



RHS

Gardens and Shows

Gardens are made for *sharing*

Group Visit Guide

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Welcome to the RHS

With five world-class gardens in all corners of the country, as well as iconic flower shows, you can expect your group to be wowed on any visit to the RHS.

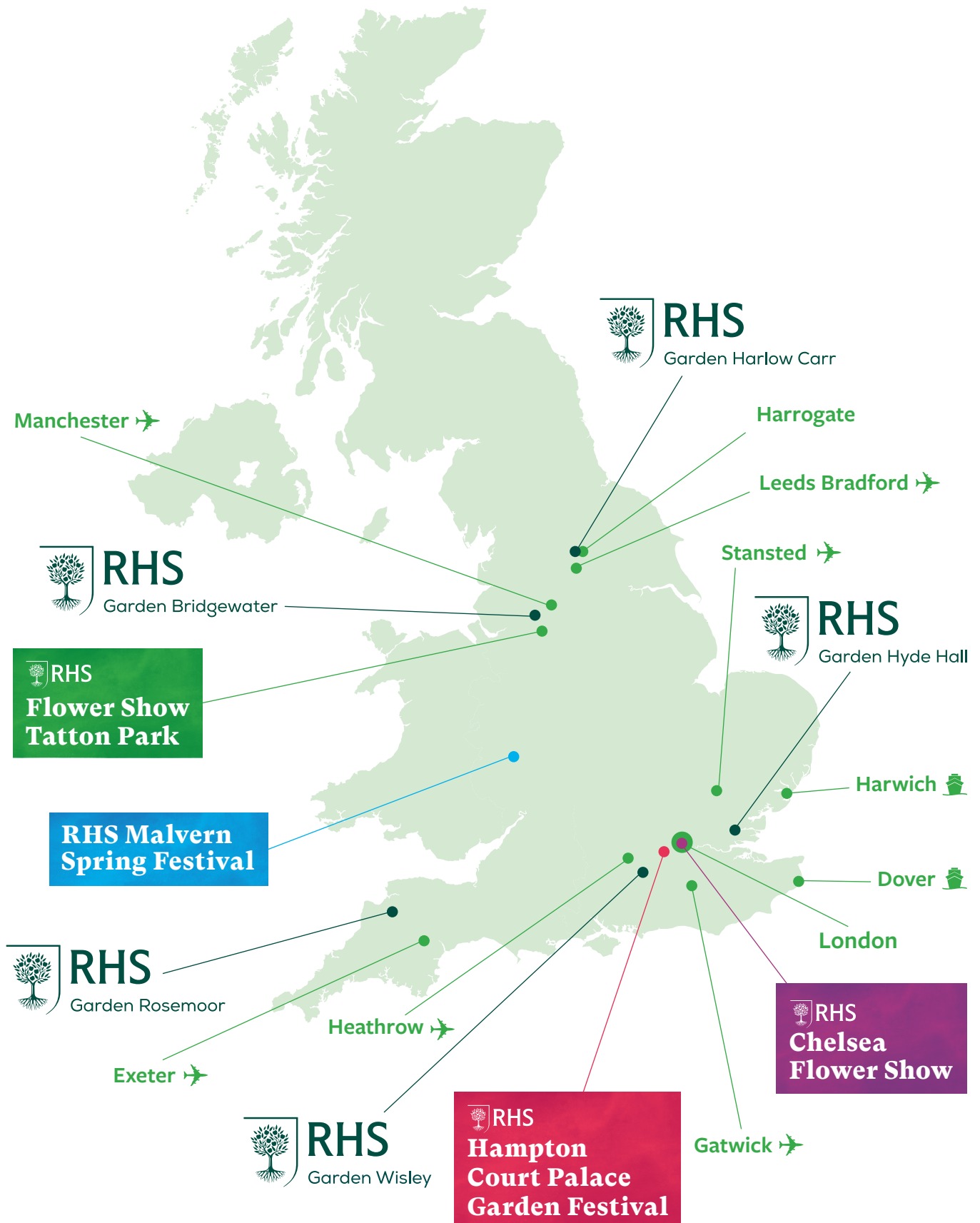
With an ever-changing calendar of **special events, self-guided visits**, informative **private guided tours** and indulgent **catering** options exclusively for groups, we have something for every group – from the most experienced horticulturalists to weekend gardeners or those who simply enjoy the great outdoors, what better way to enjoy a fantastic day out immersed in the beauty of plants!

