

Gardens to visit during your stay



Holehird Gardens

Considered one of the top 10 gardens in the UK in a superb Lakeland setting.

Admission and parking free but donations welcome.

The Lakeland Horticultural Society ten acre hillside gardens include a great variety of planting- specimen trees and shrubs, extensive rock and heather gardens, alpine houses, a walled garden and herbaceous borders.

The society holds three national collections: Astilbe, Hydrangea and Polystichum Ferns.

Directions: Between Windermere and Troutbeck on the A592

Journey Time: 1 hour

Open: Daily

Admission Charge: Free (Donation of £2.00 per person appreciated)

Tel: 01539-446008

Constable Burton Hall Gardens

Developed by Mrs Vida Burdon from 1932-1976, featuring a choice collection of Maples planted beneath ancient Yew trees.

An atmosphere of peace and tranquillity in this romantic garden make it a delight for garden enthusiasts.

Directions: Between Leyburn and Beadale on the A684

Journey Time: 1.5 hours

Open: mid Mar to mid Oct – 9am to 6pm

Guide Admission Charge: Adult £2.75, senior Citizens £ 2.20, Children 50p

Tel: 01677-450428

Levens Hall and Gardens

The Topiary Gardens at Levens are world-famous in their own right and are a must for any visitor. When Col. Grahme, who had held the office of Privy Purse to King James II, came back to Levens in 1688 upon the abdication of the King he brought with him the gardener Monsieur Guillaume Beamont, who had been trained under Le Notre at Versailles. Another garden created by him was Hampton Court. He started work in 1694 creating the gardens you see today at Levens. Under the magnificent topiary, depending on the time of your visit, you will find colourful spring or summer bedding. There is also a rose garden, a nuttery, fine herbaceous borders, and a fountain garden laid out with pleached limes to celebrate 300 years of the Gardens at Levens. Well worth a visit.

Directions: Between M6 (Exit36) and Grange-over-Sands on the A6

Journey Time: 30 minutes

Open: Apr to mid Oct – 10am to 5pm

Guide Admission Charge: Adult £5.50, Child £2.50 and Families (2+3) £15.00

Tel: 015395-60321

Acorn Bank Garden and Water Mill (National Trust)

Renowned for having the North of England's largest collection of culinary and medical plants in a marvellous herb garden.

The Orchard, adjacent to the Herb Garden, contains a varied collection of rare and regional fruit trees.

The spring brings an abundance of daffodils and wood anemones. For those wishing to explore more than the immediate gardens there is a number of paths, which enable visitors to take a gentle circular walk through the woodlands, and alongside the Crowdundle Beck.

Directions: Leave M6 (Exit 40). The gardens are just north of Temple Sowerby on A66

Journey Time: 1.5 hours

Open: Apr to end Oct – 11am to 4pm

Guide Admission Charge: Adult £2.50, Children £1.75, and Family £6.50

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