



LEONARDSLEE
LAKES & GARDENS

GROUP BROCHURE

Visit

"the Finest
Woodland Gardens
in England"

WELCOME TO LEONARDSLEE LAKES & GARDENS

In April 2019, after a major restoration project, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens opened for visitors to enjoy. Set in a steep-sided valley, the gardens offer visitors a variety of scenic walks, with its seven interlaced lakes, extensive woodlands and lovely parkland.



There is an acclaimed Pulham rock garden built in 1890, deer park and colony of wallabies that wander throughout the estate.

The 240-acre estate features outstanding displays of azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias and bluebells in spring, summer wildflowers and beautiful autumnal colours from September to late November. It is a joy to visit at any time of the year.

Plants were collected from all over the world since the early 1800s. The collection is exceptional in its diversity and maturity, with several rare 'champion' trees, threatened in their natural habitat.



BENEFITS FOR GROUPS & COACH VISITORS

A major international attraction for day trips, walkers, families, photographers and lovers of wildlife. Whatever the weather, there's so much to see and do all year round.

- Grade I listed woodland gardens
- Year-round entertainment
- Stunning 240-acre estate
- Rare wallaby colony
- Michelin star Restaurant Interlude
- Famous Dolls' House Museum
- Gift shop & plant centre
- Wine tastings
- FREE on-site coach parking
- FREE coach driver admission & £10 refreshment voucher
- Discount group ticket rates
- Meet & greet from a member of the welcome team
- Guided tours & more



GROUP INFORMATION

Benefits for Group Visitors

- Dedicated group coordinator
- Discounted group ticket rates
- Meet & greet from a member of the welcome team
- FREE familiarisation visit for the group organiser with a minimum group booking of 10 people or free entry with the group on the day
- FREE on-site coach parking
- FREE coach driver admission and £10 refreshment voucher
- FREE garden map for all group visitors including accessibility information
- Guided tours and catering available

Opening Times

Peak

April - October

09:00 - 17:00

Last entry **15:30**

Off-peak

November - March

09:00 - 16:00

Last entry **14:30**

Open daily except Christmas day.

Our times change with the clocks, for exact opening times please check the website.

Group Travel Information

Estimated visit time: 2 - 4 hours

Group sizes: 10 - 60

Guided tours: By arrangement

Translated tours: By arrangement

Coach Parking: FREE on-site

*For school and children's groups,
1 adult per 15 children receives free entry.*

What's on at Leonardslee

There is an exciting programme of year-round entertainment. So whatever the time of year, whatever the weather, there is lots to see and do.

- Music festivals
- Photo & art exhibitions
- Cooking & gardening demonstrations
- Arts & crafts workshops
- Children's events
- Modelling & toy shows
- Flower and craft workshops
- Adventure trails and more



LEONARDSLEE GUIDED TOURS



Private Guided Walking Tours

Starting from the Reception entrance, take a 60-minute tour with one of our guides.

Groups will be split into parties of approximately 15 people per guide.

A minimum of 10 people required.

Garden Picnics



Celebrate spring, and summer in the picturesque settings in the English countryside.

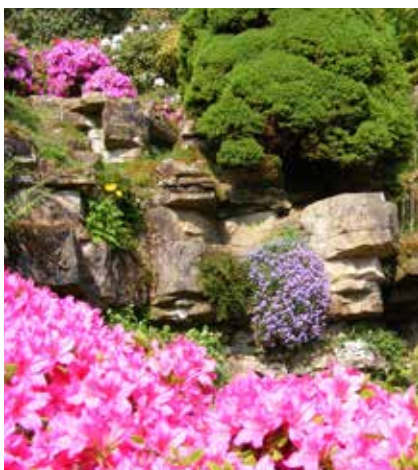
With indulgent picnics to choose from, including a children's picnic basket. Bring your picnic blanket or use one of our many picnic benches located throughout the estate and in the vineyard and let us take the hassle out of your visit.