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Find your *nearest* RHS Garden and Flower Show



Exclusive services and group benefits

Whichever RHS Garden your group chooses to explore, you can rest assured you will receive these exclusive services and group benefits to enjoy your day with us.

- Dedicated group bookings team to help plan a perfect visit and bespoke itinerary
- Discounted rates for groups of 15+ paying visitors on garden entrance and guidebooks
- One complimentary ticket for group organiser
- Meet and greet by our informative RHS Visitor Service Team on arrival at our gardens
- £5 RHS Garden Centres voucher for each group visitor (minimum spend £25.00)
- Group catering packages to treat your taste buds to delicious seasonal produce
- Coach drop-off located directly outside each of our RHS Garden Welcome Buildings
- Free coach parking
- Free refreshment voucher for coach driver
- Access to mobility aids to assist your group around our gardens (refundable deposit required)
- Free sign-up to our quarterly email **'Group delights through the seasons'** highlighting our year-round group offerings and special offers designed especially for groups
- Two carer places free of charge for those accompanying visitors whose disability necessitates their support
- RHS Members in-group receive free entrance to the garden and are entitled to bring one guest free of charge
- RHS Affiliated Society members receive one free visit as a group per year to one of the RHS Gardens for up to a maximum of 55 visitors

Each of our gardens have been awarded the CPT Coach Friendly Status.



For information on our group bookings, terms and conditions visit rhs.org.uk/groups/gardens/terms





A garden with a real *heart*

Welcoming, relaxed, nurturing are just a few words that describe RHS Garden Bridgewater – 154 acres of glorious gardens close to Salford’s historical Bridgewater Canal. As our newest garden, RHS Bridgewater continues to evolve with help from award-winning designers and the local community.

The contemporary **Worsley Welcome Garden** greets everyone with its architectural topiary and lush seasonal planting. And from here on, it’s up to your group what to discover next. Step inside the walls of the Paradise Garden with its awe-inspiring blend of Mediterranean and Asiatic planting. Treat your senses to the abundant Kitchen Garden. Or follow the winding paths of the Chinese Streamside Garden.

Why visit

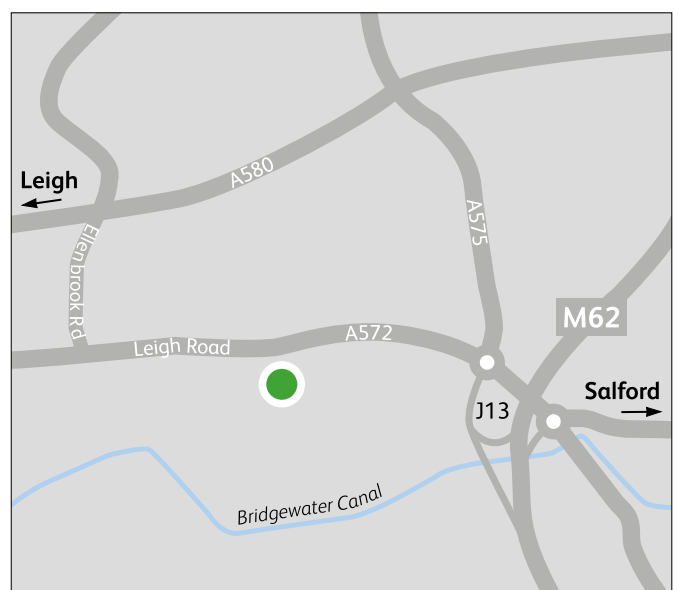
- Be wowed by our stunning award winning RHS Garden Bridgewater – a beacon of gardening inspiration
- Immerse yourself in a heritage landscape transformed into an iconic RHS Garden blending world-class horticulture and striking architectural planting
- Stimulate your senses as you stroll around one of the largest Victorian walled gardens in the UK, covering 11 acres – the same size as the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Lose yourself in the maze-like planting of the Worsley Welcome Garden designed by the world-renowned landscape architect Tom Stuart-Smith combining naturalism and modernity
- Be dazzled by the Paradise Garden with a spectacular blend of Mediterranean and Asiatic planting - where contemporary meets traditional
- Enjoy a unique horticultural fusion celebrating the four seasons at the Chinese Streamside Garden



