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# GARDENS IN WARWICKSHIRE



## **Arbury Hall**

Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV10 7OT (3 miles South East of Nuneaton, off B4102)

Beautiful, peaceful park and gardens with a sequence of canals and lakes and lovely trees.

*Open 1.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. - Bank Holiday weekends only (Sunday & Monday) From Easter - September. Private parties by arrangement.*

### Admission cost

Adults £5.00, Children £3.50

### Facilities

Parking, restaurant, shop, toilets, disabled access.

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## **Baddesley Clinton**

Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0DQ (Signed 1 mile West of A4141)

This is a moated manor house, dating from the 15th century, it has delightful walled gardens, with stewponds used to provide fish for the household in mediaeval times. There is also a lake, a woodland walk and wildflower meadows. There is on-going work to develop the vegetable garden.

### Garden events in 2007

13th September - National Garden Scheme open day. 12.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.  
Normal admission charges apply.

*Open 12.00 noon - 5.00 p.m. - Wednesday - Sunday - 28th February - 29th April; 12.00 noon - 5.30 p.m. - Wednesday - Sunday - 2nd May - 30th September; 12.00 noon - 5.00 p.m. - Wednesday - Sunday - 3rd October - 4th November; 12.00 noon - 4.00 p.m. - Wednesday - Sunday - 7th November - 16th December 2007.*

### Admission cost

Adult £3.60, Child £1.80 (grounds only)

### Facilities

Parking, shop & plant sales, dogs on lead in car park, restaurant, adapted WC, disable access.

For more information please visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



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*Photograph by Catherine Baker*

### **Barton House**

Barton on the Heath, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0PJ (2 miles West of Long Compton; 2 miles off A3400 Stratford-upon-Avon to Oxford road; 1.25 miles off Chipping Norton to Moreton-in-Marsh road.)

6 acres of gardens surround this delightful manor house designed by Inigo Jones. (House not open). There are mature trees, azaleas, species and hybrid rhododendrons, magnolias, and tree peonies. There is a Victorian kitchen garden. The creation of a Japanese garden, catalpa walk, rose garden, and a secret garden containing many rare and exotic plants demonstrate the creativity to be found here and that continues. The Vineyard was planted in 2000, while the exotic garden with its palm, cypresses and olive trees was established in 2002.

#### Admission costs

Adult £4.00, Child £2.00

### **Charlecote Park**

Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9ER (Signed from the A429)

Formal gardens with topiary, a parterre, mature cedar lawn and woodland garden. There is a fine deer park later landscaped by 'Capability' Brown where Shakespeare is reputed to have gone poaching.

#### Garden events in 2007

6th June - Charlecote Garden Tour. *A tour of the seasonal highlights of Charlecote Park Gardens with the Gardener in charge.* 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Adults £3.50 (members £3.00), Children £1.75 (members £1.50)

25th July - Charlecote Garden Tour. *A tour of the seasonal highlights of Charlecote Park Gardens with the Gardener in charge.* 7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Adults £3.50 (members £3.00), Children £1.75 (members £1.50)

*Open 10.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday - 3rd March - 28th October 2007; 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. - Saturday & Sunday - 3rd November - 22nd December 2007.*

#### Admission cost

Adult £3.60, Child £1.80

#### Facilities

Parking, shop, refreshments, adapted WCs.

For more information please contact Charlecote Park by telephone - 01789 470277 or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



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### **Compton Verney House Trust**

Compton Verney, Warwickshire, CV35 9HZ (9 miles East of Stratford-upon-Avon on the B4086 between Wellesbourne and Kineton; 6 miles from the M40 , Junction 12.)

A Grade I mansion designed by Robert Adam in the 1760's, Compton Verney is set in more than 120 acres of classical parkland landscaped by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, now listed as Grade II\*. Like the mansion, the grounds had become semi-derelict in the 1980's. Rescued and restored by the Peter Moores Foundation, Compton Verney had discovered a new lease of life. Today the house is a gallery of international standard and the grounds are coming back to life too. The 'pleasure grounds' still reflect the sweeping parkland, ornamental lakes and Cedars of Lebanon associated with Brown and there is an extensive recovery and replanting programme in hand. The landscape is used to present artists' projects, outdoor film screenings and concerts associated with the gallery's exhibitions. A good plan of the grounds and their important features and trees can be downloaded from the website.



*Compton Verney. Photograph by John Kippin*

### Events in 2007

6th & 7th May - **May Day Weekend**, 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Artist Julie de Bastion will help you make unique landscape images by drawing onto photographs. You can also work with Ben Sephton-Smith to create a large abstract painting to take home.

