

# HISTORY



The origins of the garden at Englefield date back over 400 years.

As you walk around the garden you will see an inscription on a stone staircase on the upper terrace which reads, "If you help towards Englefield Garden either in flowers or invention you shall be welcome thither", a phrase taken from a letter by the occupier Edward Norris dated 1601.

Over four centuries on, our garden is still welcoming visitors to enjoy its plants, trees, stunning views and tranquillity. The foundations of the garden as they appear today were created in the late 1860s with the building of the stone balustrades and staircases by Italian craftsmen. In 1936 the woodland garden on the hill above the house was created by thinning the forest. At the same time, the stream was constructed and the area planted.

Much of the original planting is still in place and includes varieties of rhododendron, azalea, camellia, magnolia, parrotia, cornus, davidia and acer. The lower terrace was redesigned in 1974 by the American landscape architect Lanning Roper.



## General information

There are no toilet or refreshment facilities at the garden but Englefield Stores and Tea Room are located in Englefield village where you can also visit Englefield Garden Centre.

Parts of the garden are terraced or on a hillside making wheelchair access difficult in places. If the ground is firm (after dry weather), then it will be possible to view much of the garden.

Please note picnics, ball games or dogs, except assistance dogs, are not permitted in the garden. Play equipment in the garden is designed for use by children under 10.

Englefield House is a private residence and is not open to the public.

## Garden tours and event hire

From March to October, our Head Gardener is available to lead group tours Tuesday to Thursday (minimum of 20 people). Tours must be booked in advance and can include access to the Kitchen Garden which is not open to the public plus tea and cake in the Long Gallery.

Englefield House, Garden and parts of the wider Estate are available to hire for private and corporate events as well as photo and film shoots.

For more information call **0118 9302221** or email **[gardens@englefield.co.uk](mailto:gardens@englefield.co.uk)**

Englefield Garden is open to visitors every Monday throughout the year from 10.00am–6.00pm April to October and 10.00am–4.00pm November to March. The entrance fee is £5.00 but is free for children.



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# Plants and trees at Englefield by season

Englefield Garden can be enjoyed all year round but in certain months our plants and trees put on displays that should not be missed.

## January and February

In late winter beautifully scented daphnes and winter camellias are in bloom and you will find them dotted throughout the garden. The hardy but delicate snowdrop also makes an appearance in our woodland area and you will also see the humble daffodil arriving, heralding the start of spring. During February and into March, elegant hellebores can be found in clumps around the garden and winter aconites start to flower on the stream lawn.



## March, April and May

In March our stunning magnolias begin to open in the magnolia wood and are a magnificent sight. Between March and May, spring camellias can be found around the pebble garden, adding a delightful splash of colour. During April/May our woodland comes alive with a blanket of the nation's favourite – the bluebell, providing one of nature's most beautiful displays. In May, our azaleas are in flower by the stream including the rare Roi de Fer which you can see above the lower pool of the stream. From May and into June our rhododendrons are in full splendour in our woodland and provide a stunning companion as you walk along the top edge of the garden.



## June, July and August

In June, roses can be seen in different areas of the gardens, in the beds around the car park as well as in the box border along the lower terrace. Wilder roses are also in bloom in the woodland. The box and long borders and Joe's Garden are also full of perennials including Penstemon, Lupins, Salvia and Alstroemeria and should not be missed.



## September, October and November

From September onwards as the season changes the oaks, maples, liquidambar and other deciduous trees provide a riot of autumn colour which is just magnificent. Additionally, at this time of year Aconitum and Symphoricarpos (formerly known as Asters) bloom in our box borders and beds on the west lawn terrace. While Skimmia, Hydrangeas, Cyclamen hederifolium can all be found in woodland areas.

## Things to see

There are a wealth of plants and trees to enjoy across the 12-acre gardens and many areas to explore.

Throughout the garden, various points of interest have been added over the years. The grotto 9 at the top of the stream is a recent addition and is lined with a mosaic of pine cones. On the upper terrace is a children's garden 10 with water jets hidden in four small statues as well as a slide and swings. Other things to look out for include the ivy house 11 at the top of the garden, the Big Bear 12, the round pebble garden 13 the camellia bridge 14, woodman's hut 15 and our very own dinosaur shaped stumpery 16.

The garden also offers a diverse range of habitats which support a wealth of birdlife. You may be able to spot blue tits, goldcrests, blackcaps, wrens and goldfinches to name but a few. Additionally, if you are lucky you may see red kites which are often found circling overhead.