Need to know

- Located in Worsley, Salford in the heart of the North West
- Summer opening times 10am – 6pm
Winter opening times 10am – 4pm
Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 100 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Manchester Airport – around 30 minutes, Liverpool – around 1 hour
- Nearest Rail Stations – Walkden (2 miles), Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria (9 miles)
- Nearby attractions – Salford Quays, The Lowry, Manchester, Old Trafford





Address

RHS Garden Bridgewater
Occupation Road, Off Leigh Road, Worsley,
Salford, Greater Manchester, M28 2LJ

Contact

Visit www.rhs.org.uk/groups

Email groupsbridgewater@rhs.org.uk

A garden full of *possibilities*

A stunning counterpoint to the rugged Yorkshire landscape, RHS Garden Harlow Carr is the perfect spot for a group day out that combines garden inspiration with outdoor exploration. Spanning 58 acres, this beautiful garden has great history, real character, and lots to discover.

Wander around the **Queen Mother's Lake**, a haven for visitors and wildlife alike, with its soft plantings, wildflower meadow and majestic trees. Then meander along the lush banks of **Streamside** through the heart of RHS Harlow Carr and venture into the historic **Bath House**. Don't miss the **Alpine House**, home to more than 2,000 plants, or the tranquil **Sandstone Rock Garden**. The vibrant **Sub Tropicana Garden** will transport you to exotic climes.

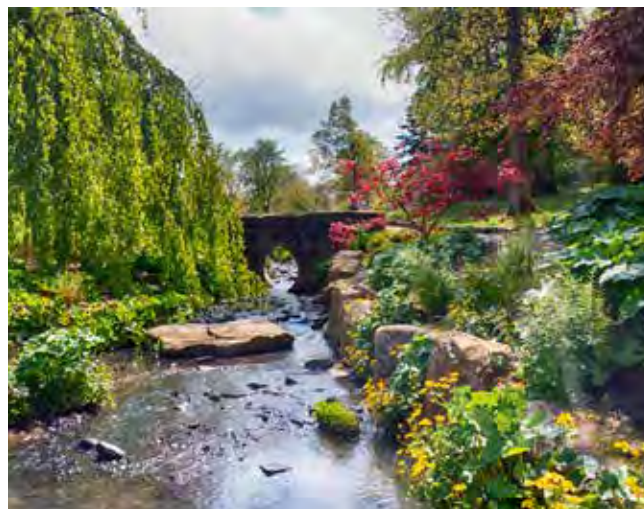
Why visit

- View exuberant planting of herbaceous perennials, grasses, bulbs and shrubs, and a wealth of inspiring plant combinations
- Be amazed by lush moisture-loving plants and eye-popping colours at the most iconic area of the garden Streamside
- Let the Sub-Tropicana Garden transport you from Yorkshire to a tropical paradise bursting with bold foliage and dazzling flower colour
- Lose yourself in the beautiful and tranquil Woodland, where winding paths allow you to enjoy rich planting, open glades and diverse horticulture
- Clashing colours, contrasting textures and wonderful fragrance of the 315m Winter Walks makes for a sensory experience
- Get up close in the Alpine House – home to more than 2,000 plants all native to mountainous regions from around the world



