilton, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 0BJ  
01722 746700 [wiltonhouse.com](http://wiltonhouse.com)

The gardens, bordered by the Rivers Wylde and Nadder, have views over the landscaped parkland to the south, and offer extensive lawns, ancient cedars, a walled rose garden, water gardens, riverside and woodland walks, and many notable architectural features.

**Free access applies when open**



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Yeo Valley

**35 Yeo Valley Organic Garden**

Bath Road, Blagdon, Somerset BS40 7SQ  
01761 462798 [yeovalley.co.uk](http://yeovalley.co.uk)

Spanning 6½ acres, the Yeo Valley Organic Garden is certified by the Soil Association. The garden is design led with a strong emphasis on colour and the use of plants to theatrical effect. There's a sense of fun as well as examples of how we can all garden in a more environmentally positive way and the Cake Hole café is not to be missed.

**Free access applies when open**

# Midlands



Arley Arboretum and Gardens

## 1 Arley Arboretum and Gardens

Upper Arley, Nr Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1SQ  
01299 861368 [arleyarboretum.co.uk](http://arleyarboretum.co.uk)

The Arboretum is home to 300 species of rare and ancient trees. Seasonal displays include spring bulbs, rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias and dramatic autumn colours from a fine Acer collection. The accessible gardens have herbaceous borders, ornamental grasses and a striking Italian Garden with a 5.5m-high fountain and formal planting.



Belvoir Castle

## 2 Belvoir Castle Garden

Belvoir, Grantham, Leicestershire NG32 1PE  
01476 871001 [belvoircastle.com](http://belvoircastle.com)

The striking Regency castle sits proudly overlooking the beautiful Vale of Belvoir and is surrounded by 'Capability' Brown landscape. The plans to the 25 acres of pleasure gardens originally designed by Harold Peto have only recently been rediscovered, with all the classic hallmarks of the designer. The roses in the garden today are the design of Emma, the current Duchess of Rutland.





### 3 Biddulph Grange Garden (National Trust)

Grange Road, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs ST8 7SD  
01782 375522 [nationaltrust.org.uk/biddulphgrange](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/biddulphgrange)

Biddulph Grange Garden offers a horticultural, playful masterpiece of garden rooms interconnected by tunnels, high hedges, rock banks and intriguing buildings. Visitors are taken around the world with an international tree and plant collection in themed locations, from an Italian garden to Himalayan glen, plus a spectacular Chinese garden.



Free access applies when open



National Trust / Helen Williams

### 4 Bluebell Arboretum and Nursery

Annwell Lane, Smisby, Ashby-de-la Zouch, Derbyshire  
LE65 2TA 01530 413700 [bluebellnursery.com](https://bluebellnursery.com)

This enchanting, 9-acre woodland garden is full of rare and unusual trees and shrubs. Many are selected for their colourful winter bark, lovely spring flowers, cool leafy summer shade or notable autumn colour. Plants are well labelled and many are on sale in the specialist nursery.



Free access applies when open



Bluebell Arboretum and Nursery

### 5 Cascades Gardens

Clatterway, Bonsall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2AH  
07967 337404 [cascadesgardens.com](https://cascadesgardens.com)

Cascades Gardens, the Meditation garden and Bonsai centre are designed in a 4-acre landscape in an old limestone quarry. Every season brings new surprises with hellebores, unusual perennial flowers, trees, shrubs and conifers. Inspired by Japanese gardens and Buddhist philosophy, it is a celebration of nature with meditation in mind – a place to sit, relax and find peace.



Free access Mon (excl Bank Holiday) and Tues when open



Archie Clements

### 6 Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 9BT  
0121 749 4100 [castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk](https://castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk)

A hidden treasure of early 18th-century formal gardens and adjoining parkland – a local nature reserve – tucked away on the edge of a highly industrialised city landscape. This is a restful space all year, willingly shared with families and visitors seeking contact with nature.



Free access applies when open (excl event days)



Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens



## 7 Cottesbrooke Hall and Gardens

Cottesbrooke, Northamptonshire NN6 8PF  
01604 505808 [cottesbrooke.co.uk](http://cottesbrooke.co.uk)

With a wide variety of interest, the remarkable Cottesbrooke garden sits within an 18th-century landscaped park and features lakes, classical bridges, statues, pergolas, many roses and double herbaceous borders. A tranquil Wild Garden is laid out along a stream and surrounded by an array of spring flowers, specimen trees and gunneras.



Free access applies when open



## 8 Coughton Court Gardens

The Throckmorton Family Gardens, Alcester, Warwickshire  
B49 5JA 01789 762542 [coughtoncourt.co.uk](http://coughtoncourt.co.uk)

The gardens at Coughton Court are run by the Throckmorton family, while the house is opened by the National Trust. Developed over the past 30 years, the gardens offer a site rich in interest with a Tudor mansion, two churches, a lake, the Westminster Pool, River Arrow, an orchard and a large walled garden.



