

Exploring London's Garden History



Image: Laburnum Walk, Kew Palace 2023 © Tina Gwynne-Evans

Exhibitions, talks and tours

Garden Museum, Lambeth

Celebrating the art, history and design of gardens. Upcoming exhibition: The Lost Gardens of London, October 2024. Curated by Todd Longstaff-Gowan.

www.gardenmuseum.org.uk

The Royal Parks

A wealth of information on London's eight historic Royal parks, including a wide range of podcasts, walking tours and events focusing on topics as varied as history, birding, biodiversity and tree identification.

www.royalparks.org.uk

Visiting London's Gardens - 2024 diary dates

London Open Gardens

Organised by London Parks & Gardens Trust. Over 100 gardens take part, including many that are usually closed to the public. There are themed guides online to help you plan your visits. Weekend pass required. Cost: £20. £15 for early birds! Some gardens open by ballot only.



Open House Festival 14 to 22 September 2024

Over 800 buildings open during the festival, often including residential roof top spaces not usually accessible Open House attracts around 400,000 people. Booking advised.

National Garden Scheme - London

A fantastic way to explore small gardens across London. Private gardens open throughout the summer. Many gardens are opened as groups in a local area, so you can visit several gardens in an afternoon. Search online or download the London list of participating gardens from the NGS website to plan your visit. There is a small entry fee for each garden, with all profits being given to health related charities. In 2023, the National Garden Scheme donated over £3.4m to charities, including Maggie's, Horatio's Garden and the Carers' Trust.



Historic London gardens to visit

Central

City gardens
Charterhouse
Bloomsbury gardens
Inns of Court
Westminster Abbey
Lambeth Palace
Central Royal Parks
Spencer House

South

Eltham Palace
Greenwich Park
Isabella Plantation

East

Queen Elizabeth II Park

North

Fenton House
Hill House Pergola
Golders Hill Gardens
Hampstead Garden Suburb
Kenwood
Burgh House

West

Chelsea Physic Garden
Holland Park
Chiswick House & Gardens
Hampton Court Palace
Kew Gardens

'The gardener's work is never at an end; it begins with the year and continues to the next.'

John Evelyn, Diarist and Gardener (1620 - 1706)



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City Treasures Tours

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www.citytreasures.london