Need to know

- Located on the outskirts of Harrogate in North Yorkshire
- Summer opening times 9:30am – 6pm
Winter opening times 9:30am – 4pm
Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 40 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Harrogate – around 10 minutes,
Leeds Bradford Airport – around 30 minutes,
York – around 50 minutes,
Manchester Airport – around 2 hours
- Nearest Rail Station – Harrogate (1½ miles)
- Nearby attractions – Harewood House, Ripley Castle, York and Harrogate





Address

RHS Garden Harlow Carr
 Crag Lane, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate,
 North Yorkshire, HG3 1QB

Contact

Visit www.rhs.org.uk/groups
Call 01423 565418 *This number operates Monday
 – Friday from 8.30am to 5pm
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A garden full of *adventure*

Set in the heart of rural Essex, RHS Garden Hyde Hall's glorious hilltop location offers sweeping panoramic views and wide-open skies. Pack your picnic blanket and come join us for some quality time in the garden.

Famed for dealing with challenging gardening in dry conditions, RHS Hyde Hall is packed with dramatic colour, texture and wonder. Explore the paths of **The Global Growth Vegetable Garden**, and then enjoy its produce in our cafés and restaurant. Alternatively, take a leisurely stroll up Clover Hill to admire the wide views of the landscape beyond.

If your group is looking for a peaceful place to take in RHS Hyde Hall's stunning surroundings and native wildlife, make your way to the glorious Reservoir and Bird hide to admire over 90 species of bird including swans, tufted duck, and heron. In our quintessential **Hilltop Garden**, filled with fragrant roses, fish ponds and colourful herbaceous borders, take a moment to treat your bare feet to our luscious green lawns.

Why visit

- Be impressed by an abundance of blooms in the colour-themed Herbaceous Borders resulting in a lively fiesta of colour throughout the year
- Meander through the woodland paths of the Birch Grove featuring five species of birch from Asia and North America
- Take a moment of quiet contemplation in the Queen Mother's Garden with its luscious tropical borders and shady spaces under mature trees
- View 400 species of drought-resistant plants originating from the Mediterranean, South Africa, South America, Australia and California in the Dry Garden
- Delve into the Global Growth Vegetable Garden, which will challenge perceptions of conventional kitchen gardens with its range of edible plants, from the everyday to the exotic
- Take in the heady scents of the charming Rose Garden and Rope Rose Walk with its flamboyant collection of roses

Need to know

- Located in the Essex countryside – just outside of Chelmsford
- Summer opening times 10am – 6pm
Winter opening times 10am – 4pm
Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 45 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Stanstead Airport – around 1 hour, Cambridge – around 90 minutes, Harwich Ferry – around 1 hour, Central London – around 2 hours
- Nearest Rail Stations - South Woodham Ferrers (3 miles), Wickford (5 miles), Chelmsford (8 miles)
- Nearby attractions – Beth Chatto Gardens, Audley End House and Gardens or the riverside town of Maldon