Free access applies when open



## 9 Deene Park

Corby, Northamptonshire NN17 3EG  
01780 450278 [deenepark.com](http://deenepark.com)

Home to the Brudenell family since 1514, Deene Park nestles in gently rolling countryside beside a tranquil canal and lake. The themed gardens have developed since the mid-20th century and include a David Hicks parterre, specimen trees, old fashioned roses, long borders and pleasure grounds.



Free access applies when open



## 10 Doddington Gardens

Doddington, Lincoln LN6 4RU 01522 694308  
[doddingtonhall.com](http://doddingtonhall.com)

This impressive Elizabethan house is surrounded by original garden walls. The East Front is simple and formal, while the richly planted West Garden borders and parterres peak in early summer with an iris display in late May. Spring bulbs, a productive Kitchen Garden and ancient trees are highlights.



Free access applies when open  
(excl special events)

## 11 The Dorothy Clive Garden

Willoughbridge, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 4EU  
01630 647237 [dorothyclivegarden.co.uk](http://dorothyclivegarden.co.uk)

This 12-acre plantsman's paradise features a quarry of azaleas and rhododendrons, roses, herbaceous and tropical borders, fabulous autumn colour, a Mediterranean glasshouse, tearoom and giftroom. Chosen by the *Daily Mail* (2018) as one of Britain's top winter gardens and by Jim Gardiner, RHS Vice President, as one of his top woodland gardens.



Free access when open, except Apr–Jun



Joe Warneight Photography

## 12 Evenley Wood Garden

Mixbury Road, Evenley, Northamptonshire NN13 5SL  
07788 207428 [evenleywoodgarden.co.uk](http://evenleywoodgarden.co.uk)

Set in the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, this 59-acre woodland garden contains many notable plants. Its band of acid soil, in a mainly alkaline area, allows camellias, rhododendrons and magnolias to thrive. From snowdrops in February through to wonderful autumn hues, there's something to see in every season.



Free access every Fri when open  
and daily 1 Aug–30 Sep



Evenley Wood Garden

## 13 Felley Priory Gardens

Underwood, Nottinghamshire NG16 5FJ  
01773 810230 [felleypriory.co.uk](http://felleypriory.co.uk)

This tranquil 2-acre garden, with many rare and unusual plants, nestles in beautiful rolling countryside and is one of north Nottinghamshire's best-kept secrets. The planting offers year-round interest and the nursery sells competitively priced plants seen in the garden. The Farmhouse Tea Room serves meals, snacks and drinks.



Free access Tues–Wed when open



Felley Priory

## 14 Goldstone Hall Hotel and Gardens

Goldstone, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 2NA  
01630 661202 [goldstonehall.com](http://goldstonehall.com)

Set in 5-acre grounds overlooking the rolling countryside, plus a Georgian Manor House with restaurant and 12 bedrooms, these gardens are mature and intriguingly designed, with formal and informal planting encapsulating the essence of a traditional English garden. It features one of the UK's most productive hotel kitchen gardens, a walled garden, rose terrace and unique herbal walkways.



Free access applies when open



Joe Warneight





## 15 Grimsthorpe Castle, Park and Gardens

Bourne, Lincs PE10 0LY 01778 591205 [grimsthorpe.co.uk](http://grimsthorpe.co.uk)

The Grade I-listed gardens encompass nearly 70 acres of formal lawns, fine topiary and formal hedges, an ornamental and productive kitchen garden, large herbaceous borders, a rose parterre and woodland walks. Visitors can also enjoy the surrounding 3000-acre estate, which encompasses a 'Capability' Brown landscape.



Free access May–Jun and Sep, Mon–Thur (excl BH) when open



## 16 Hill Close Gardens

Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF  
01926 493339 [hillclosegardens.com](http://hillclosegardens.com)

Nestled on the edge of Warwick town centre, this secluded 2½-acre site features 16 individual detached Victorian gardens with summerhouses and ornamental and vegetable plantings. There are collections of *Galanthus*, Michelmas daisies, part of the National Plant Collection of *Chrysanthemum* and 70 heritage apple cultivars to explore. Tearoom open weekends May–Oct.



Free access Wed–Thur (excl event days and guided tours) when open



## 17 Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens

Kelmarsh, Northamptonshire NN6 9LY 01604 686543 [kelmarsh.com](http://kelmarsh.com)

These glorious gardens are influenced by the work of three 20th-century tastemakers: Nancy Lancaster, Norah Lindsey and Geoffrey Jellicoe. There are exuberant flower borders, romantic rose gardens and a walled garden full of vibrant colours to enjoy – this peaks through summer as visitors are treated to copious colourful flora at every turn, followed by spectacular dahlias in September.



Free access applies when open

## 18 Melbourne Hall Gardens

Melbourne, Derbyshire DE73 8EN  
01332 862502 [melbournehall.com](http://melbournehall.com)

This family garden contains romantic herbaceous borders, elegant avenues, an arboretum, water features, exquisite ironwork, historic yew tunnel and rare-breed animals. Created in the 1700s, it remains the best example of its period in England. Its story continues under the guiding hand and painterly planting style of Lady Ralph Kerr.