27th 28th May - **May Half-Term Weekend**, 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Come and collect natural objects from the landscape, and work with artist Jane Hassell to turn them into textile transfer prints. Storyteller Dennis Cole is also on hand to spin tales from far away for younger visitors.

2nd & 3rd June - **June Half-Term Weekend**, 11.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Artist Christine Mulholland will help you make your own 3-D fresco inspired by the landscape exhibition. you can also make your own model world and then using digital photography turn it into a framed landscape painting.

16th & 17th June - **Georgian Weekend at Compton Verney**

Journey back to the century of luxury, pleasure and intrigue as we celebrate the era of Robert Adam 'Capability' Brown and the Verney family. Enjoy a glittering array of historical events and activities for families of all ages, a special Georgian Menu in the cafe plus unique historical gifts in the shop. All events and workshops included in the admission cost.

*Opening 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday, 24th March - 9th December 2007. (Closed Mondays except Bank Holiday Mondays)*

### Admission cost

Entry to the grounds £1. Gallery admission: Adult £7.00, £5.00 Concessions, Child (5-16) £2.00, Family £16.00. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 01926 645 500. Entry to the cafe and shop is free.

### Facilities

Disabled access & parking, cafe, shop, no dogs allowed.

For more information please contact Compton Verney by telephone - 01926 645500 or visit [www.comptonverney.co.uk](http://www.comptonverney.co.uk)

### **Farnborough Hall**

Banbury, OX17 1DU (6 miles North of Banbury, 0.5 miles West off A423)

Exceptional classical eighteenth-century grounds dotted with temples and an obelisk. There is a magnificent long terrace walk, lawns, gardens, ice-house and game larder.

*Open 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. - Wednesday, Saturday - 7th April - 29th September; Monday, Sunday - 6th-7th May 2007.*

#### Admission cost

Adult £4.50, Child £2.25, Family £11.75

#### Facilities

Free parking, dogs on leads,

For more information please telephone - 01295 690002 or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



### **Hill Close Victorian Gardens**

Warwick (Behind Linen Street in Warwick)

Hill Close Victorian Gardens are a rare survival of something which was very common in the last century: a group of hedged gardens enjoyed by the shopkeepers and professional people who lived over their businesses in the town centre and so had little or no garden privacy and shelter, and many of them had a summer house at the higher end from which there was a view out over the Common to relax, enjoy their lawns and flower beds, make tea or a meal, and cultivate their fruit and vegetables. Most such gardens were acquired by Warwick District Council with the intention of building on them. However, their historical summer houses are now listed buildings, and the gardens have been registered as of exceptional national importance.

*Hill Close Victorian Gardens are currently closed.*

For more information please visit [www.hillclosegardens.warwick.uk.com](http://www.hillclosegardens.warwick.uk.com)

## **Kenilworth Castle**

Castle Green, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1NE (In Kenilworth off A46. Clearly signposted from the town centre, off B4103)

With its imposing Norman keep, Tudor gardens and John of Gaunt's Great Hall, Kenilworth is the largest ruined castle in England. It offers stunning views over the countryside and features the site of a restored renaissance remains of Henry V's Pleasance (1417).

### 2007 opening times

10 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. - Monday - Sunday, 1st April - 31st May; 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. - Monday - Sunday, 1st June - 31st August; 31st October; 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. - Monday - Sunday, 1st November - 29th February 2008. Closed 24th - 25th December & .

### Admission cost

Adult £6.00, Child £3.00, Concession £4.50, English Heritage Members free, Family £15.00

### Facilities

Parking, WC's, shop, cafe (open April - October), disabled access

For more information please contact Kenilworth Castle by telephone - 0121 625 6820 or visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/kenilw](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/kenilw)



*Photograph by Mark Humphries*



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### **The Master's Garden**

Lord Leycester Hospital, High Street, Warwick, CV34 4BH (in the town centre)

An evocative restoration and recreation of a garden thatched summerhouse, a beautiful knot garden, a and originally from Luxor in Egypt - framed by two

*Open 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Easter - October.*

#### Admission cost

Adult £2.00, Children 50p (garden only)

For more information visit [www.warwick-uk.co.uk/places-of-interest/lord-leycester-hospital.asp](http://www.warwick-uk.co.uk/places-of-interest/lord-leycester-hospital.asp)



**The Mill Garden**

55 Mill Street, Warwick, CV34 4HB (Off the A425 by the old castle gate)

Created by Arthur Measures, this is a beautiful garden on the banks of the River Avon with lovely views and cottage-style planting

*Open Daily from 9.00 a.m - 6.00 p.m - 1st April - 31st October*

**Admission cost**

Adult £1.50, Children if accompanied by adult free

**Facilities**

Plant sales, guide dogs only, limited disabled access.