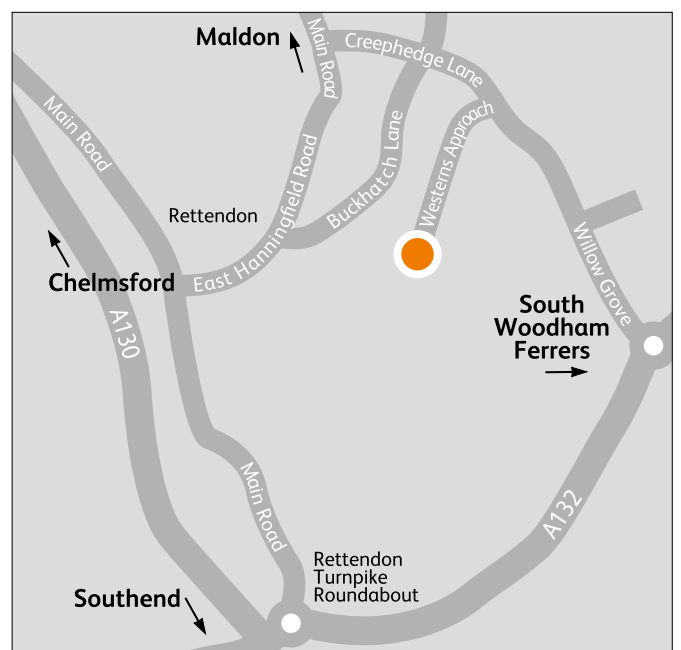


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 Crephedge Lane, Rettendon, Chelmsford, Essex,
 CM3 8RA

Contact

Visit www.rhs.org.uk/groups
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 Monday to Friday 10am – 6pm Mar – Oct and
 9am – 4pm Nov – Feb
Email groupshydehall@rhs.org.uk



A garden full of *inspiration*

Set in the beautiful Torridge Valley between Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks, RHS Garden Rosemoor makes for the perfect day out, combining discovery and inspiration. Gifted to the RHS by Lady Anne Berry in 1988, and known for its many garden ‘rooms’, RHS Rosemoor now spans 65 stunning acres. Breathe in the sweet-smelling scents of over 250 varieties of blooms in our two Rose Gardens – **The Queen Mother’s Rose Garden** and the **Shrub Rose Garden** – which are at their fragrant peak in June.

For those curious about crops, there is produce ripe for the picking in our **Fruit and Vegetable Garden**. Celebrate the flavour of the seasons and explore a mouth-watering array of delectable edibles. The vibrant **Hot Garden** is famed for sizzling reds, oranges and yellows, waves of plants chosen for heat and vibrancy. If the heat gets too much, retreat to the serene pastels and blues of the **Cool Garden**, a tranquil Eden around a teardrop-shaped pond.

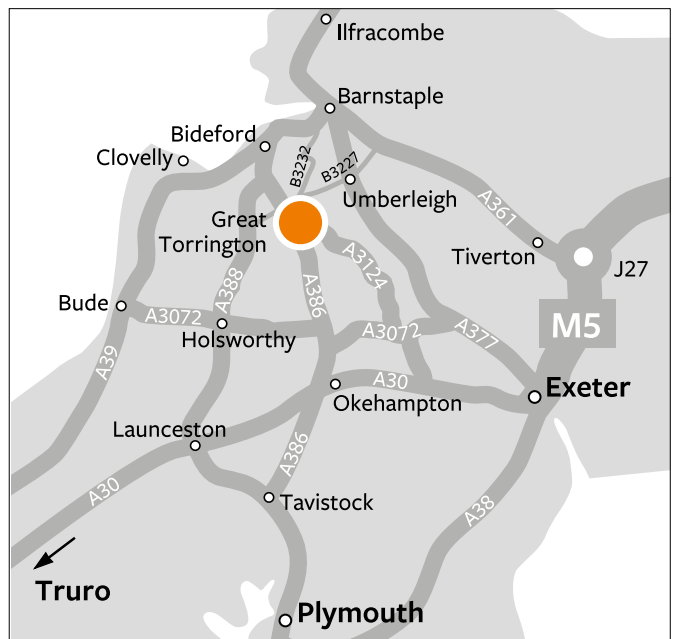
Why visit

- Discover two outstanding rose gardens – The Queen Mother’s Rose Garden, featuring modern roses, and the Shrub Rose Garden, planted with old traditional roses
- Be wowed by the Hot Garden living up to its name, with intensity and waves of plants chosen for their heat and vibrancy
- Rejuvenate in the Cool Garden designed by multi-award-winning garden designer Jo Thompson with its calm colour palette focusing on water and the reflective element to the space
- View shade-loving plants with the RHS Award of Garden Merit in the inspirational Model Gardens
- Indulge in heritage varieties and mouth-watering array of produce at the Fruit and Vegetable Garden using techniques old and new
- Experience a taste of Japan in the Stone Garden rich in history and one of the oldest parts of the garden, offering a range of plants including Japanese maples and woodland perennials

