

GARDENING COURSES AND EVENTS 2020

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www.westdean.org.uk/gardeningcourses

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www.westdeangardens.org.uk/events

DISCOVER OUR ROOTS

There have been gardens here since 1622 when the original manor house was built by James Lewkenor. William James purchased the estate in 1891, extending the glasshouses and constructing the pergola.

In 1912 Edward James inherited the estate. Passionate about the arts and best known for his patronage of surrealist artists, in 1964 he established The Edward James Foundation, an educational trust. The College opened in 1971 and today offers short courses as well as Foundation Diploma and Masters' degrees in arts and conservation. Edward died in 1984 and is buried in St Roche's Arboretum.



Since the storms of 1987 the gardens have been extensively restored. Our new Head Gardener, Tom Brown and his team, will continue to harmonise them with the unique artistic aspects of the College, providing inspiration for all who visit.

HOW TO FIND US



By car West Dean Gardens is six miles north of Chichester off the A286. Parking is free, use postcode PO18 0RX.

By train The nearest train station is Chichester, from where you can get a taxi or bus.

By bus The number 60 bus runs from Chichester bus station (opposite the train station) to Midhurst. There is a bus stop on opposite sides of the road near West Dean Gardens' entrance.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES 2020

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

| | | Std | Gift Aid |
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| 2 Jan – 29 Feb | 10.30am – 4pm (weekdays) 9am – 4pm (weekends) | £7 | £7.70 |
| 1 Mar – 31 Oct | 10.30am – 5pm (weekdays) 9am – 5pm (weekends) | £10 | £11 |
| November and December opening times: | | £7 | £7.70 |
| | please see website | | |

FREE entry for children under 16. Last entry 30 minutes before closing.

GROUPS OF 15+:

March to October £8.00 per head
January, February, November and December £5.50 per head

Booking essential: gardens@westdean.org.uk or 01243 818210.

ACCESS: the shop, restaurant and majority of the gardens are accessible to wheelchair users. Please contact us in advance to make the most of your visit.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERY SEASON

Escape to 100 acres of beautifully rejuvenated historic and award-winning gardens, rich in creative heritage, and the setting for West Dean College of Arts and Conservation. Explore the extensive grounds or venture further to St Roche's Arboretum.

See the **Walled Kitchen Gardens** of classic Victorian design including 12 restored working Victorian glasshouses housing tropical plants, pelargoniums, nectarines, figs, vines, melons and chillies. Outside there are orderly vegetable beds and herbaceous borders as well as orchards with 100 apple varieties and trained espalier fruit trees covering the walls.

Beyond the Walled Kitchen Gardens 500,000 spring bulbs have been naturalised in 35 acres of ornamental grounds.



Walk through the stunning **Edwardian Pergola** designed by Harold Peto in 1911, one of the longest in the country.

At the end of the pergola, discover the award-winning **Sunken Garden**, richly planted with low growing plants giving colour throughout the seasons.

The front lawn and parkland are divided by a natural ha-ha created by the River Lavant, which is a 'winterbourne' and therefore dry at certain times of the year.

The naturalistic **Spring Garden** has strong form, distinctive leaf shape and exotic plants. The 'Bognor rock' and flintwork bridges, surreal fibreglass trees, rustic summerhouses and a laburnum and ivy tunnel all add interesting architectural features at every turn.

There is extensive parkland to explore with a stunning 2.3 mile circular walk through **St Roche's Arboretum** where you will find a 50-acre collection of trees and shrubs surrounded by native woodland. From the upper slopes enjoy the panoramic views of the South Downs and West Dean College of Arts and Conservation.

TAKE A BREAK

Enjoy lunch or afternoon tea in the **Gardens Restaurant** or breakfast at weekends/Bank Holidays. Browse the **Gardens Shop** which is open to visitors without paying Gardens entry, for unique gifts and plants. **Gardener's Cottage** will also be open from the 20 March where you can enjoy light bites, delicious cakes and hot and cold drinks, either in the beautifully kept gardens or cosy interior.

BECOME A FRIEND

Enjoy year round access to the gardens and a range of other exclusive benefits. Membership starts from £36 and all funds raised are invested in the conservation and upkeep of these beautiful gardens, helping to preserve and protect them for future generations.

Get today's entry fee refunded when you become a Friend in the Gardens Shop, or call the Friends' Team on 01243 818256. Membership also makes a wonderful gift at any time of the year.

Visit www.westdean.org.uk/friends



- ➊ Gardens Shop and Restaurant
- ➋ The Walled Fruit Garden
- ➌ Victorian Glasshouses
- ➍ The Kitchen Gardens
- ➎ Cutting Garden
- ➏ The Sunken Garden
- ➐ The Pergola
- ➑ West Dean College of Arts and Conservation (not open to the public)
- ➒ Fibreglass Trees
- ➓ The Spring Garden
- ➔ The Wild Gardens
- ➕ Sculptures
- ➖ River Lavant
- ➗ Edward James' Grave
- ➘ The Parkland Walk
- ➙ Gardener's Cottage (seasonal)
- ➚ Gardens Exhibition
- ➛ Dog Bins
- ➜ Pathways
- ➝ Driveways