Free access applies when open



Andrea Jones / Garden Exposures Photo Library

## 19 Middleton Hall and Gardens

Middleton, Tamworth, Warwickshire B78 2AE  
01827 283095 [middleton-hall.co.uk](http://middleton-hall.co.uk)

Set in 42 acres of Warwickshire countryside, these wildlife-rich gardens boast nearly 1,000 years of history. Renowned residents include naturalists Francis Willughby and John Ray, whose work influenced modern taxonomy. Restored by volunteers, the Grade II-listed Walled Garden is becoming a top horticultural destination with vibrant borders, historic trees and a tranquil atmosphere.



Free access applies when open



Steven Davies

## 20 Moors Meadow Gardens

Moors Meadow, Collington, Bromyard, Herefordshire  
HR7 4LZ 01885 410318 [moorsmeadow.co.uk](http://moorsmeadow.co.uk)

Voted 'most romantic' garden, this inspirational and tranquil 7-acre organic garden contains a phenomenal range of plants and wildlife. There are intriguing sculptures amid trees and shrubberies, fernery, grass garden, herbaceous beds, kitchen garden, pools, cottage-style gardens, a floriferous meadow with shrubs and specimen trees, oak circle and countless bulbs.



Free access applies when open



Moors Meadow Gardens

## 21 The Picton Garden

Old Court Nurseries, Walwyn Road, Colwall, Herefordshire  
WR13 6QE 01684 540416 [autumnasters.co.uk](http://autumnasters.co.uk)

Primarily known for its fantastic Michaelmas daisy displays in autumn, this 1½-acre garden is a family-run horticultural gem. More than 300 cultivars of snowdrop start the season, followed by a wealth of plants packed into herbaceous and woodland areas. There is always something of interest for the plant-obsessive.



Free access applies when open



Paul Picton / The Picton Garden



Renishaw Hall

## 22 Renishaw Hall and Gardens

Nr Chesterfield, Derbyshire S21 3WB  
01246 432310 [renishaw-hall.co.uk](http://renishaw-hall.co.uk)

More than 115 years ago, Sir George Sitwell created what is today one of the most important classical Italianate gardens in Britain. The fact that Renishaw remains very much a family home adds to its unique atmosphere, while its National Plant Collections of *Echium* and *Yucca* are highlights for plant-lovers.



Free access Wed–Thur (excl event days) when open



Thornbridge Hall

## 23 Thornbridge Estate Gardens

Thornbridge Hall, Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire DE45 1NZ Please use What3Words to find us: [gather.mango.tank](https://www.what3words.com/gather.mango.tank)  
01629 640617 [thornbridgehall.co.uk](http://thornbridgehall.co.uk)

Set in the heart of the Peak District National Park, Thornbridge Hall is surrounded by 10 acres of quirky, quintessentially English gardens. Designed in the late 19th century, Victorian drive, determination and engineering manipulated the landscape into a series of garden rooms, designed to create ‘1,000 shades of green’.



Free access Tues–Thur when open



The Trentham Estate

## 24 Trentham Estate

Stone Road, Trentham, Staffordshire ST4 8JG  
01782 646646 [trentham.co.uk](http://trentham.co.uk)

This contemporary restoration of a listed historic garden, set within 185 acres is designed by Piet Oudolf, Tom Stuart-Smith and Nigel Dunnett. The unique and inspiring gardens contain bold perennial plantings, sculpture and history trails, FantasyWire Fairy Quest and UK biodiversity restoration projects.



Free access Jan–Mar and Nov–Dec, Tues–Thur (excl BH) when open



Winterbourne House and Garden / Greg Milner

## 25 Winterbourne House and Garden

University of Birmingham, 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RT 0121 414 3003 [winterbourne.org.uk](http://winterbourne.org.uk)

One of the best surviving examples of an Edwardian Arts and Crafts suburban villa garden in Birmingham, it was lovingly created by the homeowners Margaret and John Nettlefold, using the books of Gertrude Jekyll as guides and inspiration. It includes a five-sided Walled Garden, colour-themed herbaceous borders, Sandstone Rock garden and a range of glasshouses.