Need to know

- Nestled between Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks
- Summer opening times 10am – 6pm
Winter opening times 10am – 4pm
Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 10 metres from the main Welcome Building via steps or 60 meters via accessible path
- Bideford – around 15 – 20 minutes,
Ilfracombe – around 50 minutes,
Exeter – around 1 hour,
Torquay – around 1½ hours
- Nearby Rail Station – Barnstaple (12 miles)
- Nearby attractions – Clovelly, Quince Honey Farm, Dartington Crystal and Saunton Sands





Address

RHS Garden Rosemoor
Great Torrington, Devon, EX38 8PH

Contact

Visit www.rhs.org.uk/groups
Call 01805 626810 *This number operates Monday to Friday 9am 5pm
Email groupsrosemoor@rhs.org.uk

A garden full of *discoveries*

RHS Garden Wisley is one of the UK's most visited and best-loved gardens. Spanning 240 acres, it's both the historic home of RHS and a glorious garden of the future, thanks to a brand new planet-friendly research centre.

The new **RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science** is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of gardeners. Come see the vital work being done to help future-proof our planet and learn all about the RHS' ground-breaking research.

There's always time to discover fruit and veg of all shapes and sizes in the **World Food Garden**, sit and reflect in the **Wellbeing Garden**, or spot insects skimming the water's edge in the **Wildlife Garden**.

To get all the senses going, challenge your group to race up **Battleston Hill**, breathe in the heady scents in the **Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden**, or gaze up in wonder in the tropical **Glasshouse**.

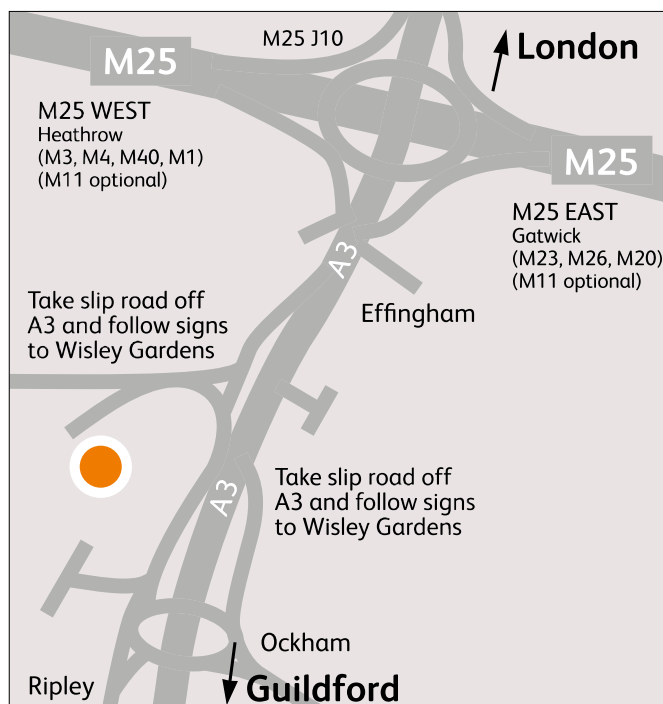
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- Explore the lush jungle of the spectacular Glasshouse and home to the RHS's world-class tender plant collection
- Enjoy a relaxed stroll through a collection of magnificent century-old trees, as you wonder through the Pinetum in amazement
- Create memories on Battleston Hill, a beautiful woodland garden where winding footpaths allow you to explore a rainbow of blooms and gaze at a stunning sculpture
- Enjoy breath-taking panoramic views across our flagship garden from the Sky Terrace
- Grow at our free daily talks, demonstrations and interactive sessions at Hilltop Live – get expert gardening advice from the people that speak plants
- Surround yourself by edible flowers and herbs – taste your way around the World Food Garden created by RHS Chelsea Gold medal winning designer Ann-Marie Powell

