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Welcome

Hampshire is a garden-lovers destination where there are associations with some of the great names in gardening history; from the Rothschilds' azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias at Exbury Gardens in the New Forest, the prized collections of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey, the National Collection of old fashioned roses at Mottisfont to Walled Gardens and stunning 16th, 17th and 18th century gardens.

Discover borders bursting with spring bulbs, herbaceous summer planting, rich autumn shrubberies and unique winter gardens. There are gardens for every season – so come and explore www.gardensinhampshire.co.uk

"It is a delight to live in a county that has such a rich diversity of gardens within its boundaries. The Downs, the coast and sheltered valleys on soil that varies tremendously offers any gardener rich pickings when it comes to floral spectacle. As a Hampshire resident of more than 30 years' standing there is still lots to see."



Alan Titchmarsh

Hampshire Gardens' EVENTS

All Year 2017	Garden Courses	Gilbert White's House
Join in all year round for courses on everything from planting containers to growing vegetables, see Gilbert White's website for details of the next course.		
6 May to 2 July	Discovering Britain: the Shell Heritage Art Collection exhibition	Mottisfont, National Trust
Iconic landscape images that promoted escape and adventure: 1920's - 1950's.		
7 May	RHS New Forest Breakfast Walk	Exbury Gardens
Enjoy a wonderful early morning tour of the gardens with our knowledgeable and entertaining Head Gardener, Tom Clarke. May is one the best times to see Exbury, with its breathtaking array of spring colour.		
28 May	National Gardens Scheme Festival Weekend & 90th Anniversary	Chawton House Library
Entry to the gardens is £4 and funds go to a range of beneficiaries as part of this nationwide charity fundraising programme. £4; Children under 16 free		
27 May to 4 June	Time Travel Half-Term	Beaulieu
Become a Beaulieu time-traveller this May Half-Term with themed activities all week for the whole family!		
June	Rose Season	The Walled Gardens at Mottisfont
Mottisfont holds the National Collection of old-fashioned roses, which flower once a year in a gorgeous spectacle of colour.		
9 June	Lecture with Oxford University Fellow Dr. Lucy Kaufman	The Wyne
The lecture explores the impact of Henry VIII's 1535 visit to The Wyne on the Reformation. Tickets £35. Booking essential: 01256 883858.		
10-11 June	Chawton Village Open Gardens Weekend	Chawton House Library
Join us for this biennial event when Chawton Village opens its gardens to raise funds for village projects. Entry to the gardens is included in the general admission for Chawton Village Open Gardens		
13, 15, 20 June & 13 & 20 July	Evening roof tours	The Wyne
An exclusive tour and drinks reception. Visitors sign a slate tile to go on the roof. Tickets £30. Booking essential: 01256 883858.		
17 - 18 June	Unusual Plants Fair	Gilbert White's House
The annual garden event reaches its 25th Year! Join specialist suppliers from across the South of England, with experts on hand to answer your gardening questions, workshops and family activities.		

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18 June	Garden Tour and Cream Tea	Chawton House Library
Join Garden Manager, Andrew Bentley for a guided tour of the gardens followed by a delicious cream tea. (part of Jane Austen Regency Week)		
30 June	Summer Spectacular	Tudor House & Garden
Summer starts here! The entrance fee will be the original price of 6 pence per person when the museum opened in the 1900's.		
22 July to 1 Sept	Living History	Beaulieu
Step back in time and see Beaulieu come to life this summer with costumed living history characters and themed activities!		
August: 5, 12, 19 & 26	Woodcraft Days	Exbury Gardens
Come to Exbury and enjoy some wood carving courses, bushcraft and storytelling experiences, nature trails and demonstrations. For more information, please visit website.		
20 August	Plant fair	Chawton House Library
See website for further details of 2017 events		
10 September	Heritage Open Day	Tudor House & Garden
Enjoy Tudor House's garden for free on this special event day. Vintage bus tours of Southampton's Old Town also available.		
16 Sept to 14 Jan 2018	Kaffe Fassett's Colour	Mottisfont, National Trust
This vibrant exhibition showcases a dazzling range of textiles from the world-renowned artist.		
01 October	Staunton's Tea Festival	Staunton Country Park
This one day celebration will cover all aspects of tea in a fun and educational way. With Children's activities throughout the day and tastings and talks through to the evening.		
December 1- 29 (not 25-26 Dec)	The Illuminated Garden	West Green House Gardens
Spend a magical evening in the garden. £8/£4, or £20/£10pp to include a special Christmas tea. Booking essential.		

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Marwell Hall



Travel in Time at Marwell Zoo

Travel in time with a tree in the shadow of historic grade 1 listed Marwell Hall. Explore the Formal Garden and grounds using a downloadable self-guided, tree trail. Discover ancient trees, their historical and ecological importance and stroll around their 16th & 17th Century styled knot, parterre and kitchen gardens. Plus you'll discover an incredible range of exotic and endangered species in 140 acres of parkland.

