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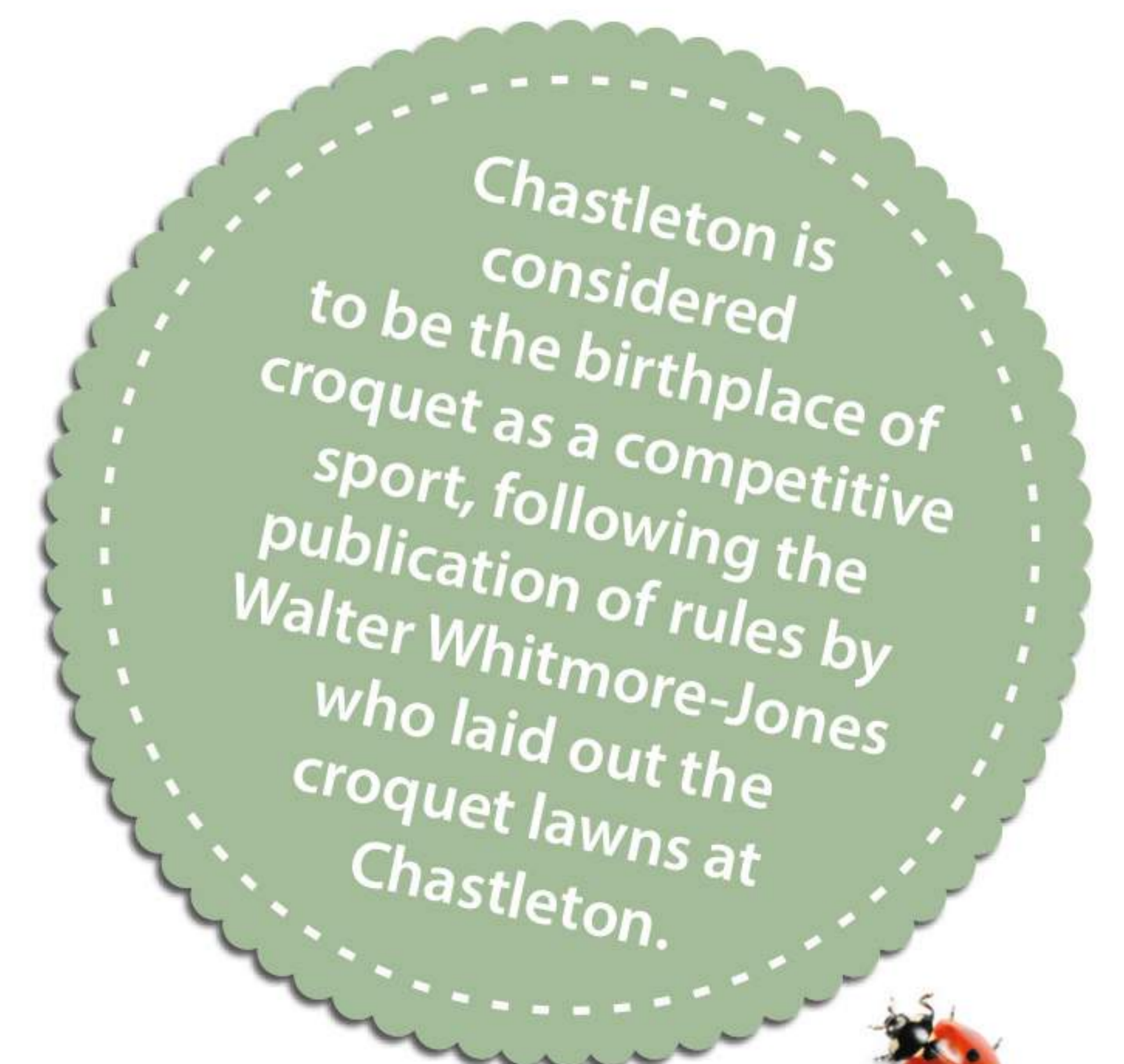
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www.cotswolds.com/gardens



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YOUR YEAR ROUND GUIDE TO COTSWOLDS GARDENS

We have put together this great little guide to the gardens of the Cotswolds so that you can plan your visit at any time of the year.



Cotswold gardens are wonderful to visit all year round – from the onset of spring to the height of summer, mellow autumn months or the depths of winter – an often overlooked time for garden visits.

