

RHS MEMBERSHIP OFFER

Free visits throughout the year at
RHS Garden Wisley

This winter enjoy brisk walks up Battleston Hill or delight in the exotic butterflies in the Glasshouse as often as you like and don't worry about the cost of garden entry! Pay a one-off fee for the whole year and Wisley is yours to share with a family guest!

Visitor Map

Winter Colour at RHS Garden Wisley

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PRICE OF 9

3 other good reasons to join today:

- 1 Unlimited free visits to more than 80 gardens across the UK
- 2 Save money on show tickets (including the RHS Chelsea Flower Show) or visit on members' days when it's less busy
- 3 Pick up ideas to transform your garden from *The Garden* monthly magazine and our team of advisors

Join today

Receive 12 months membership for the price of 9 when you join by annual Direct Debit

Already paid to come into Wisley today? Offset your entry fee against the price of membership

Ask a member of staff at the **garden entrance**

For the full benefits of RHS membership, visit rhs.org.uk/join

Terms & Conditions

Offer is available until 31.01.13 and is available to new members only. Ask at the garden entrance for the cost of Individual and Joint membership. Free days out at 80 gardens is throughout their opening period and is for the main member only. Offset your entry offer is available on production of a maximum of two garden entrance tickets per membership.

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Winter colour at Wisley

*Colour and contrast,
shapes and shimmers.*

Stems, seedheads, flowers, bark and butterflies – colour comes in all forms. This winter explore Wisley and discover how beautiful this time of year can be.



Access information

This map shows the main routes suggested for wheelchair users and children's pushchairs under good conditions. Parts are over mown grass and there are some steep slopes.

- Suggested Wheelchair Route
- - - Gradient

Refreshments

- A ☕ Coffee Shop
- B ☕ The Honest Sausage at the Orchard Café (seasonal opening)
- C ☕ Conservatory Café and Dining Room
- D ☕ Glasshouse Café

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| 1 Country Garden | 6 Fruit Demonstration Garden | 13 Members' Advisory Service |
| 2 Mixed Borders | 7 Alpine Display Houses | 14 Garden Library |
| 3 Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden | 8 Vegetable Garden | 15 Laboratory |
| 4 Model gardens | 9 Rock Garden | 16 Glasshouse |
| 5 Herb Garden | 10 Alpine Meadow | 17 Bird Hide |
| | 11 Walled Garden | P Picnic area |
| | 12 Canal and Loggia | i Information desk |

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A Seasonal Spectacular

Welcome to Wisley. With a winter walk around Wisley you will discover beauty in hidden places. Look out for the intricate bark markings on naked trees, enjoy the heady scent of winter flowering shrubs, and marvel at the delicate seedheads and jewel-like berries.

Inside, the Glasshouse is warm and inviting at all times, with a Christmas feel followed in January and February with our annual show of tropical butterflies. Whatever the weather there is much to enjoy.

The deep dark wood



Pinetum

Have you ever explored the Pinetum? It has a mysterious air, full of majestic trees. They are mainly cone-bearing evergreens, with an elegance that you don't find elsewhere. See how many different shades of green there are, compare the leaf or needle shape, and notice how the stature of the trees vary. Some are upright, some broad, others droopy – a deliberate ploy to shed snow off branches.

Camouflaged bark



Eucalyptus dalympleana AGM

Five groups of *Eucalyptus* are recognisable by their bark – look at the designer camouflage of the mountain gum *Eucalyptus dalympleana* AGM, on the top of Battleston Hill. Clotted cream with splashes of subtle grey that darken to tank green. Notice how smooth the bark is. Stewartias or deciduous camellias, are other trees with similarly special bark.

Head beyond



Erica x darleyensis 'Jenny Porter'

Howard's Field lies on the other side of the Pinetum and in winter will greet you with a carpet of winter-flowering heathers (mainly *Erica x darleyensis* and *E. carnea* cultivars).

Bare bones



Carpinus betulus

Deciduous trees are laid to their bare bones, and it is only at this time of year when you can really admire them. Take a closer look at the shape of this *Carpinus betulus*, one of a pair beside the path on Howard's Field.

Warming colours



Cornus alba 'Sibirica'

Vibrant woody stems create a multicoloured display during winter. *Cornus* (dogwood), *Salix* (willow), *Rubus* (bramble) and *Acer* (maple) are the most significant, especially around the Seven Acres lake. *Cornus* 'Midwinter Fire' is one of the prettiest, changing from yellow to red along the length of each stem. And *Cornus alba* 'Sibirica' is one of the most vibrant.

A midwinter flower fest

Along came a spider



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Pallida' AGM

Spidery flowers in shades of red, orange and yellow look pretty. Take a deep breath and enjoy their fragrance as it is carried on the winter air. *Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Pallida' AGM (Seven Acres, Wild Garden, Battleston Hill) is one of the finest, with wonderful yellow scented flowers.

Sweet box



Sarcococca confusa

If you're wandering around the edge of the Conifer Lawn near Weather Hill Cottage and wonder what the wonderful fragrance is, the answer is probably one of the sarcococcas planted here. Commonly called sweet or Christmas box, the Rock Garden, Wild Garden and Battleston Hill are all good places to find them.