For more information visit [www.britainsfinest.co.uk](http://www.britainsfinest.co.uk)

**Newnham Paddox Art Park**

Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, CV23 0RX (Signed from A5 Magna Park roundabout and from Monks Kirby and Willey)

While the original mansion has gone, Newnham Paddox's park was created by 'Capability' Brown and has beautiful mature plantings of woods and trees with a lovely chain of lakes. Arranged throughout the landscape is an impressive array of modern sculpture. They hold art and poetry competitions through the Summer.

*Open 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. until Mid-October on Thursday - Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays*

**Admission cost**

Adult £4.00, Concessions £3.00, Children £1.00

**Facilities**

Refreshments, adapted WC, limited disabled access.

For more information please contact Newnham Paddox Art Park by telephone - 01788 833 513 or visit [www.newhampaddox.com](http://www.newhampaddox.com)



## **Packwood House**

Grove Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6AT (Signed from the A340, 2 miles East of Hockley Heath).

This house and its setting, for many years home to the Fetherstones, is notable for the intact layout of the gardens dating from the 16th and 17th centuries. There are courtyards, terraces and gazebos, a sunken garden and the unique and justly famous yew garden. The last Fetherstone squire of Packwood died in 1876 and the Ash family acquired the house in 1904. Inherited by Graham Baron Ash in 1925, he set about painstaking and exquisite restoration of the house and gardens. Very tranquil, the gardens are a marvellous blend of the Carolean gardens of the 17th century and the lavish planting style of the country house created by Baron Ash that reflects the great days of the house in the 1920's.



*Photograph by Mark Humphries*

### Garden events in 2007

20th June & 18th July - Head Gardener's evening tour. 7.00 p.m.

21st June - National Garden Scheme open day. 11.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

*Open Wednesday - Sunday, 11.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. - 28th February - 29th April, 11.a.m. - 5.30 p.m. - 2nd May - 30th September, 11.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. - 3rd October - 4th November 2007*

### Admission Cost

Adult £3.60, Child £1.80

### Facilities

Parking, shop & plant sales, refreshments and picnic tables, adapted WCs.

For more information please contact Packwood House by telephone - 01564 783 294 or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



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## **Ragley Hall**

Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 5NJ (8 miles West of Stratford-upon-Avon, 2 miles from Alcester off A46/A435)

Ragley Hall sits on a hilltop with its gardens and estate surrounding it as far as the eye can see. 27 acres of gardens include an enchanting formal rose garden, the Mead - a wildflower meadow - and the Fountain Garden, with good borders and lovely mature trees. There is also a bog garden and a 'secret' garden. The Jerwood Foundation's collection of modern sculpture is now installed throughout the gardens. The 400 acres of beautiful parkland was landscaped by 'Capability' Brown in the 18th century. There is always something to see here in any season.

*Open 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Thursday - Sunday, 29th March - 15th April, 24th May - 3rd June, 19th July - 2nd September 2007*

### Admission cost

Adult £8.00, Child £4.50, Senior Citizens £6.50, Family (2+3) £25.00

### Facilities

Parking, shop, limited disabled access.

For more information please contact Ragley Hall by telephone - 0800 093 0290 or visit [www.ragleyhall.com](http://www.ragleyhall.com)



*Crocus Hill*



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## **Garden Organic Ryton**

Coventry, CV8 3LG (5 miles South East of Coventry off the A45, well signed)

This the foremost organic garden in the country established as a centre of excellence for organic horticulture. Here you can Adopt A Vegetable, acquiring seed of an old variety that might otherwise be doomed to vanish forever. With their famous Heritage Seed Library programme and with the facilities of 'Vegetable World' available to visitors, Garden Organic tells the history of vegetables and seeds in an unparalleled way - the whole story of Britain's food plant heritage.

*Open every day, 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.*

### Admission cost

Adult £5.00, Senior Citizens £4.50, Child £2.50, Under 5's Free

### Facilities

Parking, shop, restaurant, disabled facilities.

For more information please contact Garden Organic Ryton by telephone - 024 7630 3517 or visit [www.gardenorganic.org.uk](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk)

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