What could be better than enjoying a bracing walk, soaking up inspirational garden design, before heading back to your hotel for a traditional afternoon tea, or something stronger, in front of a roaring fire?

This guide, which has a handy map inside, will take you through the seasons of our captivating Cotswold gardens so you can create your very own garden route. It's a great opportunity to slow down, escape the madness of modern life and enjoy a wonderful weekend admiring everything our gardens have to offer.



The Lawnmower was invented in Stroud by Edwin Budding. It came from the cross-cutting machines that were used to finish woollen cloth.

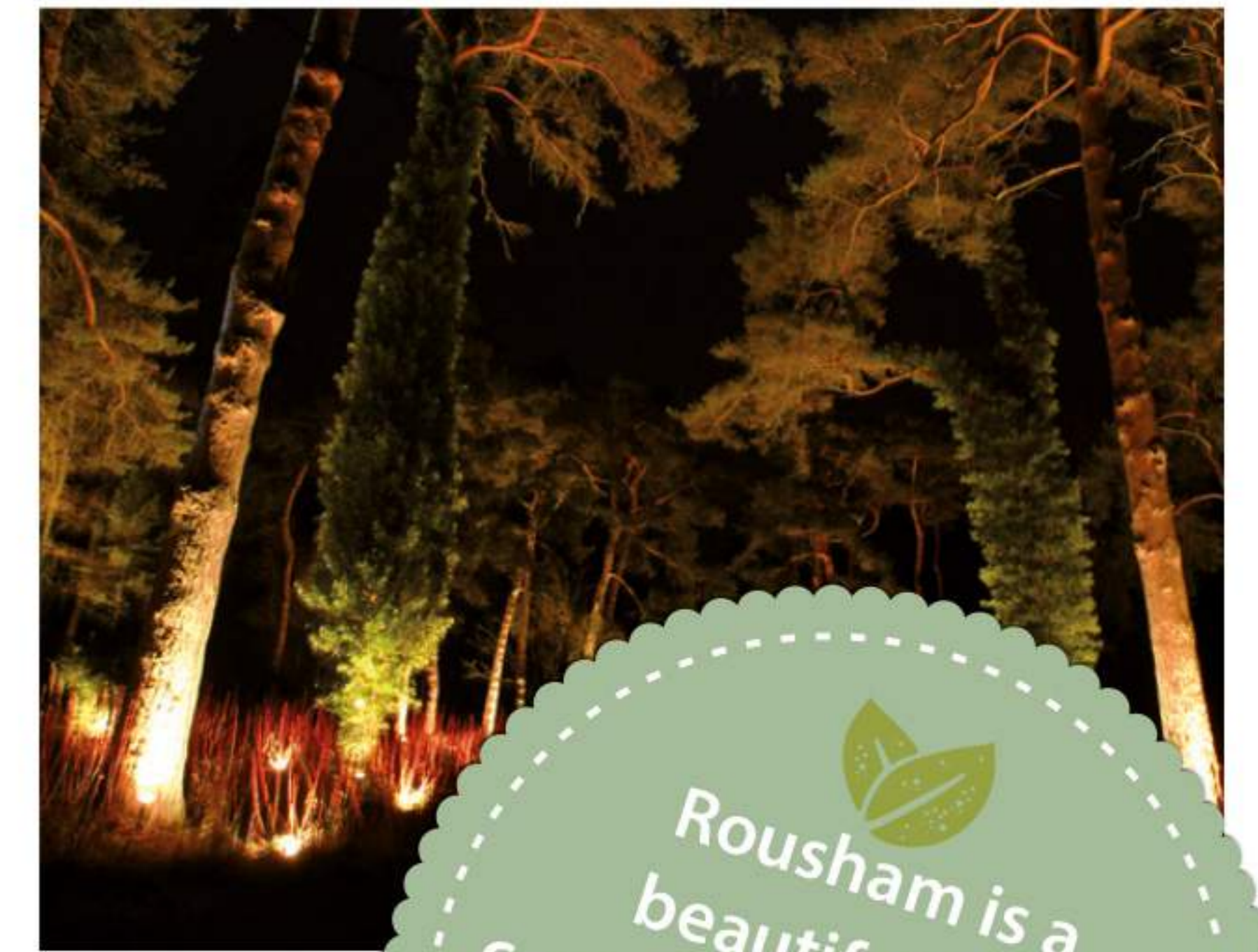


Rousham is a beautiful 18th century garden which sparked off the age of the landscaped garden.

