

Wolsey Lodges Garden Trail

[The Great House, Dilwyn, Herefordshire](#)



The Great House garden is much admired. It has been open under the National Gardens Scheme for the past six years and this year will be open to the public on Sunday, 7th June from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Tom and Jane have created and adapted the garden over the last twelve years and it is never finished! They had over two hundred visitors one Sunday afternoon after Jane had been on the radio explaining how they had established the garden in a relatively short time. Visitors staying in the house can enjoy the garden at their leisure and sit by the pool with a glass of wine - or a cup of tea!

Pleached hornbeams line the drive leading from the magnificent eighteenth-century wrought iron gates and yew and beech hedges divide the garden into 'rooms'. There is a raised knot garden in keeping with the Tudor part of the house, a traditional rose garden enclosed by yew hedges, a forty-foot reflecting pool, decorative brickwork and some unusual trees and shrubs. In winter the box and yew provide structure; in early spring the banks and borders are awash with bulbs and in late spring the orchard is a mass of camassias, tulips and alliums. Roses come into their own in June and irises and agapanthus flourish in the terrace borders.

Local gardens of interest include:

Hergest Croft at Kington (20 mins. drive) www.hergest.co.uk
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Hampton Court at Hope-under-Dinmore (15 mins.) www.hamptoncourt.org.uk
Westonbury Mill Water Gardens (10 mins.) www.westonburymillwatergardens.com

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