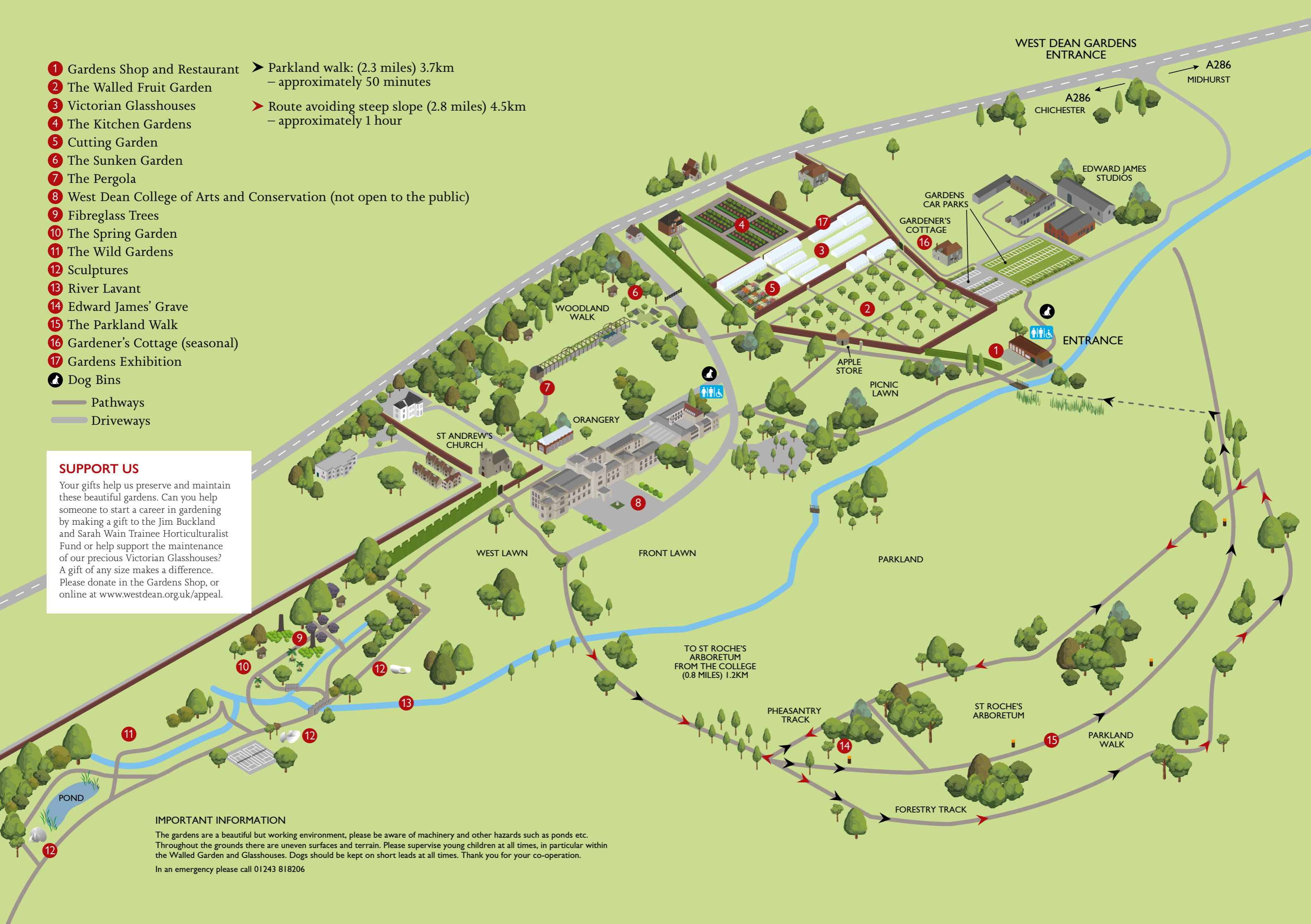
- Parkland walk: (2.3 miles) 3.7km
– approximately 50 minutes
- Route avoiding steep slope (2.8 miles) 4.5km
– approximately 1 hour

SUPPORT US

Your gifts help us preserve and maintain these beautiful gardens. Can you help someone to start a career in gardening by making a gift to the Jim Buckland and Sarah Wain Trainee Horticulturalist Fund or help support the maintenance of our precious Victorian Glasshouses? A gift of any size makes a difference. Please donate in the Gardens Shop, or online at www.westdean.org.uk/appeal.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The gardens are a beautiful but working environment, please be aware of machinery and other hazards such as ponds etc. Throughout the grounds there are uneven surfaces and terrain. Please supervise young children at all times, in particular within the Walled Garden and Glasshouses. Dogs should be kept on short leads at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.
In an emergency please call 01243 818206



WEST DEAN GARDENS ENTRANCE

A286 MIDHURST

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EDWARD JAMES STUDIOS

GARDENS CAR PARKS

GARDENER'S COTTAGE

ENTRANCE

APPLE STORE

PICNIC LAWN

WOODLAND WALK

ORANGERY

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

WEST LAWN

FRONT LAWN

PARKLAND

TO ST ROCHE'S ARBORETUM FROM THE COLLEGE (0.8 MILES) 1.2KM

PHEASANTRY TRACK

ST ROCHE'S ARBORETUM

PARKLAND WALK

FORESTRY TRACK

POND