After the depths of winter, the Cotswold year begins with the first flush of snowdrops – make sure you take a look at our spring guide to see the best snowdrop locations. As the days begin to warm and daffodils make a welcome appearance, gardens all over the Cotswolds start bursting into life.

Historic woodland such as **Woodchester Park** and the **Gloucestershire Wildlife Nature Reserve** are carpeted with bluebells while hedgerows and our arboreta at **Batsford** and **Westonbirt** are awash with blossom.

In late spring and summer, herbaceous borders take over as the stars of the show with **Newark Park**, **Hidcote**, **Snowhill Manor**, **Sezincote** and **Bourton House Garden** guaranteed to delight. **Blenheim Palace**, **Kiftsgate Court** and **Sudeley Castle's** Queens' Garden, named after the four English Queens that walked within, become beautifully fragrant with roses.



As summer turns to autumn, and the trees take on a golden hue, dramatic colours can be seen throughout the arboreta and ancient beech woodlands of the Cotswolds.

And in Cheltenham, beautiful Regency buildings are complemented by formal gardens, parks and tree-lined avenues. Admire the flowers of **Imperial Gardens**, or the more spacious landscapes and trees of **Montpellier Gardens**, while **Pittville Park**, home to Cheltenham's iconic pump room, is laid out with trees and ornamental lakes for the pleasure of visitors in the 19th century.

Use our website www.cotswolds.com to find a wide variety of accommodation for your garden break.



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CELEBRATE SPRING

Shake off the winter blues and celebrate the first signs of spring with a stroll around some of our gardens famed for their fantastic displays of snowdrops. Known as 'heralds of spring', they start flowering as early as January and you'll be spoilt for choice of Cotswold gardens to get your snowdrop fix.

Cerney House Gardens, Newark Park, Rodmarton Manor and Painswick Rococo Garden have incredible snowdrop displays, with Colesbourne Park boasting more than 250 different varieties and the chance to buy some of them yourself.

Across the Cotswolds you'll be bowled over by the gorgeous spring flower displays – whether it's native bluebell woods, magnificent magnolias or the spectacular blossom lining the hedgerows and taking centre stage in our two Cotswold arboreta at Batsford and Westonbirt.