Free access Mon–Wed when open





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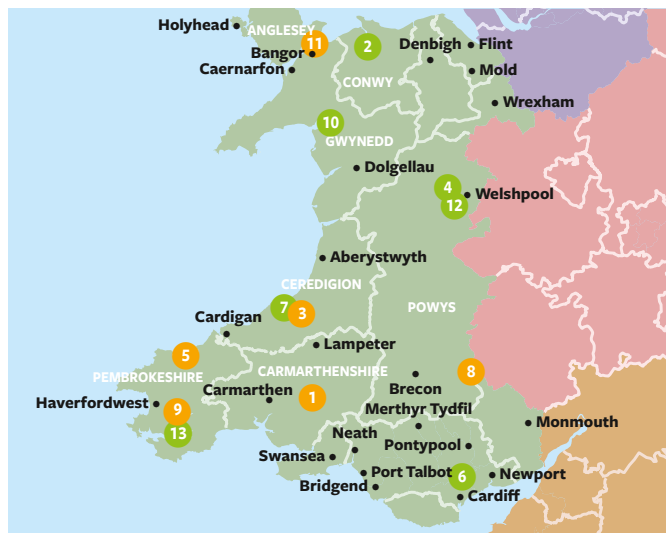


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# Wales



Aberglasney Gardens

## 1 Aberglasney Gardens

Llangathen, Carmarthenshire SA32 8QH  
01558 668998 [aberglasney.org](http://aberglasney.org)

Set in the beautiful Towy valley of Carmarthenshire, Aberglasney is one of Wales' finest gardens. At the heart of this historic site is a fully restored Elizabethan Cloister Garden, the only surviving example in the UK. Beyond this are more than 20 different garden styles from formal to tropical, through to natural woodlands and meadows.



Free access Jan–Feb and Nov–Dec when open



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## 2 Bodnant Garden (National Trust)

Tal-y-Cafn, Nr Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL28 5RE  
01492 650460 [nationaltrust.org.uk/bodnant-garden](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/bodnant-garden)

Bodnant Garden offers views of Eryri (Snowdonia), historic plant collections and 80 acres of Italianate formal gardens, shrub-filled glades, woodland, meadows, a dramatic dell, water gardens and five National Plant Collections. Spring magnolia, Bodnant Hybrid rhododendrons, roses, autumn colours and a Winter Garden provide seasonal highlights.



Free access applies when open

### 3 Cae Hir Gardens

Cribyn, Lampeter, Ceredigion SA48 7NG  
07538 789180 caehirgardens.com

A Welsh Garden with a Dutch History, Cae Hir is a family garden of unassuming beauty, made tenable by its innovative mix of ordinary garden plants and wildflowers growing together in swathes of perceived abandonment. At Cae Hir the natural meets the formal and riotous planting meets structure and form. A garden not just for plant lovers, but also for design enthusiasts.



Free access Apr and Aug when open



Julie Akkermans-Davies



The Dingle Garden and Nursery

### 4 The Dingle Garden

Frochas, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9JD  
01938 555145 dinglenurseryandgarden.co.uk

Based in the rolling hills of mid Wales, this beautiful 5-acre garden contains colour-themed beds cascading down the hillside towards two landscaped pools. A wide selection of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants are on show, offering year-round colour and interest, and spectacular autumn colour is a particular highlight.



Free access applies when open

### 5 Dyffryn Fernant Garden

Dinas, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire SA65 9SP  
01348 811282 dyffrynfernant.co.uk

Evolving out of Pembrokeshire wilderness, this 6-acre garden is created on rocky ground leading down to marsh and woodland, against the backdrop of the Preseli Hills. Colour, foliage and form combine dramatically in a series of distinct areas, growing increasingly wild as visitors explore further from the house.



Free access 31 Mar–30 Jun and 1 Sep–31 Oct, daily except Sat, when open



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## 6 Dyffryn Gardens (National Trust)

St Nicholas, Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6FZ  
02920 593328 [nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens)

An Edwardian garden in restoration with an ever-changing seasonal landscape, Dyffryn Gardens has something new to discover on every visit, from themed garden rooms to sweeping lawns, and bedding displays to a large arboretum. Just 20 minutes from the centre of Cardiff, Dyffryn is full of horticultural surprises as well as free parking, café, shop and two play areas.



Free access applies when open



## 7 Llanerchaeron Garden (National Trust)

Llanerchaeron, Ciliau Aeron, Nr Aberaeron, Ceredigion SA48 8DG 01545 570200 [nationaltrust.org.uk/llanerchaeron](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/llanerchaeron)

Nestled in the secluded Aeron Valley, this is a beautifully conserved house with 18th-century walled gardens producing fruit and vegetables for more than 200 years. There are ancient fruit trees, herbaceous borders, a kitchen garden and old glasshouses showing remnants of historic horticultural technology.



Free access applies when open



## 8 Nant-y-Bedd

Fforest Coal Pit, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 7LY  
01873 890219 [nantybedd.com](http://nantybedd.com)

A magical 10-acre wild and tame garden set in the Black Mountains and blending seamlessly into the surrounding landscape, Nant-y-Bedd has a potager, magnificent trees, cottage and edible forest gardens, pond, river walk, treehouse and wildflower meadow. A strong emphasis on eco-friendly gardening sees vegetables and wildflowers happily mingle.



