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LEONARDSLEE LAKES & GARDENS

"The finest woodland gardens in England"

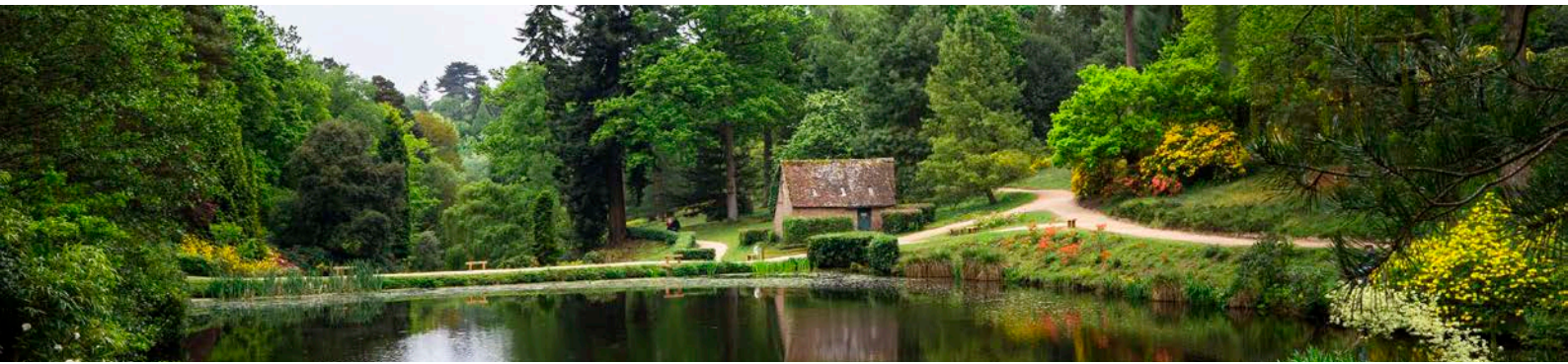
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LEONARDSLEE LAKES & GARDENS

A major international attraction for day trips, walkers, families, photographers and lovers of wildlife. Whatever the weather, there's so much to see and do all year round.

Grade I Listed Woodland Gardens
Stunning 240-Acre Estate
Famous Dolls' House Museum
Afternoon Tea
Refreshments & Gift Shop
Sculpture Park & Art Gallery

Year-Round Entertainment
Rare Wallaby Colony
Michelin Star Restaurant Interlude
Wine Tastings
Group Rates
Guided Tours & more!



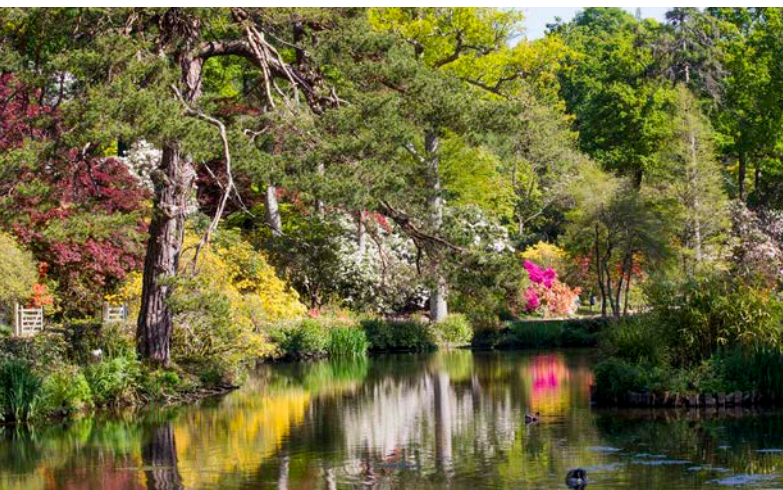
THE GARDENS

In April 2019, after a major restoration project, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens opened for visitors to enjoy. Set in a steep-sided valley, the gardens offer visitors a variety of scenic walks, with its seven interlaced lakes, extensive woodlands and lovely parkland.

There is an acclaimed Pulham rock garden built in 1890, deer park and colony of wallabies that wander throughout the estate.

The 240-acre estate features outstanding displays of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, magnolias and bluebells in spring, summer wildflowers and beautiful autumnal colours from September to late November. It is a joy to visit at any time of the year.

Plants were collected from all over the world since the early 1800s. The collection is exceptional in its diversity and maturity, with several rare 'champion' trees, threatened in their natural habitat.



