

Gardens at Whatley Manor

Enjoy a stroll around the 12 acres of Gardens & Grounds at Whatley Manor. Discover more about each unique area by scanning the QR Codes next to them.

1. The Main courtyard

Planted with six different types of allium; a two hundred year old olive tree stands in the middle of the roundabout.

2. North Garden

Planted with white shrubs.

3. Loggia Garden

The Loggia Garden is a great place to relax. Make sure you sit in one of the swing chairs in the Cotswold Stone Loggia building. The striking water sculpture is designed by Simon Allison.

4. Upper Terrace

Recycled shredded bark is used underneath the trees to protect roots from compaction, as root compaction can eventually suffocate trees.

5. Rose Garden

300 hybrid tea & floribunda roses flanked by two Cotswold stone summer houses & a small water feature in the centre.

6. Knott Garden

French-style box hedging with a striking water feature by Alison Armour-Wilson. Rose climbers of note are Rambling Rector, Rosa 'Celine forester', Rosa 'Laevigata cooperi' and Rosa zephrine.

7. Bar Terrace

Entertaining outside and seeing the gardens as an extension of the house is an important element of the Arts and Crafts gardens design.

8. Hot Garden

As the name suggests you will find colours of hot reds, burnt oranges & dark chocolates. Crab apples grow over the oak framed arches.

9. Cool Border/Herbaceous Garden

Home to 5,500 plants and in the centre of the lawn is a water feature, planted with Water Lillies and Alocasia. The Arbor is used for wedding ceremonies.

10. Fountain Terrace

The rills are planted with Zantendeschia; the perfect place to enjoy a glass of wine.

11. Grand Lawns

The lawns are formal with herbaceous borders, shrubs & plants. Biochar is used to plant new plants in the borders.

12. Butterfly Garden

A superb view into the Wiltshire countryside and organic farm. We we use a planting scheme to encourage bees & butterflies into this part of the garden to boost the natural ecosystem.

13. Wild Flower Meadow & Bee Hives

Planted with wild flowers including, cowslips, scabiosa & other meadow plants. Our four beehives are the home for the colony of honeybees.

14. Silver Birch Copse

Planted with ox-eyed daisies; the silver birches provide shade. Birch woods provide the perfect condition for grasses, moses wood anemones, bluebells, snowdrops, wood sorrel and violets.

15. River

The Sherston Avon is the perfect spot for sighting trout, crayfish, kingfishers and swans.

16. Bird Hide

Spot Swans, Swallows, Buzzards, Red Kites, Goldfinch, Blue Tits and Song Thrush.

17. Woodland

Ash, Oak and Robinia trees provide the top canopy and underneath look out for snowdrops in January and later on, cow parsley.

18. Kitchen Garden Terrace

Experience an enchanting alfresco lunch and dinner served when the weather is fine. In this garden you can spot our chefs picking herbs, salad ingredients and vegetables. The olive tree sets a Mediterranean tone.

19. Spa Garden

The orchard has fruit trees including apple, pears, cherries, plums and gages. The annual meadow is sown with poppies, cornflowers and other wild flowers in keeping with the tranquillity of the spa.

20. Glasshouses and Composting

Growing tender plants in the Alitex glasshouses. These are used to propagate the garden plants and we grow all the vegetables in the Kitchen Garden from there including tomatoes and cucumbers.

21. The Good of the Hive

Matt Willey, mural artist (thegoodofthehive.com) is on a mission to paint 50,000 bees around the world. Matt painted this stunning mural in August 2024 over a period of four weeks, welcoming local community groups to paint some of the flowers.

22. Stable Courtyard

Home to our three bronze donkeys by Mr Edouard Marcel Sandoz.