# Spetchley Park —Gardens















#### **Families**

There is plenty to occupy children's imaginations as they explore the Gardens:

- Collect Reuben's Map and explore Spetchley's magical world of fairies and elves
- Pick up an Activity Booklet for games and puzzles around the Gardens
- Ask about our school holiday activities
- Borrow a tracker pack for a mini-beast adventure and visit the bug hotel

Highchairs and baby change facilities are available to make your visit as easy as possible.



## The Welcome Centre and Plant Sales

Visitors to the Gardens receive a warm and friendly welcome from our helpful and knowledgeable staff. Browse our well stocked Plant Sales area and tempting range of gifts, and take home a memento of your visit.

# Become a Friend of SPG

Save on garden entry throughout the year and help support the preservation, restoration and improvement of the Gardens by becoming a Friend. For just £25 you can visit the Gardens as often as you choose, benefits include:

- Welcome pack and enamel pin badge
- FREE admission to the Gardens during opening hours
- FREE entry to the Spetchley Specialist Plant Fair
- Newsletters with news of events and restoration projects
- Seasonal tours led by the Head Gardener
- A complimentary ticket to Berkeley Castle

Visit our website to download an application form or join on the day of your visit and we will refund your admission.









#### How to find us

Spetchley is located three miles east of Worcester on the A44. Postcode: WR5 1RS

#### 2017 opening times (Last admission one hour before closing.)

1 April – 30 September: Wednesday to Sunday 11am – 6pm Closed Monday (except bank holidays) and Tuesday.

October: Saturday & Sunday 11am - 4pm.

Plus half-term Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 October.

#### Garden tours

A guided tour of the garden highlighting its fascinating history and the stories behind its plants and trees is available by prior appointment.

#### Access for all

Disabled visitors are welcome to visit Spetchley however, wheelchair access is limited due to the nature of the environment. Mobility scooters are available for hire by prior arrangement. Blue badge parking and toilet facilities are available. We regret that no dogs, except assistance dogs, are admitted to the Gardens.

#### Admission prices

Adult: £7.00 • Concession\*: £6.50 • Children 5-16: £2.50 Under 5's: FREE • Family (2 adults & 2 children): £17.00 Pre-booked group rates (over 25 adults): £6.00 per person

HHA members – free admission with valid membership card, excludes events. \*NUS card holders and those aged over 60.

Prices and opening times are subject to change. The house is not open to the public.

Please visit our website or call 01905 345106 for further information.









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Spetchley has been home to my family for over 400 years and successive generations have lovingly collected rare plants, shrubs and trees from around the world, creating a wondrous garden of many rooms and vistas that appeal to all ages and tastes; it is a truly inclusive garden. Set within 30 glorious acres we are proud to have one of the largest private collections of plant varieties outside the major botanical gardens.

It is an ever-changing garden, and for the past three years Spetchley has undergone a mini revival with many improvements, including the creation of a new garden entrance, car park and Welcome Centre. This year the new Heritage Learning and Interpretation Centre will open to visitors and, following a period of restoration, our beloved Sovereign Coach will be on display for the first time in over 100 years.

Visit the Gardens and enjoy wonderful walks through formal and informal herbaceous borders, sweeping lawns and woodland glades, and take in the views across the deer park and lake to the Malvern Hills, followed by a delicious visit to The Old Laundry Tea Room.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our treasured garden.

John Berkeley

2 April - 1 October: FREE Garden Tour - on the first Sunday of

8 April: Spetchley Garden Society's Annual Bulb Show.\*

12 - 17 April: Golden Egg Trail - FREE trail for children.\*

23 April: Specialist Plant Fair\*\* – Adult £5 • Child under 16 yrs FREE.\*

2 July: NGS Day – Gardens open for charity.\*

5 August: Spetchley Garden Society's Annual Flower & Produce Show.\*

12 – 13 August: History Comes Alive\*\* – Adult £8 • Child 5-16 yrs £3 • Child under 5 yrs FREE • Family (2 adults & 2 children) £20.

25 – 29 October: Spooky Root House Trail – FREE admission to the Gardens for children, trail costs £1.

More exciting events and school holiday activities will be announced throughout the year. Visit our website for further details.

\*Normal admission applies

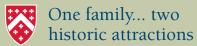
\*\*Includes entry to the Gardens. No concessionary prices or vouchers permitted.



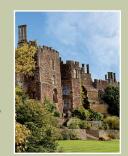
### Group visits

Groups and coach parties are always welcome and we are delighted to offer to groups of over 25 people:

- Discounted admission
- Guided tours of the Gardens by prior appointment
- Tea room, gift shop and plant sales
- FREE meal for the coach driver or group leader (to the value of £8)
- Coach parking



Combine your group visit with a fascinating trip to our sister estate, Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire, for just £28 per person. This fabulous package includes admission to both venues, morning refreshments, lunch and guided tours.



Available for groups of 15 or more adults. For further details please contact us or see our website.

# Heritage Learning and Interpretation Centre

Set within the old cart sheds, the Heritage Learning and Interpretation Centre will open to visitors in 2017. Using audio visual and touch screen technology, visit and learn about the history of the Gardens and of the Berkeley family's influence over this wonderful garden and unspoilt 17th century landscape.

The family's beloved Sovereign Coach will also be on display for the first time in over 100 years following a period of restoration; built c1875 the coach is thought to be one of only 20 remaining.

# The Old Laundry Tea Room

Situated within the old laundry of the estate, and built in 1851, the Tea Room offers a wonderful setting to indulge in morning coffee with a big slice of cake, a light lunch made with local produce, or afternoon tea with freshly baked treats. A place to relax and unwind in beautiful surroundings.