THE ROCK GARDEN

With its variety of conifers and foliage, the famous Rock Garden, created in 1890, offers spectacular spring colours which turn beautiful shades of greens, blues, yellows and bronze as the seasons change to autumn. The lichens and moss create fascinating shapes and colours on the 125-year-old Pulhamite rocks.



THROUGH THE SEASONS

Spring

From March to June the garden comes alive in a riot of colour. With magnolias towering 40 feet high, camellias in groves, footpaths winding through carpets of bluebells, many hundreds of rhododendrons including several rare species - and later in the season the show of azaleas. It is a sight to behold.

At every turn, you will find flowers in so many different colours - all set within the beautiful woodland backdrop.

Deep in the valley, this array of colour is reflected within the lakes, creating breathtaking views.



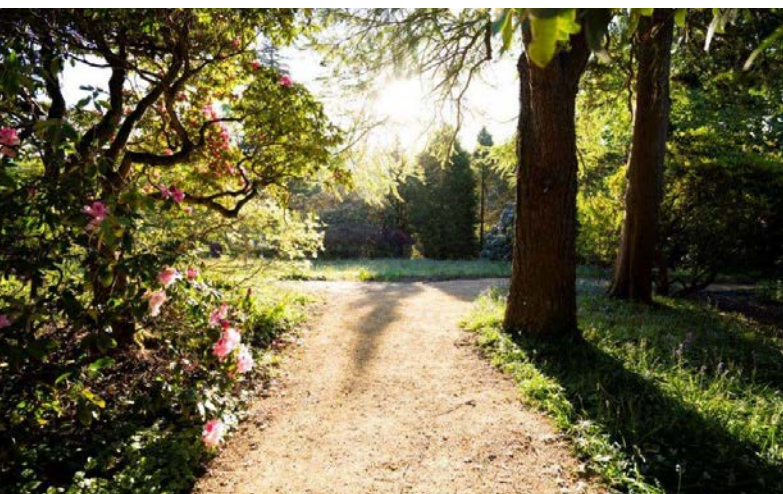
THROUGH THE SEASONS

Summer

In the summer, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens is particularly beautiful, vividly colourful and full of life. The trees and plants in full bloom, produce bright displays. Perfect for picnics.

There are many different rare acer trees (maple trees) in Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens that have unusually shaped, feathery leaves in a variety of colours and distinctive, attractive bark. Among the 100 different species of oak trees found in Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens, we have a collection of 30 non-native ones, from around the world.

Bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts love visiting Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens during the summer months. We invite you to take a moment to sit still and quietly observe the myriad of wildlife.



THROUGH THE SEASONS

Autumn

As the summer draws to a close, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens takes on a whole new guise. In autumn, the trees create beautiful displays, their leaves turning into a variety of colours, which create stunning reflections in the valley lakes.

Hundreds of varieties of trees can be found throughout the estate, and it is not only their leaves which command attention, but their bark also looks just as stunning in this season, contrasted against the backdrop of the beautiful autumnal colour.



THROUGH THE SEASONS

Winter

Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens becomes a winter wonderland during December, January and February. The deciduous trees take on a majestic appearance and the garden becomes even more tranquil. On dry, frosty mornings the gardens are truly magical in the early mist - every photographer's dream.

Many migrant birds come to shelter and feed on the berries at Leonardslee in the winter. And a variety of smaller birds can be seen to flock around the gardens.

This is a great time to spot our feathered friends as they can be clearly seen among the bare trees, and particularly against any snow. Visit the fascinating Dolls' House Museum and tea rooms.



THE WALLABIES & WILDLIFE

Our colony of Bennett's Wallabies are descendants of the original herd brought here by Sir Edmund Loder in 1889.

Wild wallabies can often be spotted foraging in the gardens, or simply resting in the sun. Visit the wallaby enclosure to be guaranteed a sighting; you may even spot the rare white one. Take a wander through the Deer Park for the chance to catch a glimpse of the many deer that roam the estate.

The gardens offer a protected ecosystem for rare wildlife including Emperor Dragonflies and Damselflies, White Admiral and Purple Hairstreak butterflies. You can see migratory and native birds - Kites, Great Tits, Tree Creepers, Nuthatches, Woodpeckers and Nightingales. The seven lakes are a major attraction for birdlife. Migrating ducks fly over them, and cormorants can be seen diving for fish. Whilst waders such as Snipe and Woodcock might be spotted in the woods, with birds of prey circling overhead.