Available April - August



THE ROCK GARDEN

With its variety of conifers and foliage, the famous Rock Garden, created in 1890, offers spectacular spring colours which turn beautiful shades of greens, blues, yellows and bronze as the seasons change to autumn. The lichens and moss create fascinating shapes and colours on the 125-year-old Pulhamite rocks.



THROUGH THE SEASONS



Spring



From March to June the garden comes alive in a riot of colour. With magnolias towering 40 feet high, camellias in groves, footpaths winding through carpets of bluebells, many hundreds of rhododendrons including several rare species - and later in the season the show of azaleas. It is a sight to behold.



At every turn, you will find flowers in so many different colours - all set within the beautiful woodland backdrop.

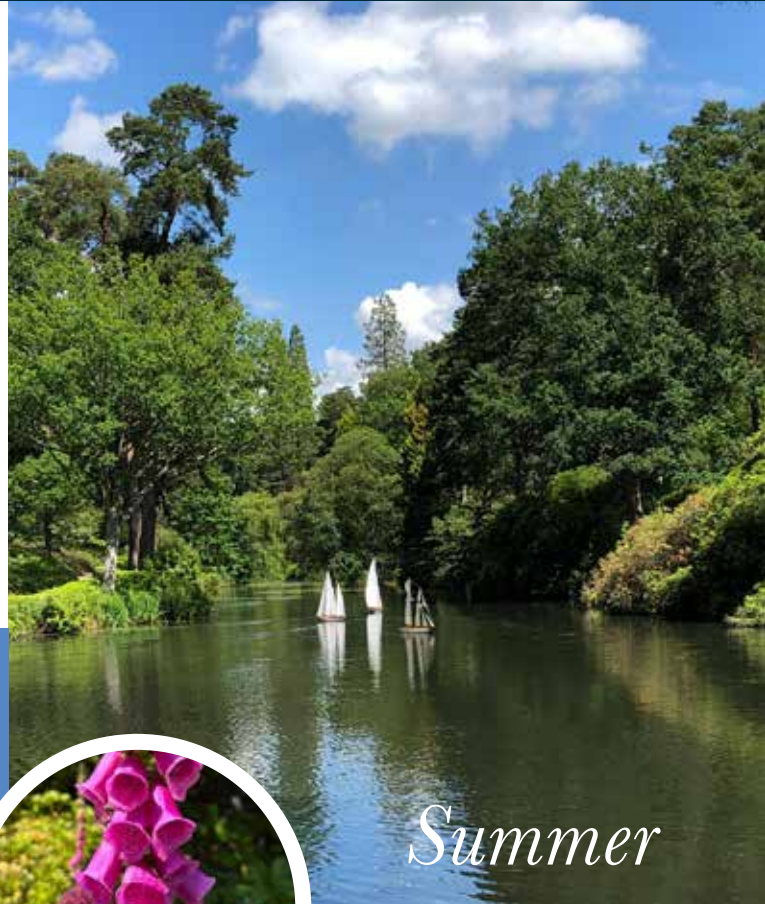
Deep in the valley, this array of colour is reflected within the lakes, creating breathtaking views.

THROUGH THE SEASONS

In the summer, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens is particularly beautiful, vividly colourful and full of life. The trees and plants in full bloom, produce bright displays. Perfect for picnics.

There are many different rare acer trees (maple trees) in Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens that have unusually shaped, feathery leaves in a variety of colours and distinctive, attractive bark. Among the 100 different species of oak trees found in Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens, we have a collection of 30 non-native ones, from around the world.

Bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts love visiting Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens during the summer months. We invite you to take a moment to sit still and quietly observe the myriad of wildlife & birds in our Bird Hide.



THROUGH THE SEASONS



As the summer draws to a close, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens takes on a whole new guise. In autumn, the trees create beautiful displays, their leaves turning into a variety of colours, which create stunning reflections in the valley lakes.

Hundreds of varieties of trees can be found throughout the estate, and it is not only their leaves which command attention, but their bark also looks just as stunning in this season, contrasted against the backdrop of the beautiful autumnal colour.



THROUGH THE SEASONS



Winter

February. The deciduous trees take on a majestic appearance and the garden becomes even more tranquil. On dry, frosty mornings the gardens are truly magical in the early mist - every photographer's dream.

