



Lady Anne’s Arboretum

Here you will find some of the best and most colourful *Hamamelis* in the garden. These include ‘Brevipetala’ (yellow), ‘Aphrodite’ AGM (orange-red), ‘Rubin’ AGM (ruby-red), ‘Angelly’ AGM (acid-yellow) and ‘Orange Beauty’ (orange-red).



This area also has massed plantings of *Galanthus* (snowdrops) in the borders and naturalised *Narcissus* in the meadows. Hellebores and early rhododendrons will also be putting on a show.



The Stone Garden

This part of Lady Anne’s original garden is noted for camellias including ‘Saint Ewe’ (pictured above), ‘Mercury’, ‘Crinkles’, ‘Sylvia’ and ‘Akashigata’. *Prunus* ‘Kursar’ will be blooming with deep pink flowers. Winter flowering daphnes will also be in bloom.

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The Winter Trail

One of a series of seasonal walks, this leaflet is designed to help you get the best out of your visit to Rosemoor by highlighting the areas and plants of greatest winter interest. At the entrance to each garden area, look out for the framed panels for additional information. Award of Garden Merit (AGM) plants have been through a rigorous assessment by the RHS.

Plants of Winter Interest Trail

as much depends on the prevailing weather.

We will be starting the trail in The Winter Garden and as its name suggests, this area is dedicated to plants that have winter interest. In between the highlighted plants, you will see many others that stand out, some of which will be featured later on.

The first plant represents the genus *Hamamelis* and is on the left just after turning the corner into the Winter Garden.

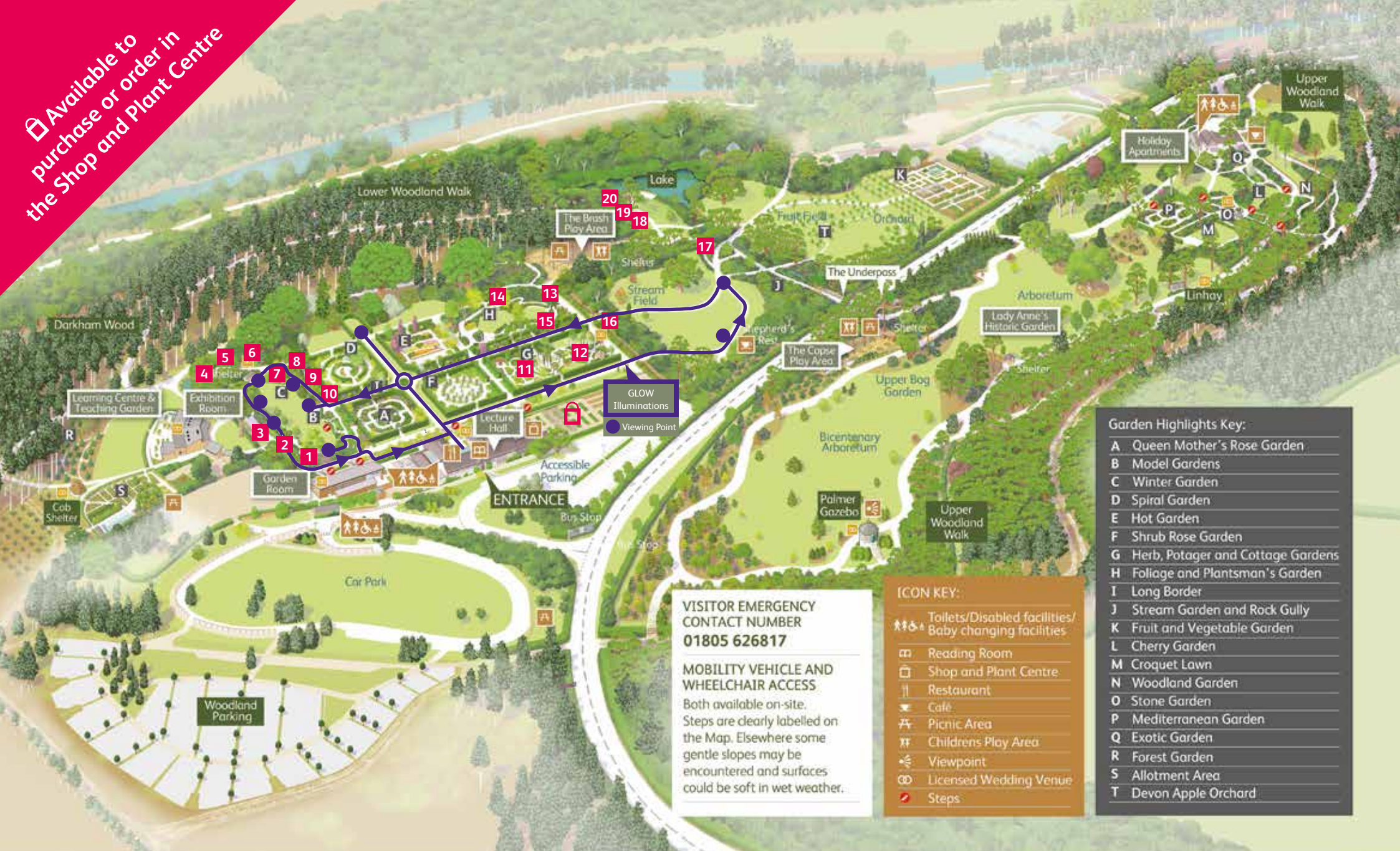
1. *Hamamelis x intermedia* ‘Arnold Promise’ AGM Fragrant, spidery yellow flowers on bare stems.