Perfect scents



Lonicera x purpusii

Winter flowering plants are full of fragrance. *Lonicera* (shrubby honeysuckle) produces small white flowers on woody stems throughout winter and has a wonderful sweet sherbet-like smell. The first of these are by the wrought iron Wilks Gate as you enter the Garden, but you'll sniff out more at the top of the Rock Garden and on Battleston Hill.

Chinese lavender



Chimonanthus praecox 'Luteus'

Enjoy the wintersweet, *Chimonanthus praecox* near the Laboratory and in the Walled Garden East. This Chinese native produces golden, highly scented blooms from December into February. The flowers are used in China to scent linen in the same way we use lavender.

Delightful daphne



Daphne bhola 'Limpfield'

February is the best month to enjoy the delights of *Daphne bhola*, although they can flower for months. Outside Weather Hill Cottage and up on Battleston Hill we have some incredibly intoxicatingly scented specimens, including the cultivars 'Jacqueline Postill' and 'Limpfield'.

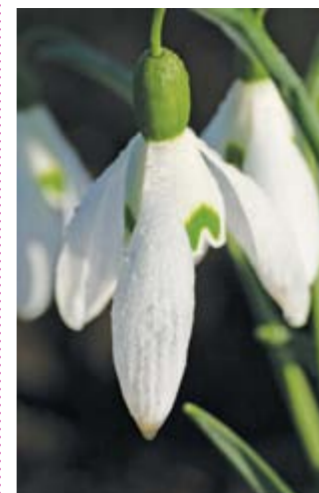
Rosebud cherry



Prunus x subhirtella 'Autumnalis'

Between Seven Acres and the Pinetum delicate pink blossom twinkles on bare branches. The ornamental cherry *Prunus x subhirtella* gets its name from the Latin *subhirtella* meaning 'somewhat hairy'. Its cultivar name 'Autumnalis' refers to its time of flowering, although it generally flowers on and off between autumn and spring. The flowers are deep pink in bud, hence the common name of rosebud cherry.

Bright bulbs



Galanthus

Snowdrops (*Galanthus*) quietly introduce the new year and gradually fill the woodland areas of the garden in January and February. Our bulb display continues with yellow, starry winter aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*) and the Alpine Meadow becomes a sea of blue crocuses.

Alpine stars



Daubenya marginata

South African plants come into their own during our winter, and the Alpine Display House is an ever-changing place to see some at their best, such as *Daubenya marginata*.

Delicate daffodils



Narcissus bulbocodium subsp. *bulbocodium*

The Alpine House is one of the first places to see daffodils (*Narcissus*) in bloom. Delicate hoop-petticoat daffodils in white, pale and bright yellow are on display when they reach their peak. Outside in late winter large early daffodils include 'Rijnveld's Early Sensation', while small *Narcissus cyclamineus* throw back their petals in the woodland areas.

Winter flowers: Oh no they don't. Oh yes they do!



Mahonia x media 'Winter Sun'

Is winter dull? Not with these flowering plants in the garden. Around Wisley you'll find *Clematis cirrhosa*, camellias, including *C. sasanqua*, *Iris unguicularis*, and early *I. reticulata*, *Cornus mas*, *Edgeworthia chrysantha*, viburnums, mahonias, primulas, crocus, cyclamen, and many others in the Glasshouse and Alpine House.

Butterflies in the Glasshouse



From 14 January until 26 February the Glasshouse will once again be transformed into a hot hotel for tropical butterflies. They'll be iridescent blues, beautiful greens, vivid black and red, large orange-tipped white wings, and some that are almost see-through. Visit the 'emergence cage' where you might be lucky enough to witness these insects emerge from their pupae. And new for 2012 the lifecycle of these exotic insects is extended here as the larval stage is on display too – some very hungry caterpillars.

At Wisley this Winter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Victorian Christmas

8 – 10 December, 3pm to 8pm

Enjoy carol singers and fire jugglers as well as a festive food and drink stall on the Terrace outside the Garden entrance. The Shop and Plant Centre are also open for evening shopping. Free event.

Carol Singing at the Glasshouse

10, 11, 18 December

Sessions between 11.30am – 2.30pm

Listen to carols from fabulous choirs against the backdrop of the Festive Plant Display.

Butterflies in the Glasshouse

14 January – 26 February 10am – 4pm

(last entry to the Glasshouse 15 minutes before closing)



See exotic butterflies take flight amongst tropical plants in the warmth of the stunning Glasshouse. New for 2012 see our collection of giant caterpillars, so you can now experience the full lifecycle of these wonderful creatures.

Free Plant Centre Events

Wonderful Witch Hazels 28 January 2pm

Snowdrop Splendour 29 January 11.30am and 2pm

Orchid Festival 18 – 19 February 11.30am and 2pm

February Half Term – Amazing art in the garden

11 – 19 February

Join in with fun butterfly themed art activities and sow and grow flowers to encourage butterflies in to your garden. Please check the website for further details as activities vary daily.

Free Day Friday

2 March

Free entry for all to RHS Garden Wisley for one day.



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