Need to know

- Located in Surrey, south of London
- Summer opening times 10am – 6pm
Winter opening times 10am – 4pm
Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 113 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Guildford – around 15 minutes,
London Heathrow – around 25 minutes,
London Gatwick – around 45 minutes,
Central London – around 1 hour
- Nearest Rail Stations – Woking (5 miles),
WestByfleet (3 miles)
- Nearby attractions – Brooklands Museum,
Denbies Wine Estate, Hampton Court





Address

RHS Garden Wisley
Woking, Surrey, GU23 6QB

Contact

Visit www.rhs.org.uk/groups

Call 01483 212307 *This number operates Monday to Friday 9am 5pm

Email groupswisley@rhs.org.uk

Hive of *activity*

All five RHS gardens are alive with exciting year-round **talks, private guided tours, plant fairs, food and drink festivals, outdoor music** and **workshops** to enhance your group visit.

Private guided tours

Enhance your group visit by including our popular private guided tour and be escorted around the gardens by one of our knowledgeable volunteer friends, who will provide you with a captivating insight into the history and planting of the garden. Tours depart throughout the year and are a wonderful way to view and experience all the seasonal delights and hidden gems of the gardens.

Private guided tours are available at RHS Gardens – Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley

Duration: 60 minutes

Minimum group size: 15

Cost: Additional fee applies see RHS Admission Price list inserted in Group Visit Guide

Hilltop Live

Learn and grow at our series of free talks, demonstrations and interactive sessions at Hilltop Live, which take place at RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science. See how-to demonstrations to try at home, learn about the history of Wisley, hear about the scientific research going on in the labs, and discover fascinating collections from our library, plus much more.

Hilltop Live available at RHS Garden Wisley

Duration: 30 minutes at 2.00pm

Minimum group size: Open to all

Cost: No additional fee or booking applies

Visit our **‘What’s on’** page on our website www.rhs.org.uk for more details and information on our events which can be included as part of your visit to our gardens.



Taste *sensations* and green shopping

Food & drink

When visiting our gardens, groups can treat their taste buds too, all our RHS Gardens have a tempting choice of delicious food and drink in a range of cafés and restaurants for your group to select from on the day of their visit. Our award-winning menus at the RHS Gardens are inspired by fresh seasonal produce, with garden-grown vegetables used in our dishes wherever possible. Groups tell us they love our cream teas including sumptuous homemade scones accompanied by clotted cream and strawberry jam, and our award winning afternoon teas. We can also create a bespoke catering option for your group, with private dining areas at Wisley, Rosemoor and Hyde Hall available to book with stunning views of the garden.

Shopping

Across all five RHS gardens we have plants galore for big or small gardens and indoors. Over eighty percent of our plants are sourced from UK growers and nurseries, we offer 5-year guarantee on all hardy plants.

In our shop, discover **RHS Exclusive Collections**, local artisan produce, horticultural books and sustainable homeware. Remember to take advantage of your £5 RHS Garden Centres voucher on purchases of £25 or more in our shop.

Been inspired by plants in one of our gardens and want to recreate the look in your own garden, but cannot transport your plant home? There is no need to be disappointed as you can visit our online shop and have your purchase delivered to your front door – an additional delivery cost applies. Giving you the chance to grow a bit of the RHS at home and create a lasting memory of your group visit. Visit www.rhs.org.uk





RHS Flower Shows and Festivals

For an unbeatable group day out filled with ideas and inspiration, join us at one of our RHS Flowers Shows. Every year floral fever sweeps the nation as our sensational flower shows and festivals take root in some of the country's most fantastic locations.