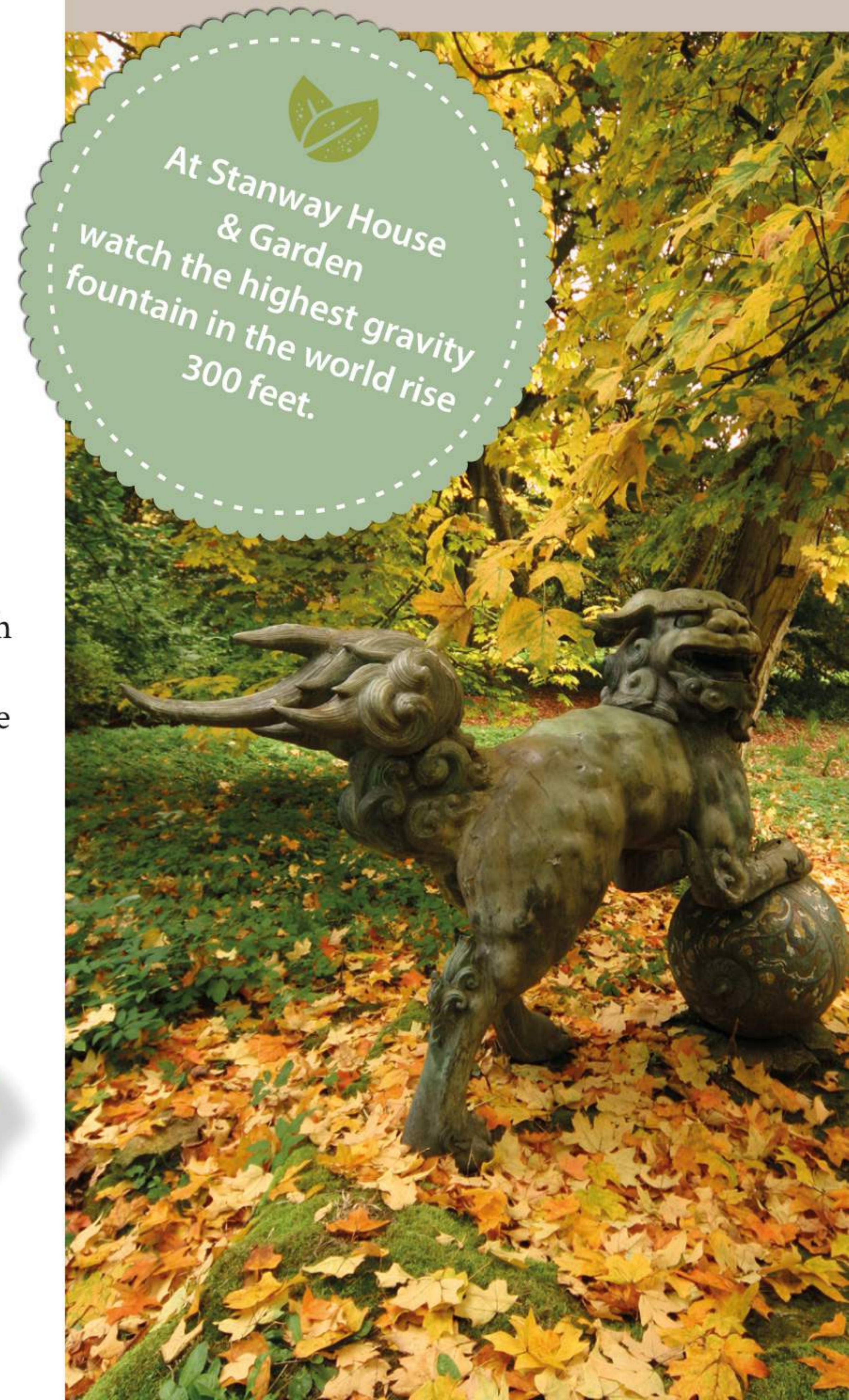


There are over 70 miles of lavender plants at the Snowhill Lavender Farm.

BLAZING AUTUMN

Enjoy the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness in the Cotswolds as hedgerows take on warm, autumnal tones and you'll discover colour-a-plenty at our two arboreta - beautiful **Batsford** and wonderful **Westonbirt Arboretum!** From mid to late October you'll witness one of the best natural fireworks displays in the country!

Don't forget some of our gardens also offer magnificent autumn colour. **Bourton House Garden** has a wonderful display of exotic hot planting and the grasses at the **Cotswold Wildlife Park** look their absolute best.



At Stanway House & Garden watch the highest gravity fountain in the world rise 300 feet.

SUMMER SPECTACULAR

There's nowhere like the Cotswolds for blowsy summer gardens and inspirational design ideas. Home to some of the most spectacular world-class gardens you could ever hope to visit, you'll also find smaller and less well-known examples of quintessential English gardens.

One of the best known is **Hidcote Manor Gardens** – an Arts and Crafts inspired garden designed by American Major Lawrence Johnston, whose creation of garden rooms has left its design mark all over the Cotswolds.

For glorious herbaceous borders alive with buzzing insects and stunning colours, choose **Bourton House Garden**, and if you can't resist the sight and smell of English roses, head for **Blenheim Palace** whose centrepiece rose garden was originally created by the 5th Duke of Marlborough, or **Kiftsgate Court Garden** – home to the flamboyant Kiftsgate rose. Or walk in the footsteps of kings and queens of old, and meander through the rose garden at Sudeley Castle.

And good enough to rival the lavender fields of Provence, don't miss Snowhill Lavender in the height of summer when you can see 70 miles and 35 different varieties of lavender at their blowsy best.





WINTER WONDERS

If you thought winter was a dull time to visit Cotswold gardens then think again! It's the perfect time to appreciate some of the inspirational garden design which means our gardens are full of colour and interest throughout the winter months.

'Capability' Brown's gorgeous landscapes at **Blenheim Palace** World Heritage Site and **Broadway Tower** offer spectacular views of the surrounding countryside, as well as beautiful parkland, fountains and formal gardens.

Rousham House and Gardens are a budding designers dream, revealing how evergreen planting and a limited colour palette bring interest all year round. A favourite of TV gardener Monty Don it's one of a few 18th century gardens to have escaped major alteration.