Location: Thompson's Lane, Colden Common, Winchester SO21 1JH

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www.marwell.org.uk



Jane Austen's House Museum Garden

Although small, Jane Austen's garden delights visitors all year round with an ever-changing array of medicinal herbs, plants for dyeing, vegetables, flowers and trees mentioned in Jane's letters.

Garden entry is free. Open: see website for details.

www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk



West Green House Garden

An historic 10 acre garden with a contemporary twist, revived by the acclaimed designer Marylyn Abbott. It's renowned for colourful theatricality throughout the seasons. Surprises range from a chinoiserie chicken pavilion to a restored 18th century walled garden with its striking moongate. Topiary, follies, and water features await your discovery. Location: Thackham's Lane, Hartley Wintney RG27 8JB

01252 844 611

enquiries@westgreenhouse.co.uk

www.westgreenhouse.co.uk



Stansted Park

Edwardian house, walled gardens with maze, arboretum & tearoom, plus 1800 acres of parkland & forest to explore. Grounds are open all year round. Location: Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle, PO9 6DX

www.stanstedpark.co.uk



Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu

Lose yourself in Beaulieu's gardens, from the formality of the Victorian Flower Garden to the picturesque serenity of the Mill Pond Walk. The Victorian Kitchen Garden still supplies Palace House with seasonal vegetables. Accessible as part of a visit to Beaulieu. Location: New Forest, Hampshire, SO42 7ZN

01590 612345 | visit@beaulieu.co.uk

www.beaulieu.co.uk



Tudor House & Garden

The garden has been created to provide a fascinating glimpse of ornamental garden features and fashion from the period. In the 1980s it was re-planned by garden designer Dr. Sylvia Landsberg, and planted to recreate how it may have been in the 1500s, with formal pathways and low hedges forming an intricate 'knot' design, interwoven with plants. Location: Bugle Street, Southampton SO14 2AD

023 8083 4536

museums@southampton.gov.uk

www.tudorhouseandgarden.com



Staunton Country Park

A historic walled garden to a maze and tranquil sensory garden, there's lots to explore. The Victorian glasshouse is full of tropical plants and a giant Amazon waterlily. Location: Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 5HB

023 9245 3405 | www.hants.gov.uk/staunton

The Vyne





Exbury Gardens



The gardens at The Vyne

At the site of a former Tudor palace, visitors can stroll through informal grounds taking in the walled garden with a celebrated Dahlia border. A leisurely wander up the Lime Avenue leads to a Seventeenth Century summerhouse. With views of the parkland across the lake, visitors can enjoy picnicking on The Vyne's north lawn.

Location: Vyne Road, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke RG24 9HL

01256 883858

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-vyne



Gilbert White & The Oates Collections

The garden of the pioneering naturalist Gilbert White is a wonderful mix of Eighteenth Century landscape design, practicality and ingenuity. White was an enthusiastic gardener, whose personality can be seen in the garden today. The Museum enjoys 30 acres of garden and ancient parkland, with historic varieties of plants and produce, inspiring views, conservation and tranquility.

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Houghton Lodge Gardens

One of the earliest, largely unaltered and best surviving examples of a Cottage Orn . Idyllically situated above the River Test a 'picturesque' genre of the late 1700s. Open 1 Apr - 1st Oct.
Location: Nr Stockbridge, Hants, SO20 6LQ
01264 810502 | www.houghtonlodge.co.uk



Chawton House Library

Walk in Jane Austen's footsteps as you explore the gardens of the 'Great House' owned by her brother Edward which she knew and loved. Enjoy the stunning views and period features including the Walled Garden mentioned in her letters. Enjoy light lunches and refreshments in the atmospheric Old Kitchen tearoom.

Location: Chawton, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1SJ

01420 541010

info@chawtonhouselibrary.org

www.chawtonhouselibrary.org

@chawtonhouse



Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

Established in 1953 award winning gardens that currently hold 14 National Plant collections of world importance. Beautiful whatever the season.

Location: Jermyns Lane, Romsey SO51 0QA

01794 369318 | www.hilliergardens.org.uk

**For opening dates, times and
more information including
gardening tips visit
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Mottisfont

Step across the crystal clear river and enter a little piece of paradise, with the sound of water never far away. Carpets of spring bulbs, a stunning walled rose garden, rich autumn leaves and a colourful winter garden make Mottisfont a feast for the senses all year round.