In this area you might sense a sweet perfume in the air from *Sarcococca* and *Viburnum* × *bodnantense* ‘Dawn’ AGM. *Prunus rufo* with striated peeling bark next to the lawn is of special interest.

Plants 2 and 3 are on either side of the Learning Centre entrance.

2. *Ilex aquifolium* ‘Rubraecaulis Aurea’ (f/v). The first holly on the trail, it has dark green leaves with creamy- yellow margins.
3. *Salix alba* ‘Golden Ness’ AGM Bright yellow/green stems that shine in the winter sun.
- Plants 4, 5 and 6 are at the bottom of the Winter Garden but on the way look out for camellias (e.g. *Cornus sanguinea* ‘Magic Flame’ AGM), *Cornus mahonias* (e.g. *Mahonia* × *media* ‘Charity’ AGM), conifers (e.g. *Taxus baccata* ‘Standishii’ AGM), skimmias (e.g. *Skimmia* × *confusa* ‘Kew Green’ AGM) and *Hamamelis* (e.g. *Hamamelis* × *intermedia* ‘Diane’ AGM). *Helleborus hybridus* will be putting on a show; snowdrops abound and later in the season *Narcissus* will be flowering.
4. *Mahonia japonica* AGM Panicles of bright yellow flowers above leathery, dark green leaves.
5. *Camellia* × *williamsii* ‘Bow Bells’. Single blooms of a lovely rose pink.

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6. *Daphne bholua* 'Jacqueline Postill' AGM. One of the best daphnes; sugary pink and white fragrant flowers amid evergreen leaves.

Now turn onto the path on your right, opposite the stand of *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii*. On the corner we have a lovely mass planting of *Cornus sanguinea* 'Winter Beauty' with orange-yellow stems flushed with red.

The path is flanked by trees with interesting bark including betulas, snakebark and paperbark acers. Just on the right, plant 7 forms a lovely mound of shiny green leaves on pendulous branches.

7. *Ilex* 'Good Taste' (f)

Plants 8 and 9 are in the opposite border.

8. *Skimmia japonica* 'Rubella' (m) AGM. Panicles of showy dark red flower buds.

9. *Ilex aquifolium* 'Madame Briot' (f/v) AGM. Spiny yellow margined leaves, bright red berries.

Erica × *veitchii* 'Exeter' AGM in the next border on your left has lovely scented flowers lasting most of the winter and *Erica arborea* var. *alpina* f. *aureifolia* 'Albert's Gold' AGM packs a punch with bright yellow foliage. Other ericas are at their best later in the season along with *Iris reticulata* and *Pulmonaria*.