For a festive twist make sure not to miss the wonderful illuminated experiences held at **Blenheim Palace**, **Westonbirt Arboretum** and **Sudeley Castle** in the run up to Christmas each year.

QUIRKY COTSWOLDS

There's no shortage of unusual or quirky gardens and hidden Cotswold gems.

More than thirty years in the making, the Royal Gardens at **Highgrove** are designed by HRH Prince Charles and are one of the most creatively inspiring and innovative gardens in the country. The summer display of delphiniums and national collection of hostas are must-sees!

Organic **Brockworth Court** is a tapestry-style garden wrapped around a stunning manor house dating back to medieval times, while **Sezincote's** romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals, as well as a 200 year old Mogul Indian palace takes some beating for a unique place to visit.

And **Herbs for Healing**, created by Davina Wynne-Jones – daughter of famous garden designer and plants-woman Rosemary Verey – was planted using only plants with healing properties.



PLACES TO STAY WITH GORGEOUS GARDENS

If you are planning a weekend break – or a longer stay - you'll be spoilt for choice for places to stay where the gardens are as sumptuous as the bedrooms!

Barnsley House - the former home of garden designer, lecturer and prolific garden writer, Rosemary Verey who began redesigning the gardens in the 1950s to critical acclaim. The stunning English gardens now attract global interest.



Lords of the Manor – eight acres of perfectly manicured gardens designed to blend beautifully into the Cotswold landscape which surrounds it. Designed to be enjoyed, they include a sweeping lawn to the lake, walled garden, perennial planting and meadow.

Whatley Manor – Inspired by the original 1920s plan, the twelve acre gardens featuring twenty six distinct rooms combine classic English garden style with more contemporary touches like specially commissioned sculpture.