Many migrant birds come to shelter and feed on the berries at Leonardslee Gardens in the winter. And a variety of smaller birds can be seen to flock around the gardens.

This is a great time to spot our feathered friends as they can be clearly seen among the bare trees, and particularly against any snow. Visit the fascinating Dolls' House Museum and warm up with a cup of tea/coffee in The Clocktower Kitchen.



WALLABIES & WILDLIFE



Our colony of Bennett's Wallabies are descendants of the original herd brought here by Sir Edmund Loder in 1889.

Wild wallabies can often be spotted foraging in the gardens, or simply resting in the sun. Visit the wallaby enclosure to be guaranteed a sighting; you may even spot the rare white one. Take a wander through the Deer Park for the chance to catch a glimpse of the many deer that roam the estate.

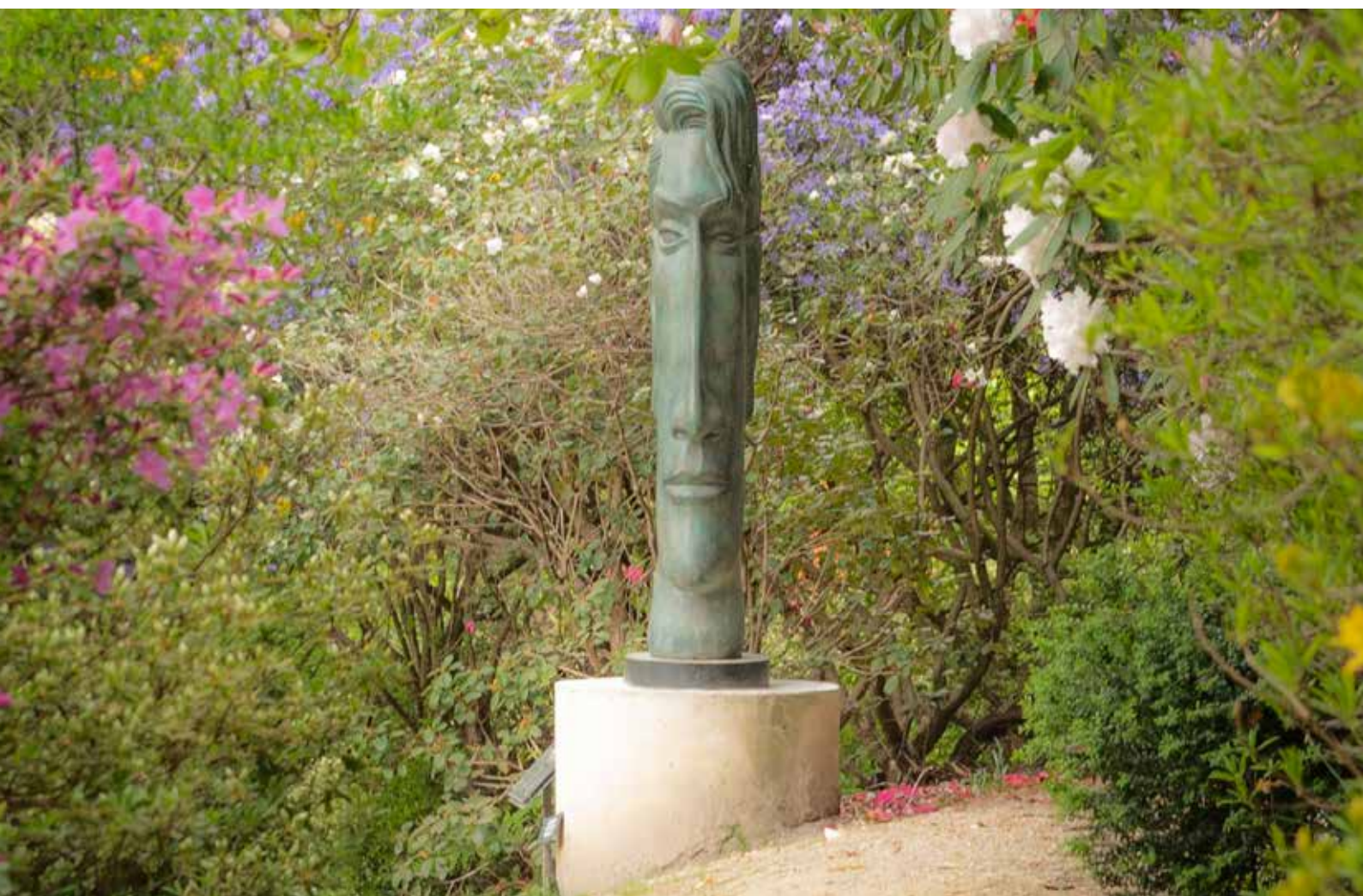
The gardens offer a protected ecosystem for rare wildlife including Emperor Dragonflies and Damselflies, White Admiral and Purple Hairstreak butterflies. You can see migratory and native birds - Kites, Great Tits, Tree Creepers, Nuthatches, Woodpeckers and Nightingales. Our seven lakes are a major attraction for birdlife. Migrating ducks fly over them, and cormorants can be seen diving for fish. Whilst waders such as Snipe and Woodcock might be spotted in the woods, with birds of prey circling overhead.