Free access 4 Jun–29 Aug, Wed when open.  
Pre-booking via website is essential



## 9 Picton Castle Gardens

The Rhos, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 4AS  
01437 751326 [pictoncastle.co.uk](http://pictoncastle.co.uk)

Nestled in the beautiful Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, and nurtured by a gentle climate the 50-acre gardens have evolved over hundreds of years. They encompass formal gardens and tranquil woodlands, creating a delicate balance of design and nature with a wide range of rare and unusual plants and views over the parkland. Access includes castle (when open).



Free access Jan–Feb and Nov–Dec, when open

## 10 Plas Brondanw Gardens

Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd LL48 6SW  
01766 772772 [cloughwilliamsellis.org/garden](http://cloughwilliamsellis.org/garden)

The gardens are laid out as a series of enclosed rooms, linked by axial views leading to distant peaks. Within the garden rooms, pieces of sculpture are carefully arranged. Inspired by the gardens of Renaissance Italy, Plas Brondanw is one of the best-kept secrets in North Wales.



Free access applies when open



Sarah Parry

## 11 Plas Cadnant Hidden Garden

Plas Cadnant, Cadnant Road, Menai Bridge LL59 5NH  
01248 717174 [plascadnant.co.uk](http://plascadnant.co.uk)

Alongside the Menai Strait, on the Isle of Anglesey lies Plas Cadnant Hidden Garden. The garden has been painstakingly uncovered and developed since 1996 and is fast becoming a plantsman's paradise, featuring many unusual plants and boasting a huge variety of hydrangea.



Free access Feb–Mar, Wed and Sun;  
and Oct, Wed, Thur and Sun when open



Vai Corbett

## 12 Powis Castle & Garden (National Trust)

Welshpool, Powys SY21 8RF 01938 551944  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-castle](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-castle)

Built in the 13th century, the castle and garden reflect the Herbert family's vision, who occupied the castle from the 1570s. With breathtaking views of the Severn Valley, the garden retains many original features including 17th-century Italianate terraces with herbaceous borders, 9m clipped yew trees and an Edwardian Garden.



Free access applies when open



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## 13 Upton Castle Gardens

Upton Castle, Cosheston, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire  
SA72 4SE 01646 689996 [uptoncastle.com](http://uptoncastle.com)

Listed historic gardens and an arboretum surround this private picturesque Medieval castle, with terraces of herbaceous borders and a rose garden. The walled vegetable garden leads to intimate chapel gardens with millennial yew. Woodland walks with rare and champion trees, spring bulbs, magnolias, rhododendrons and camellias descend to atmospheric estuary saltmarshes.



Free access applies when open



Casper Beck

# Northern Ireland



Maurice Parkinson

## 1 Ballyrobert Gardens

154 Ballyrobert Road, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim BT39 9RT  
028 9332 2952 [ballyrobertgardens.com](http://ballyrobertgardens.com)

A naturalistic-style garden that encompasses nature, built history and high quality horticulture. This 6-acre garden and 10 acres of wilding have been designed to 'fit the place' in a creative manner, and includes a giant spiral, fairy tree, mixed borders and other display areas packed with a huge collection of plants.

  
Free access applies when open



Lady Antrim, Glenarm Castle

## 2 Glenarm Castle Walled Garden

Castle Demesne, Glenarm, Ballymena, Co. Antrim BT44 0BD  
028 2884 1203 [glenarmcastle.com](http://glenarmcastle.com)

Situated in the grounds of Glenarm Castle, The Walled Garden dates from the early 1800s and has been completely restored in recent years. It includes new ornamental plantings by Catherine Fitzgerald, exciting architectural and sculptural features and a woodland walk with sweeping views across the park.

  
Free access applies when open





Adam Ferguson/HRP

### 3 Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

Hillsborough, Co. Down BT26 6TY 0333 320 6000 [hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle)

Almost 100 acres of glorious gardens bursting with colour are a joy to explore. Developed since the 1760s they include parterres and pleasure grounds, streams, woodland and an idyllic lake. The large walled garden grows fruit, vegetables and flowers – all on sale in the shop and used in the café.



### 4 Mount Stewart (National Trust)

Portaferry Rd, Newtownards, Co. Down BT22 2AD  
028 4278 8387 [nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart)

Strolling through the world-class gardens at Mount Stewart, visitors can discover an extraordinary plant collection and original, historic features. With so many elements to explore – including a Shamrock Garden, intriguing sculptures and flowering blooms – there are plenty of things to see and do in this unique garden.



Annapurna Mellor

### 5 Seaforde Gardens

Downpatrick, Co. Down BT30 8PG  
028 4481 1225 [seafordegardens.com](http://seafordegardens.com)

These hidden, microclimate gardens boast Ireland's oldest living maze and a truly illustrious collection of plants, collected and curated by the late Patrick Forde from as far afield as China, Vietnam, Australasia and India. The garden has a National Plant Collection of *Eucryphia*, champion trees and a fascinating collection of rhododendrons.