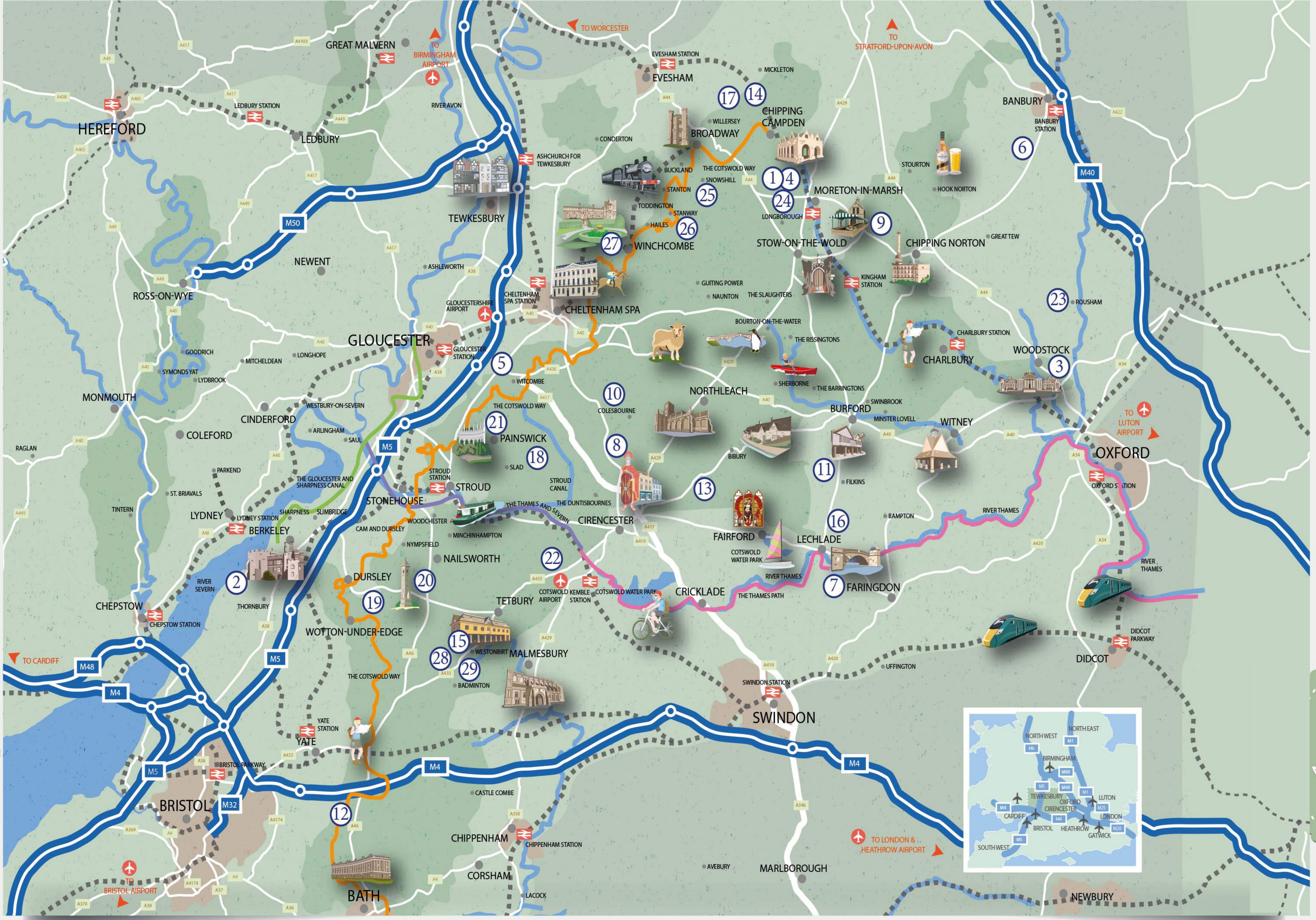


Thyme – beautiful accommodation on a 150 acre working farm with newly planted herb and cutting gardens and polytunnels to extend the growing season. Everything grown helps stock the restaurants, cookery school and spa.

Cowley Manor – a haven of tranquillity, these grade II listed gardens include an eclectic tree collection and flower blooms all year round. It's the perfect place to reconnect with nature.



For more information about places to stay in the Cotswolds, visit www.cotswolds.com/accommodation



NGS garden at 25 Bowling Green Road in Cirencester has over 400 varieties of Hemerocallis and has opened for the NGS for over 35 years!



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Batsford Arboretum

Batsford Arboretum is home to one of the country's largest private tree collections set within 56 acres of beautiful Cotswolds countryside.

With colour and interest all year round, the arboretum contains more than fifteen hundred tree species from all over the world.

Batsford GL56 9AD
Tel 01386 701441
www.batsarb.co.uk



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Berkeley Castle

Berkeley Castle sits within eight acres of landscaped gardens, including the bowling green of Queen Elizabeth I, sweeping lawns, terraced gardens and the 8th Earl's swimming pool – now an ornamental lily pond.

There is a delightful Georgian walled garden and a tropical butterfly house.

Berkeley GL13 9BQ
Tel 01453 810303
www.berkeley-castle.com



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Blenheim Palace

Explore this World Heritage Site amongst more than 2000 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped parkland and enjoy some of the finest views in England.

Discover an array of formal gardens, including the rose garden, water terraces and secret garden.

Woodstock, OX20 1UL
Tel 01993 810530
www.blenheimpalace.com



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Bourton House Garden

Close to Moreton-in-Marsh, Bourton House Garden is an award-winning three acre garden high on the Cotswolds with wonderful views over the surrounding countryside. The garden has imaginative and dramatic topiary, a unique shade house and wide herbaceous borders with many rare, unusual and exotic plants, and is beautiful all year round.

Bourton-on-the-Hill, GL56 9AE
Tel 01386 700754
www.bourtonhouse.com



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Brockworth Court Gardens

Brockworth Court was owned by Llanthony Secunda Priory of Gloucester until the dissolution of the monasteries in 1540. The tapestry style garden beautifully complements the facades of the manor house with organic, naturalistic and intense cottage style planting with some formal structure. There's also a Monet inspired bridge over the fish pond

Brockworth, GL3 4QU
Telephone 01452 862938,
www.priorscourtbarn.co.uk



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Broughton Grange Gardens

Extensively developed over the past 20 years, Broughton Grange Gardens' centrepiece is an impressive three-terraced walled garden created by Chelsea gold medal-winning designer Tom Stuart-Smith. Other areas not to miss include a stumpery, knot garden, wildflower meadows, parterre and rose garden, long borders and large arboretum.

Broughton, Banbury OX15 5DS
Tel: 07791 747371
www.broughtongrange.com



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Buscot Park

Buscot Park is one of Oxfordshire's best kept secrets. Designed in the late 18th century to complement the mansion and its art collection, the gardens and grounds were enhanced by the Lords Faringdon to include lakes, the famous Harold Peto water gardens, sculpture, and the Four Seasons walled gardens.

