

Hidcote



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	Braille guide available
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—	Recommended wheelchair route
—	Optional paths accessible to wheelchairs
■	Paths not recommended for wheelchairs

Car Park

- Designated parking is available at the far side of the right hand car park.
- A drop off facility is available in the courtyard, by the manor house.

Visitor Reception

- Three motorised scooters and a wheelchair are available to hire (subject to availability). A member of the property team will show you how to use them. After your visit, please return them to the visitor reception.
- A Braille guide is available from the visitor reception. Please ask us for a copy.
- Carers and facilitators are admitted into the garden free of charge.

Cedar Tree Restaurant

- We have large-handled cutlery available.
- The level entrance is in the Garden Yard. Please ask us for directions.

Gift Shop and Exit

- There are ramps at the entrance and exit of the shop.
- Please exit the garden through the shop or the side gate adjacent to it.

Toilets

- There are adapted toilets in the barn café/plant sales area and in the Garden Yard.
- If you need assistance while using the adapted toilets, please pull the cord next to the toilet. A member of the property team will be with you shortly.

Pathways

- If you are using a wheelchair or scooter, please only follow the recommended pathways. Access to other areas of the garden is difficult due to the location of original steps and uneven, narrow pathways.

Welcome to Hidcote

An easy access route around the garden

Discover

Hidcote

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Welcome to Hidcote

Hidcote is one of England's great gardens, famous for its rare trees and shrubs, colourful summer borders and unusual plants from all over the world.

The 300 acre estate, which includes the surrounding farmland, manor house and the small hamlet of Hidcote Bartrim, was purchased in 1907 by Gertrude Winthrop, an American widow and her son Major Lawrence Johnston.

Johnston began to create the garden from a ten acre field containing just a few trees. He cleverly used hedges and walls to divide the garden up into a series of outdoor 'rooms'. Each room was designed to have its own special and unique character.

During the 1920s Johnston travelled a lot, going on plant hunting expeditions to China and South Africa. He carefully chose only the finest plants to bring back to his garden.

As well as creating Hidcote, Johnston also started to design another garden, 'Serre de la Madone' near Menton in the south of France. He would spend the winter at Serre, growing more tender plants.

Lawrence Johnston gave Hidcote to the National Trust in 1948. He retired soon after to Menton, where he died ten years later. He is buried next to his mother in the churchyard at Mickleton, just a short distance from his beloved garden at Hidcote.

Explore...

1. The Courtyard

Don't miss the farm building that Johnston converted into a small chapel.

2. The Old Garden

Take time to enjoy the view. The big Cedar of Lebanon tree was here before Johnston started the garden.

5. The Circle

Visit in spring and enjoy the unforgettable smell from the lilacs.

6. The Red Border

Enjoy vibrant reds, oranges and purples for a late summer treat. Inspired by his many trips to France, you can imagine Johnston enjoying a game of Boules here on a summer's evening.

7. The Stilt Garden

Look closely at the array of delicate-looking alpines, succulents and bulbs that grow along the terrace. Don't be fooled though. They're tougher than they look.

9. The Winter Border

As the name suggests, Johnston used the border to grow plants which look their best outside the main season.

10. Mrs. Winthrop's Garden

The spectacular yellows, lime greens and dark blues last for months and months.

18. The Long Walk

Lined by hundreds of hornbeams, the Long Walk is the perfect place for quiet contemplation.

28. The Garden Yard
Discover the magnificent handkerchief tree all the way from China. During May, the white bracts look like hundreds of handkerchiefs fluttering in the breeze.

27. Kitchen Garden
Whatever the season, there's always something ready to harvest. Afterwards taste the fruits of our labour in our Cedar Tree Restaurant.

26. The Rose Walk
See the garden in June and you'll be treated to a spectacular display of old French roses.

25. The Plant House
Take time to enjoy the unforgettable heavenly scent of the magnificent jasmine.

24. Pine Garden and Lily Pool
Look carefully – the pool is a favourite spot for our frogs and grass snakes. If you're lucky, you might even see a snake basking in the summer sunshine.

23. The Theatre Lawn
There's no better spot to relax and unwind than on this great lawn.

22. The Pillar Garden
Spring is an enchanting time in the Pillar Garden, with spectacular giant alliums filling the borders.

21. Rock Bank
We've replanted the dry and sunny bank with eye-catching alpines – many of which you could find growing on a mountain side.