Seaforde Gardens

# Channel Islands



ArtPark Subtropical Wild Woodland Garden

## 1 ArtPark Subtropical Wild Woodland Garden

St Martins, Guernsey GY4 6SG  
01481 235571 [sausmarezmanor.co.uk](http://sausmarezmanor.co.uk)

This lush subtropical garden in the grounds of Sausmarez Manor is crammed with tender, exotic and unusual plants and trees set around a couple of little lakes with clumps of bamboos, camellias, tree ferns, palm and banana trees. It is sprinkled with contemporary sculptures and floral poems from different places.



Free access applies first week of each month when open



Nicolas Stockem

## 2 La Seigneurie Gardens

Sark, Channel Islands GY10 1SF [laseigneuriedesercq.uk](http://laseigneuriedesercq.uk)

This enchanting 4-acre estate surrounding the ancestral home of the Seigneurs and Dames of Sark contains a variety of habitats with a profusion of scent and colour – considered to be one the finest in the Channel Islands. Refreshments are available in Hathaway's Café and Restaurant.



Free access applies when open

# Overseas

## BARBADOS Andromeda Botanic Gardens

Bathsheba, St Joseph 00 1246 248 0190  
andromedabarbados.com

Andromeda Botanic Gardens is Iris Bannochie's fabulous 1954 masterpiece and the original garden of Barbados. Journey through an ever-changing landscape that's full of surprises: wonderful individual gardens and magnificent trees. Many wildlife species have made Andromeda – an organic landscape – their home, including monarch butterflies.



Free access applies when open



Sharon Cooke

## BELGIUM Arboretum Kalmthout

Heuvel 8, 2920 Kalmthout, Antwerp 00 32 3666 67 41  
arboretumkalmthout.be/en

Started in 1856 as a nursery of exotic trees and shrubs, this 33-acre garden still contains old collections of ornamental plants. In winter there are witch hazels and snowdrops; in spring ornamental cherries and rhododendrons; during summer roses, hostas and hydrangeas, soon followed by autumn colours.



Free access applies when open



Arboretum Kalmthout/Jean Vandervorst

## FRANCE Château de La Bussière

35 Rue du Château, 45230 La Bussière 00 33 9 50 55 63 68  
chateau-de-la-bussiere.com

Winner of the SNHF Grand Prix for the National Vegetable Garden Competition, this magnificent vegetable garden is home to a thousand colours and fragrances that change with the seasons. Vegetables, condiments, simple plants, medicinal plants, flowers and an open-air orchard are all waiting to be discovered.



Free access applies when open



Château de La Bussière





## Château de Valmer

Chançay, 37210 Chançay, Indre et Loire  
00 33 2 47 52 93 12 [chateauvalmer.com](http://chateauvalmer.com)

This is an enchanting setting to enjoy gardens and wines in the heart of the Loire Valley. Italian Renaissance-style hanging gardens include a kitchen garden, edible flowers and plant collections. There's a 17th-century park, a troglodytic chapel dating from 1524 and free tasting of Vouvray AOC wines produced at the Château.



Free access applies when open



## Château et Jardins de Villandry

3 rue Principale, 37510 Villandry, Indre et Loire  
00 33 2 47 50 02 09 [chateauvillandry.com](http://chateauvillandry.com)

Noteworthy for its Renaissance architecture, the site is renowned for its remarkable gardens set out on four levels. Highlights include the decorative vegetable garden, ornamental gardens, water garden, herb garden, labyrinth and sun garden. The château's interior reflects an era through its furnishings and decoration.



Free access Sep-Dec when open



## Château du Rivau

9 Rue du Château, 37120 Lémeré, Indre et Loire  
00 33 2 47 95 77 47 [chateaurivau.com](http://chateaurivau.com)

Château Rivau's magnificent silhouette rises from the midst of the fields in the Loire Valley. The garden boasts a conservatory of fragrant roses and a collection of tulips, daffodils, iris, vegetables, ornamental grasses and an edible flower garden. Displayed in the grounds are 20 gigantic sculptures that turn the garden into a genuine open-air museum.



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## Domaine de Poulaines

Jardins et Arboretum, 36210 Poulaines, Indre  
00 33 6 73 01 15 23 [domaine-poulaines.com](http://domaine-poulaines.com)

Located in a typical Berry village, the contemporary arboretum and remarkable gardens surround a Renaissance manor. Visitors can enjoy a bucolic walk in the gardens, crossed by a romantic river, and admire collections of flowers, bulbs, fruit trees and heritage vegetables. It's a perfect combination of French elegance and art de vivre!



Free access applies when open

## Eyrignac et ses Jardins

Eyrignac 24590 Salignac-Eyvigues  
00 33 5 53 28 99 71 [eyrignac.com](http://eyrignac.com)

Set high in the Dordogne and close to Sarlat are the magnificent French-style gardens of Eyrignac: 300 sculpted plants superbly hand-clipped by gardeners in the tradition of times gone by, fountains, reflective waters, plays of light and shade, and flower beds.