Open Mon-Fri 2pm – 6pm and some weekends including bank holidays.

Buscot Park, Faringdon, SN7 8BU
Tel 01367 240932
www.buscotpark.com



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Cerney House Gardens

Escape from the hustle and bustle and visit Cerney House Gardens, where time seems to stand still. Discover old-fashioned scents and colour in this romantic secret garden with Victorian features and explore the working organic kitchen garden, complete with overflowing herbaceous borders. Don't miss the wonderful wildlife and woodland walks.

North Cerney GL7 7BX
Tel 01285 831300
www.cerneygardens.com



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Chastleton House & Garden

A rare gem of a Jacobean country house, whose garden has features from several periods. Stroll through the garden and discover the Jacobean garden, kitchen garden, stunning topiary and even some bee hives. Don't miss the mulberry tree believed to be nearly four hundred years old.

Chastleton GL56 0SU
Tel 01608 674981
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton-house



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Colesbourne Park

Called 'England's greatest snowdrop garden' by Country Life magazine, Colesbourne Park is home to a collection of 250 varieties of snowdrop which visitors can enjoy throughout the ten acre garden. Explore woodland and lakeside paths, the spring garden and formal garden as you meander through drifts of cyclamen, hellebores and other winter plants.

Colesbourne GL53 9NP
Tel 01242 870567
www.colesbournegardens.org.uk



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Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens

Glorious gardens make a beautiful backdrop to the animal enclosures - from swathes of ornamental grasses and perennials around the rhino paddock to the rainforest feel in the tropical house. Enjoy more traditional planting around the Gothic Manor House and don't miss the old walled garden for fabulous spring bulbs and exotic summer planting.

Burford OX18 4JJ
Tel 01993 823006
www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk



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Dyrham Park

At Dyrham Park you can experience 17th century-style formal planting in the Avenue set against pool gardens, informal orchards and rich wildflower meadows. The shady wooded terraces lead to the deer park with breath-taking views. There are free daily tours of the garden and the ancient parkland. Why not round off your visit with a refreshing stop in the tea garden?
Photo: James Dobson.

Dyrham, Nr. Bath, SN14 8ER
Tel 0117 9372501
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyrhampark



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Herbs for Healing

Herbs for Healing is a small garden and nursery created by Davina, daughter of the local gardening icon Rosemary Verey, using all medicinal plants.

It's a very rural and relaxing place to learn how you can use plants for your health and plants and products are on sale.

Barnsley GL7 5EE
Tel 07773 687493
www.herbsforhealing.net



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Hidcote

One of the greatest gardens in England, Hidcote was created by Major Lawrence Johnston, who was passionate about plants.

Hidcote is famous for having a garden that divides into a series of 'outdoor rooms', each with its own character. The formality of the 'rooms' melts away as you move through the garden away from the house.

Hidcote Bartrim GL55 6LR
Tel 01386 438333
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote



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The Royal Gardens at Highgrove

Quirky and eclectic, the gardens at Highgrove have been heavily influenced by its owner, HRH The Prince of Wales.

Experience seasonal highlights or attend one of the many events held during the year as the gardens open annually for visitors to enjoy. Online booking in advance only.

Doughton, Tetbury GL8 8PH
Tel 0333 222 4555
www.highgrovegardens.com



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Kelmscott Manor

Home to the founder of the Arts and Crafts movement, William Morris, the gardens at Kelmscott Manor have been recreated using many of the plants he loved and used in his designs.

Visit the garden with its barns, dovecote, stream, meadow and formal garden which was a constant source of inspiration for Morris.

Kelmscott GL7 3HJ
Tel 01367 252486
www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk



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Kiftgate Court Gardens

Magnificently situated and with stunning views, Kiftgate contains many unusual plants and shrubs including the largest rose in England, the stunning Kiftgate rose. Three generations of women gardeners have produced a series of romantic gardens with a surprise at every turn.

Chipping Campden GL55 6LN
Tel 01367 438777
www.kiftgate.co.uk



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The Garden at Miserden

Winner of Historic Houses Garden of the Year 2018, this lovely, timeless garden was designed in the 17th century yet still retains a wonderful sense of peace and tranquillity. Topiary yew walk designed by Lutyens, magnificent mixed borders and a spectacular view over a deer park and the Cotswold hills beyond.