Location:

Mottisfont Lane, Romsey SO51 0LP

01794 340757

mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont

April

SPRING

- See **amazing blossom, tulips and majestic bed of crown imperials** - Gilbert White's House
- **Tulips, hyacinths, bluebells & apple blossom** - Chawton House Library
- **Magnolias, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias** - Exbury Gardens
- **Thousands of striking tulips and peak blossom time** - West Green House Gardens
- The Palace House Wilderness Garden is **carpeted with a colourful mass of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and fritillaria** - Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu
- Planted in neat rows, bright **yellow daffodils burst from the flowerbeds** beside the path in the walled garden - The Wyne

May

- See the **wildflower meadow in all its glory** - Gilbert White's House
- **Displays of alliums & cornflowers** - Chawton House Library
- **Rhododendrons, azaleas, wisteria, flowering dogwoods** - Exbury Gardens
- **The river of Iris sibirica 'Papillon' in the Garden of Five Bridges** - West Green House Gardens
- Don't miss the **stunning wisteria and Laburnum tunnel in the Victorian Flower Garden** - Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu
- As the season unfolds, the **soft blue haze of bluebells springs up between the trees in Morgaston Woods** - The Wyne

June

SUMMER

- The collection of **historic roses** will flower - Gilbert White's House
- Mottisfont is home to the world-famous **National Collection of old fashioned roses**, flowering once a year in June.
- **Roses, geraniums, poppies and strawberries** - Chawton House Library

- **Iris and water gardens, candelabra primulas, stewartias and late rhododendrons** - Exbury Gardens
- **The scent of hundreds of roses** at Gilbert White's House
- Enjoy the **scented English roses in Beaulieu's Victorian Flower Garden**. Some of the roses were planted in the late 1800s - Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu
- In the West Garden, the **herbaceous borders come alive with shades of pink white and blue** - The Wyne

July

- The flower beds will be **bursting with flowers, annuals, sunflowers** - Gilbert White's House
- **Roses, geraniums, circium and sunflowers** - Chawton House Library
- **Herbaceous borders, summer lane gardens (train only) and wild flowers** - Exbury Gardens
- **The famous opera season** - West Green House Gardens
- See the **newly planted Gertrude Jekyll style borders of roses, shrubs and herbaceous plants** - Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu
- The Summerhouse Garden will have **fiery displays of Ipomoea lobata erupting from central flowerbeds** - The Wyne

August

- **Come and see the melons grown in the hot beds** - Gilbert White's House
- **Gladioli, verbena, eryngium and glorious sunflowers** - Chawton House Library
- **Sundial garden, hydrangea walks, eucryphas, herbaceous borders and river walks** - Exbury Gardens
- **Colourful perennials in the walled garden** - West Green House Gardens
- **Explore the summer flowers and fauna along the peaceful Millpond Walk** - Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu
- **Celebrated dahlia border bursts into bloom with shades of red, orange and pink** - The Wyne

September

- Mottisfont is bathed in **red, gold and orange** every autumn
- **Rudbeckia, alchemilla** - Chawton House Library
- Don't miss the final month of the **Inspired by the Word art exhibition** in the garden - Gilbert White's House
- **Herbaceous beds and grasses, salvias, dahlias and fuchsias** - Exbury Gardens
- Late season **asters and dahlias** nestle amongst the **neat box hedges** - West Green House Gardens
- Explore the **fauna including common orchids** along the peaceful Millpond Walk - Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu
- **Late flowering rudbeckias and anemones, asters and heliniums** - The Wyne

October

- See the trees full of apples, many of which are unusual **eighteenth century varieties** very different from today's - Gilbert White's House
- **Apples and autumnal colours** - Chawton House Library
- Stunning autumn colour including **waterside maples, national collection of nyssa & oxydendrum** - Exbury Gardens
- Time for the **apple harvest** in the old orchard and potager - West Green House Gardens
- **American red oak trees** shed rusty leaves by the orchard while the lakeside Liquid Amber is set ablaze with colour - The Wyne

November

AUTUMN

- See the **Selborne Hanger** that envelopes the garden transform into many different shades of luscious reds and gold - Gilbert White's House
- On frosty mornings, visitors may see **rolls of mist hanging over the lake** as they cross the main bridge - The Wyne

December

WINTER

- **Come and Wassail through forests of mistletoe** growing from the apple trees - Gilbert White's House
- As the festive season approaches, **sprigs of mistletoe can be seen growing on trees** in the orchard - The Wyne

Year Round

Marwell Zoo: The Yew hedges are trimmed each year for their cancer beating properties and collected by Limehurst to be used as treatment.

Tudor House & Garden: Join the monthly 'tea and tours', where you will be guided around the property, finishing with a delicious cream tea in our café which overlooks our beautiful Tudor knot garden. Call for more details.

Palace House Gardens, Beaulieu: Enjoy an Alice in Wonderland themed topiary display in Beaulieu's Victorian Flower Garden.

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Chawton
House Library

Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway



Exbury Gardens are a spectacular 200 acre site, world-famous for the Rothschild Collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and rare trees and shrubs. This earthly paradise offers a riot of colour in spring, an oasis of tranquillity in summer followed by a splendid show as the leaves change in the autumn. Capture Exbury's hidden beauty and escape

the cares of the world as you explore a myriad of pathways. A 20 minute trip aboard the 12 ¼ inch gauge Steam Railway is sure to delight visitors of all ages. Children will love the adventure play area and looking at all the wildlife that we have! Top the day off with an ice-cream or tea and cake in Mr Eddy's Tea Rooms.

Location: Exbury, Hampshire, SO45 1AZ

02380 891203 | info@exbury.co.uk | www.exbury.co.uk



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