Free access Fri-Sat when open



Jerome Morel

## Jardin botanique de Vauville

1 route du Thot, Vauville, 50440, La Hague  
00 33 2 33 10 00 00 [jardin-vauville.fr](http://jardin-vauville.fr)

More than 1,000 southern-hemisphere species flourish in this 12-acre botanical garden, created by botanist and perfumer Eric Pellerin and cleverly landscaped over three generations. It was listed in 1992 as a French Historic Monument and as Jardin Remarquable in 2004.



Free access applies when open



S. La Salle / E. Pellerin

## Jardin du Plessis Sasnières

3 Allée Rosamée Henrion 41310, Sasnières  
00 33 2 54 82 92 34 [jardin-plessis-sasnieres.fr](http://jardin-plessis-sasnieres.fr)

Rosamée Henrion created the Plessis Sasnières garden with a design and spirit inspired by English gardens. Botany had always been Rosamée's passion and guided her choices in the composition of the garden, making it interesting, varied, elegant and colourful in every season.



Free access applies when open



Jardin du Plessis Sasnières

## Jardins du château d'Ainay-le-Vieil

7 Rue du Château, 18200 Ainay-le-Vieil  
00 33 2 48 63 36 14 [chateau-ainaylevieil.fr](http://chateau-ainaylevieil.fr)

Perennials planted among a collection of old rose cultivars in the Roseraie bring different colours and textures all summer. Climbing roses clothe the walls of the Renaissance pavilions. In one enclosed garden, a small collection of *Hydrangea* grows in the shade of a *Quercus rubra*, and in another *Malus domestica* is fashioned into the topiary shapes associated with the Renaissance style.



Free access 1 May-28 Sep when open



Annie de La Tour d'Auvergne



## Les Jardins du Montperthuis

Manoir de la Pillardière 61360 Chemilli  
00 33 6853 03081 [lesjardinsdumontperthuis.com](http://lesjardinsdumontperthuis.com)

Inspired by the Cotswolds' wealth of gardens and designed from an empty field 10 years ago, this garden reveals the sensitivity of its owner. Collections of roses, peonies, viburnums, hellebores, hostas and *Prunus* make this place a wonder. This is a multi-awarded garden to discover in the beautiful area of the Perche.



Free access applies when open



## Les Jardins du Prieuré d'Orsan

225 Route d'Orsan, 18170 Maisonnais  
00 33 2 48 56 27 50 [prieuredorsan.com](http://prieuredorsan.com)

Created in 1993 in the grounds of the priory of Notre-Dame d'Orsan, a monastery dating from 1107, these contemporary gardens were inspired by medieval tapestries and illuminations. There are 15 gardens arranged around a central cloister, hedges and arches surrounding a small vineyard with symbolic planting and many flowering plants added in recent years.



Free access applies when open



## Parc de Pesselières

Parc et Château de Pesselières, Jalognes, 18300 Sancerre, Cher 00 33 2 48 72 90 49 [chateau-pesselieres.com](http://chateau-pesselieres.com)

Surrounding a former stronghold of the Earl of Sancerre, this romantic park, crossed by a river, contains a collection of remarkable trees, 300-year-old-box plants, a topiary walk, hornbeam maze, kitchen garden and orchard. The park is maintained organically and has been listed as 'Jardin remarquable' since 2013.



Free access applies when open



## Parc et Jardins du Château la Bourdaisière

25 Rue de la Bourdaisière 37270 Montlouis-sur-Loire, Indre et Loire 00 33 2 47 45 16 31 [labourdaisiere.com](http://labourdaisiere.com)

A hotspot of biodiversity, this colourful nature laboratory was designed and created by Louis Albert de Broglie. It is home to the National Tomato Conservatory (more than 700 cultivars) and National Dahlia Conservatory (400 cultivars) plus a kitchen garden organically cultivated within the traditions of market gardening.



Free access applies when open



## Parc Floral d'Apremont

18150 Apremont-sur-Allier, Cher  
00 33 2 48 77 55 06 [apremont-sur-allier.com](http://apremont-sur-allier.com)

This 11-acre park boasts an unbeatable setting with the stunning backdrop of the château and charming medieval houses along the wooded banks of the Allier, each with their own garden, topiary hedges, flowers and climbing plants. It combines the abundance of English gardens with the precision of French parks and forms a natural extension to one of France's most beautiful villages.



Free access May–June when open



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Daniela Guglielmi

## ITALY Hanbury Botanic Gardens

Corso Montecarlo 43, 18039 Ventimiglia IM  
00 39 184 229507 [giardinihanbury.com](http://giardinihanbury.com)

In 1867 Sir Thomas Hanbury turned an estate of olive trees and vineyards into one of the most important and famous botanical gardens of exotic plants in the world. Visitors follow paths from the entrance to the sea, winding down through Mediterranean plants interspersed with exotic examples from the subtropical world: succulents, Australian forest, palms, acacias, citrus orchards and more.