Group benefits

Whichever RHS Flower Show you choose to visit with your group you'll receive the following exclusive benefits:

- Discounted rates for groups of 20+ on selected shows*
- Ample free coach parking at Tatton Park and Hampton Court Palace
- Free entry for coach driver and tour leader at Tatton Park and Hampton Court Palace*

* See RHS Admission Price List inserted in Group Visit Guide



RHS Malvern Spring Festival

in association with My Pension Expert

Set against a backdrop of the magnificent Malvern Hills, this spring festival hosts flowers, food, artisan crafts and more. Popular show gardens provide plenty of inspirational gardening ideas and the fabulous Floral Marquee hosts hand-picked nurseries, as well as talks and demonstrations.



RHS Chelsea Flower Show

sponsored by The Newt in Somerset

Experience the world's greatest flower show, brimming with stunning garden design, gorgeous floral displays and endless shopping, as growers and designers bring together plants and flowers from every corner of the globe. Don't miss the pinnacle event of any gardener's or plant lover's calendar.

For group bookings, contact The Ticket Factory
Call 0800 358 0058
Email groups@theticketfactory.com





Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

The world's largest flower show, bringing summer days full of colour, inspiration and good times, all in a magnificent setting. Enjoy the work of first-class designers, shop for seasonal cut flowers and explore the heady scents and glorious colours of the Floral Marquee.



Flower Show Tatton Park

A fabulous group day out bursting with gardening inspiration, have-a-go workshops and boutique shopping. Soak up the wonderful festival vibe, enjoy live music and entertainment, and sample delicious food and drink around the showground.

Malvern Autumn Show

Celebrate autumn with plants, celebrities, giant vegetables and cookery workshops brought to you by the award-winning team behind a whole host of successful horticultural and lifestyle events, this enormous harvest festival offers group visitors a full day of gardening and grow your own delights.



For group bookings, contact The Ticket Factory
Call 0800 358 0058
Email groups@theticketfactory.com



RHS Garden Flower Shows

RHS Garden Hyde Hall Flower Show

Specialist plant nurseries, expert tips and mouth-watering food all to be enjoyed in the stunning summer surroundings of our Essex garden. Enjoy daily talks, fabulous displays and amazing plants, and shop till you drop in an eclectic treasure trove of original and handmade crafts and gifts.

For group bookings

Call 01245 402015

Email groupshydehall@rhs.org.uk



RHS Garden Rosemoor Flower Show

A summer delight with specialist growers, horticultural experts and a dazzling array of displays all in the spectacular surroundings of RHS Garden Rosemoor, a plant lover's paradise nestled in a North Devon valley.

For group bookings

Call 01805 626810

Email groupsrosemoor@rhs.org.uk



RHS Garden Flower Shows

RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show

A sensational show held in the gardens of the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society and one of the great gardens of the world. Bursting with gardening inspiration, expert advice, vibrant floral displays and fabulous shopping opportunities.

For group bookings

Call 01483 212307

Email groupswisley@rhs.org.uk



RHS Glow

Bring your festive season alive and see the gardens in a new light at our magical Glow experience. Explore an RHS Garden after-dark with your group as our annual light festivities transform our gardens of wonder into an enchanted wonderland.

Enjoy illuminated trails and take a journey through our magnificent trees and shrubs as dusk falls and sparkling hi-tech colours fill our gardens offering a spectacular immersive experience and lights up your group visit.

All five gardens offer fantastic winter walks, tasty seasonal treats and winter warmers to fill you with the spirit of the winter season.

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The RHS aims to enrich everyone's lives through plants and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place. From national outreach programmes in communities to our world-leading scientific work, we are committed to growing the future of horticulture. Every group visit helps our vital work as a charity.

We look forward to welcoming your group soon.

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