LEONARDSLEE ART GALLERY & SCULPTURE PARK

Leonardslee is a treasure trove of art and nature. Explore beautiful sculptures by local talents from Surrey and Sussex, blended with Anton Smit's acclaimed works from South Africa.

Visit the Art Gallery within Leonardslee House where smaller-scale works are displayed. All works are available for sale.



FOOD & DRINK

The Clocktower Kitchen

Introducing a delectable shift in our café offering, The Clocktower Kitchen has a whole new look and feel to it, offering an ambient update. Our chefs have crafted a menu, featuring favourites such as fish and chips, hot pies, pizza, alongside breakfast and Sunday lunch options.

Gluten free and vegan options available | No outside food or drink is allowed.



Michelin Star Restaurant Interlude with rooms Lunch & Dinner available

Michelin star Restaurant Interlude is brought to you by Executive Chef Jean Delport. Visitors can expect the finest food, inspired by our very own estate. Enjoy spectacular views as you dine in the magnificence of Leonardslee House.



THE DOLLS' HOUSE MUSEUM

A magical world in miniature awaits you at the famous "Beyond The Dolls' House" exhibition. Created in 1:12 scale, the extensive exhibition has captivated visitors young and old.

Showcasing rural scenes from a country estate in the 1900s, it was designed and built with a real sense of fun!



GIFT SHOP & PLANT CENTRE

Find the perfect gift as you browse the great selection of seasonal treasures in our gift shop.

Whatever the weather, green-fingered visitors will find something for all seasons in the Plant Centre. Whilst the gift shop has a great range of treasures for home and garden - look out for our very own Leonardslee Gin and Benguela Cove wines from our sister estate, Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate in South Africa.



LEONARDSLEE FAMILY VINEYARDS

Discover the enchantment of Leonardslee Wine Estate, home of Leonardslee Family Vineyards in Mannings Heath. Only 3 miles away.

At Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens

Experience the beauty of the seasons in our renowned gardens. Dine at Restaurant Interlude, our Michelin-starred restaurant with rooms, offering unique dining experiences complimented by Leonardslee English Sparkling Wine.



Group Experience:

Enjoy a tutored tasting of our three English sparkling wines or try a selection of four wines from Benguela Cove, our wine estate in South Africa.

Available:

May - September

At Leonardslee Wine Estate

Indulge in daily wine tastings, vineyard safaris, and gourmet dining at our Vineyard Hotel & Kitchen in Mannings Heath. Savour the journey from vine to glass with our exclusive English Sparkling Wines.

Group Experiences:

English Wine Flight

Vineyard Tour & Tutored Tasting

Vineyard Tour, Tutored Tasting & 2 Course Lunch

Food & Wine Pairing Experience

Benguela Cove Ultimate Experience





For security and hygiene reasons, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens is a cash-free zone.
We only accept payment by card.

Thank you for joining us!

For further details please contact our Groups Team directly on
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