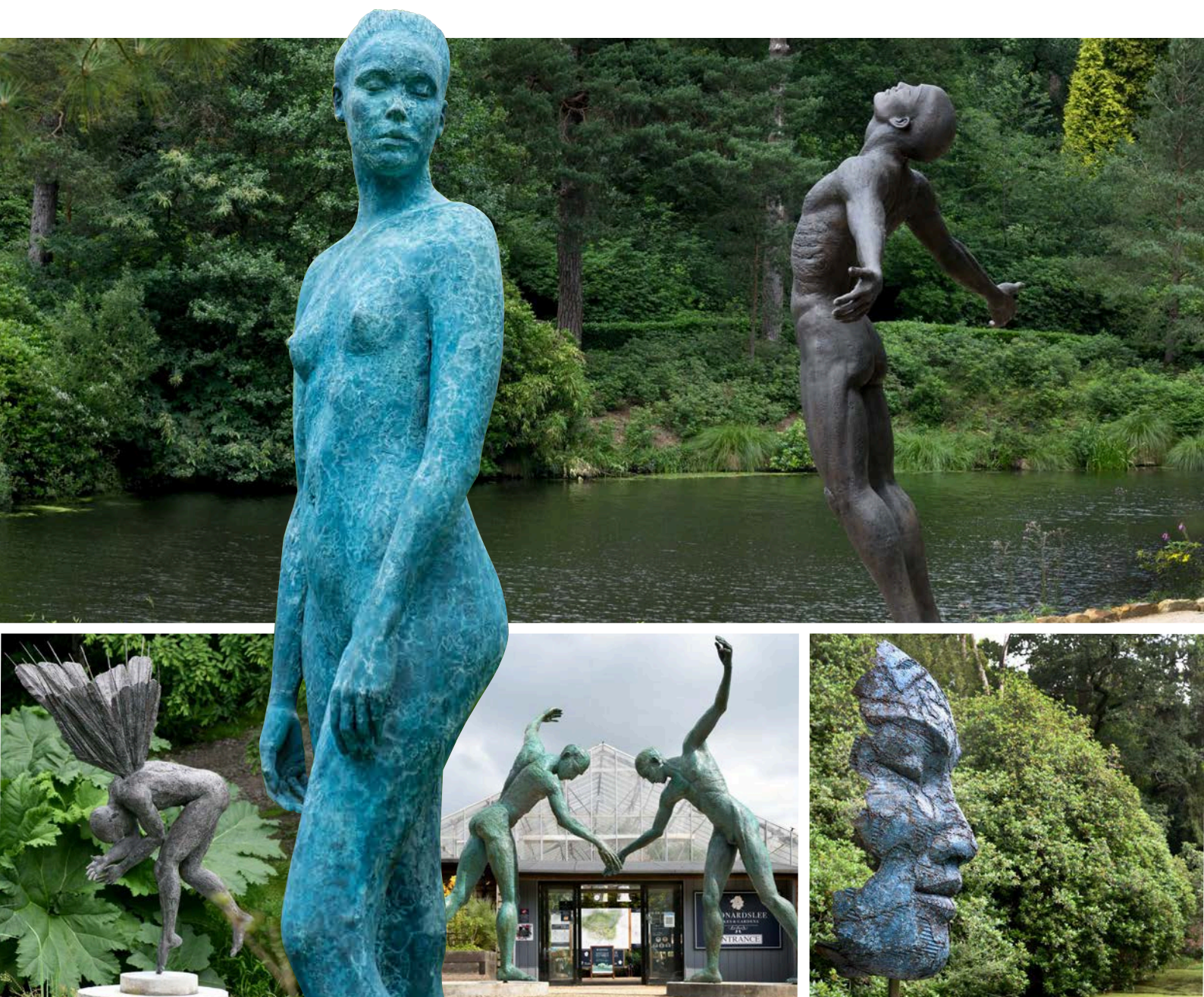


LEONARDSLEE ART GALLERY & SCULPTURE PARK

Anton Smit Sculpture Park And Art Gallery

Penny Streeter OBE, owner of the Benguela Collection, in collaboration with Anton Smit will launch a new Art Gallery and Sculpture Park at Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens.

This collaboration is born from a shared passion for excellence combined with inspiring art, fine foods and award-winning wines. A perfect combination. The new Sculpture Park at Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens adds to the truly unique experience we offer our guests.