Miserden GL6 7JA
Tel 01285 821303
www.miserden.org



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Newark Park

The house has a wonderful quirky and eclectic character. The surrounding garden and estate provide space to play and contemplate, with beautiful views over the Cotswold escarpment and as far as the Mendips.

Play a game of croquet or spot the resident peacocks.

Ozleworth GL12 7PZ.
Tel 01793 817666.
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park



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Owlpen Manor

The garden at Owlpen is an unusually complete survival of an early formal garden on a manorial scale.

The manor house and Stuart gardens are open in the summer months for exclusive group tours by prior arrangement.

Near Uley GL11 5BZ
Tel 01453 860261
www.owlpen.com



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Painswick Rococo Garden

Designed in the 1740's as a flamboyant pleasure garden, this hidden valley is now the country's only surviving complete rococo garden.

Enjoy beautifully-framed views and fanciful garden buildings. Lose yourself in the maze and enjoy the delicious homemade food in the café.

Painswick GL6 6TH
Tel 01452 813204
www.rococogarden.org.uk



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Rodmarton Manor and Gardens

A spectacular Arts and Crafts house with a stunning garden, originally designed as a series of outdoor rooms. Discover the beauty and character of the magnificent herbaceous borders, topiary, roses, alpines and kitchen garden and enjoy a quiet moment admiring the view from one of the many places to sit dotted throughout the garden.

Rodmarton, GL7 6PF
Tel 01285 841442
www.rodmarton-manor.co.uk



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Rousham

Rousham is one of the gardens from the first phase of English landscape design that have escaped alteration ensuring you can see many features just as you would have in the 18th century. One of Monty Don's favourites, the gardens are dotted with classical features including temples, statues and ponds as well as a pretty walled garden.

Rousham OX25 4QX
Tel 01869 347110
www.rousham.org



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Sezincote

Restored in 1968, the gardens include canals and Irish yews in the south garden which are evocative of Moghul paradise gardens.

The gardens are home to many tender climbing plants, a little Indian style pavilion and oriental water garden, where many rare plants can be seen.

Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9AW
www.sezincote.co.uk



Snowhill Manor and Garden

The garden at Snowhill is the perfect place to unwind and explore hidden vistas, quiet corners and unexpected delights including Charles Wade's uncomplicated home, the Priest's House. The manor itself is a Cotswold manor house packed with extraordinary treasures collected over a lifetime by Charles Wade.

Snowhill WR12 7JU
Tel 01386 852410
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/snowhill-manor-and-garden



Stanway House & Fountain

A wonderful Jacobean house with a jewel-like gatehouse, church and 14th century tithe barn. The 18th century water garden is one of the finest in England and has specimen trees, avenues and a 300ft single jet fountain – the highest in Britain and the highest gravity fountain in the world.

Stanway GL54 5PQ
Tel 01386 584469
www.stanwayfountain.co.uk



Sudeley Castle & Gardens

Sudeley Castle offers a spectacular day out in the heart of the beautiful Cotswolds countryside.

Romantic ruins, award-winning gardens and one thousand years of fascinating royal history are among the many reasons to visit the hidden gem of the Cotswolds.

Winchcombe GL54 5JD
Tel 01242 604244
www.sudeleycastle.co.uk



Westonbirt, The National Arboretum

Westonbirt is a remarkable place for people to enjoy and learn about trees. Borne of a Victorian passion for plant collecting, around 15,000 trees from all over the world offer the perfect setting to escape, relax or have an adventure in one of the best arboretums you'll find.

Tetbury GL8 8QS
Tel 0300 067 4890
www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt



Westonbirt House and Gardens

Westonbirt House and Gardens, described by Country Life Magazine as "the finest ensemble of Victorian architecture, landscape and gardens in the Cotswolds" are a grade 1 listed site of national importance. Gardens are open to the public Mon - Fri 2-5pm, from April to October, entry £5. House visits on various open days or by appointment.

Westonbirt GL8 8QG
Tel 01666 881373
www.holfordtrust.com

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for charity

With more than a hundred Cotswold gardens opening as part of the National Garden Scheme, you'll be spoilt for choice for beautiful places to visit. It's the perfect chance to gain unique access to exceptional private gardens as well as better known flagship estates, raising money for nursing and health charities at the same time. Discover your nearest garden at
www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden



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