Free access applies when open

## Isola Bella and Isola Madre

28838 Stresa VB 00 39 323 933478 [isoleborromeo.it](http://isoleborromeo.it)

Isola Bella is a grand Italian baroque garden, divided into 10 sloping terraces with ponds, fountains and statues dating from the 17th century and featuring azaleas and rhododendrons, grapefruit, bitter orange espaliers and orchids. Since the 1800s, Isola Madre, the largest of the Borromeo Islands, has been transformed into a botanical garden, home to rare plant species maple, banana, palm trees, camellias, protea and eucalyptus.



Free access applies when open



Isola Bella/ Terre Borromeo



## Giardini La Mortella

via Francesco Calise, 45 80075 Forio, Naples  
00 39 081 986 220 [lamortella.org](http://lamortella.org)

Work on this subtropical garden, containing a museum and open-air theatre, began in 1958 by Lady Susana Walton and her husband, the English composer Sir William Walton. Rich in large trees, water features, tropical plants, palms and cycads, a Mediterranean hillside and an oriental garden, the garden is now run by the William Walton Trust, which organises concerts featuring young musicians.



## Giardini di Villa della Pergola

Via Privata Montagu 9 17021 Alassio (SV)  
00 39 0182 641599 [giardinidivilladellapergola.com](http://giardinidivilladellapergola.com)

An Anglo-Mediterranean park on the Riviera, created in 1875 and owned by British families (McMurdo, Dalrymple and Hanbury), was saved from building speculators in 2006. Restored by Paolo Pejrone, it houses thousands of species, rare plants and renowned *Wisteria* and *Agapanthus* collections. In 2022 it was awarded The Most Beautiful Park in Italy.



## JAPAN Barakura English Garden

5047 Kuridaira, Kitayama, Chino-shi, Nagano 391-0301  
00 81 266 77 2019 [en.barakura.co.jp](http://en.barakura.co.jp)

Opened in 1990 by RHS Chelsea Flower Show medalist Miss Kay Yamada, and initially designed by John Brooks MBE, Japan's first English-style garden is located in the mountain resort and hot-spring area of Tateshina in central Nagano prefecture at an altitude of 1,100m.



## PORTUGAL

### Park of Monserrate

2710-405 Sintra, Lisbon 00 351 219 237 300  
[parquesdesintra.pt/en](http://parquesdesintra.pt/en)

Created by Sir Francis Cook, Monserrate is one of Portugal's richest English 19th-century gardens. Species from all over the world are organised into landscapes between ruins, lakes and waterfalls.

The horticultural theme extends to the plant motifs in the palace interior.

 **Free access Jan–Mar and Sep–Dec when open**



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## SOUTH AFRICA

### Babylonstoren

Babylonstoren Farm, Franschhoek, Western Cape  
 00 27 21 863 3852 [babylonstoren.com](http://babylonstoren.com)

Located in the Cape Winelands, the sprawling 12-acre garden is filled with rambling rose-clad pergolas, gravel pathways and canals irrigating blocks of seasonal vegetables, edible flowers, espaliered fruit trees and berries. There are beehives, fragrant lawns, a prickly pear maze and a library of citrus, stone and pome fruit trees.

 **Free access applies when open**



Babylonstoren



Elsa Young

## Brahman Hills Gardens

N3 Exit 132, Upper Notties, Nottingham Road, KwaZulu Natal  
 00 27 33 2666 965 [brahmanhills.co.za/gardens](http://brahmanhills.co.za/gardens)

Brahman Hills Gardens boast a formal layout with repeating geometric motifs in circles and rectangles of hard landscaping, softened and beautifully contrasted by abundant flowers and plants. Interspersed are oases of water – fountains, ponds, formal pools and the lake beside the Lake House.

 **Free access applies when open**





Kartause Ittingen

## SWITZERLAND Kartause Ittingen

8532 Warth, Thurgau 00 41 52 748 44 11 kartause.ch

Evolved over several centuries, this is a place where vineyards, hop yards, vegetable and flower gardens combine to offer an unforgettable experience. A walk through the gardens reveals centuries of work and design. From the fruit orchards to the largest collection of historic roses in Switzerland, history blends with the present here.



Regis Colombo

## Château de Vullierens

1115 Vullierens, Vaud 00 41 79 274 79 64  
chateauvullierens.ch

Owned by the same family for 700 years, the themed gardens include tulips, rhododendrons, peonies, roses and daylilies. The iris collection is Europe's most modern with 50,000 spring blooms and the newest autumn-reflowering cultivars. Visitors can enjoy the Enchanted Woodland, large tree collection, 90 contemporary art sculptures, prized wines and historic cellars.



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## USA Andalusia Historic House, Gardens & Arboretum

1237 State Road, Andalusia, PA 19020, United States  
of America +1 215-245-5479 andalusiapa.org

Overlooking the Delaware River close to Philadelphia, this 50-acre property includes a Greek Revival house surrounded by gardens, an arboretum and a Walled Garden amid the remnants of 19th-century glasshouses.





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