GROUP INFORMATION

Group Prices

Pre-booking is essential	2022	2023
Adult	£12.00	£12.50
Child (5-16 years)	£6.00	£6.50
Free entry for essential carers		
Free entry and meal for coach drivers		

OPENING TIMES

Open daily except Christmas day

Gardens | Cafés and Farm Shop

Peak

April - October **09:00 - 17:00** Last entry **15:30**

Off-Peak

November - March **09:00 - 16:00** Last entry **14:30**

Group Travel Information

Estimated visit time:	2 - 4 hours
Group sizes:	10-60
Guided tours available:	By arrangement
Translated tours available:	By arrangement
Coach Parking:	Free on-site

For school and children's groups, 1 adult per 15 children receives free entry.

PLEASE NOTE:

For security and hygiene reasons, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens is a cash-free zone. We only accept payment by card.

For more information and lunch options please contact us directly on groups@leonardsleegardens.co.uk or call 0871 8733 389

WHAT'S ON AT LEONARDSLEE

There is an exciting programme of year-round entertainment.

So whatever the time of year, whatever the weather, there is lots to see and do.

- Wine & beer festivals
- Photo & art exhibitions
- Music festivals
- Cooking & gardening demonstrations
- Arts & crafts fairs
- Modelling & toy shows
- Children's events
- Flower and craft workshops
- Adventure trails and more

For more information on group discounts to our events contact:

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FOOD & DRINK

Cafés & Farm Shop

Our Cafés offer a wide range of self-service refreshments, a selection of hot and cold beverages, light lunches, cakes, pastries - the ideal spot to take a break after a walk in the gardens.

The farm shop features local produce from the estate and selected suppliers. There are breads, meats, cheeses, and condiments from which to choose, so you can create a delicious picnic to enjoy within the estate.



Delights from the Michelin Starred Kitchen at Leonardslee

Michelin star Restaurant Interlude and Afternoon Tea at Leonardslee House is brought to you by Executive Chef Jean Delport. Visitors can expect the finest food and spectacular views as they dine in the splendour of the Leonardslee Mansion House.



THE DOLLS' HOUSE MUSEUM

A Magical World In Miniature Awaits You At The Famous "Beyond The Dolls' House" Exhibition. Created in 1:12 scale, the extensive exhibition has captivated visitors young and old.

Showcasing rural scenes from a country estate in the 1900s, it was designed and built with a real sense of fun!



GIFT SHOP & PLANT SALES

Find the perfect gift as you browse the great selection of seasonal treasures in our gift shop.

Whatever the weather, green-fingered visitors will find something for all seasons in the plant shop. Whilst the gift shop has a great range of treasures for home and garden - look out for our very own Leonardslee Gin and Benguela Cove wines from our sister estate, Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate in South Africa.



LEONARDSLEE GUIDED TOURS

Private Guided Walking Tours

Starting from the Crystal Palace entrance, take a 60-minute tour with one of our guides.

Walking Tours

£5 per person

*Groups will be split into parties of approximately 15 people per guide.
A minimum of 10 people required.*

Group Art Tours

Take a unique 60 minute art tour with one of our guides and experience the Anton Smit Sculpture Park & Art Gallery. For 10 people or more.

Sculpture Park & Art Gallery Tour

£10 per person

Sculpture Park & Art Gallery Talk

£5 per person

Groups will be split into parties of approximately 10 people per guide.

If your group has visitors with limited mobility, please email groups@leonardsleegardens.co.uk for accessibility guidance.

Leonardslee Guide Book

The Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens guide book provides visitors with an insight into our unique history and an in-depth account of the restoration that took place to reopen the gardens after being closed to the public for nine years. Get your copy for only £3 on site from the gift shop or reception and find out why our gardens are such a year-round attraction!



ENGLAND'S FIRST PINOTAGE VINEYARD

In 2018, the first commercial Pinotage vines were planted in the UK at Leonardslee and are set to produce its first estate pinotage in 2023 with an estimated 4,000 bottles.

Group Wine Tastings

With the addition of the vineyard as an attraction at Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens in 2018; groups can enjoy fun wine tasting experiences, with vintages from the family wine estate in South Africa. These award-winning wines can be sampled with wine & chocolate and wine & cheese pairings - & a sabrage experience is also available.

Available:

March - September | Wednesday - Sunday
October - February | Wednesday - Saturday

Self-tutored wine tasting experience

£5.50 per person

Tutored wine tasting experience

£10.00 per person

Cheese & wine pairing (March - September)

£15.00 per person

Walking vineyard tour & wine tasting experience

£12.00 per person

Ultimate Leonardslee experience

£155.00 A whole day experience for 2 people

Sabrage sparkling wine experience

£25 per bottle

Learn the age-old technique of opening a bottle of sparkling wine with a sabre





Thank you for joining us!

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