Plant 10 is perfect combined with heathers.

10. *Juniperus squamata* 'Blue Star' AGM. Low spreading, lovely blue-grey foliage.

Now turn left onto the Long Border, past the circular central feature and enter the Hot Garden on your left where the grasses and seed heads illustrate the advantages of not cutting back too quickly; they provide interest and food for wildlife well into winter.

Take the side exit opposite the Foliage Garden which we will visit later, between the *Phormium* 'Yellow Wave' AGM. Another New Zealander, *Pittosporum tenuifolium* 'Tom Thumb' AGM, flanks the exit path from this garden with balls of deep purple foliage.

Now make your way to the Herb Garden, where you will find plant 11. On the way you will pass a large stand of *Phyllostachys* (bamboo) with bright yellow culms which shine in the low winter sun.

11. *Prunus mume* 'Omoi-no-mama'. This is one of the earliest flowering cherries.

The herb garden beds are edged with *Ilex crenata* 'Green Hedger' AGM and *Santolina*; both evergreens but with totally different characteristics. *Cornus mas* with tiny, bright yellow flowers nestles beside the summer house.

Carry on to the Cottage Garden where plant 12 is close to the shelter. Our earliest flowering daffodil, *Narcissus* 'Rijnveld's Early Sensation' AGM in the small orchard often flowers from November.

12. *Viburnum* × *bodnantense* 'Dawn' AGM. Sweet smelling pink flowers on bare stems.

Turn left and make your way back to the Foliage Garden and on either side of the entrance we have two of the many sarcococcas we have at Rosemoor, some of which you have already encountered in the Winter Garden.

13. *Sarcococca confusa* AGM and *Sarcococca orientalis*. Small unobtrusive, highly fragrant flowers.

Follow the path to the left and you will see more plants from the southern hemisphere including *Hebe*, *Olearia*, *Tasmannia*, *Leptospermum* and *Grevillea* (which may have a few flowers).

Look through the gap across the lawn to plant 14 on the trail. This is a very large tree but on the walls we grow conifers suitable for a smaller garden such as *Pinus mugo* 'Humpty' AGM and plant 15 (on right).

14. *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* 'Imbricata Pendula' AGM. One of our Champion Trees (largest specimen in the British Isles).

15. *Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Nana' AGM. A dense, dwarf, rounded shrub.

Have a wander around this hugely inspirational garden or turn left through the pleached hornbeams (there is a ramp further along) turning left back onto the Long Border, through the gateway into the Stream Field and to your right we have our next holly:

16. *Ilex* × *koehneana*. Large, spiny yellow-green leaves and large red berries.

Now make your way through to the lake, passing the meadows with winter flowering bulbs then down the path to your left; the next holly is on your right.

17. *Ilex crenata* 'Ivory Tower' (f). Small glossy dark green leaves, creamy-white berries.

Plant 18 is in the meadow to your left. *Narcissus cyclamineus* AGM just across the stream to your right always put on a good show in late winter along with *Crocus*, *Cyclamen*, *Galanthus* and *Eranthis*.

18. *Narcissus bulbocodium* AGM. The charming hoop petticoat daffodil.

Carry on down to the lake to find plants 19 and 20.

19. *Galanthus* 'Atkinsii' AGM. One of our most prolific snowdrops.

20. *Cornus sericea* 'Cardinal'. One of the brightest winter stems of orange, tipped scarlet.

Make your way back to the main path and you can carry on to the Fruit and Vegetable Garden where you will find ideas of what you can grow for the winter months. The green house will be filled with perfumed early *Narcissus* and Winter Greens.

This is the end of the guided trail, but Lady Anne's Garden is filled with winter interest (more details over leaf). Many more hollies of all forms can be found in the Arboreta, Stone Garden and Woodland Garden.

We hope you have enjoyed the Winter Trail and that you will return to try the other trails in the series (Spring, Summer and Autumn). If you are interested in purchasing any of the plants listed or would like any advice, please stop in the plant centre before you leave.