



Oxburgh Estate

# Group Visits







# Explore nature, beauty and history

It's hard not to fall in love with Oxburgh Estate when you catch your first glimpse of the imposing brick manor house reflected in the tranquil moat.

Built by the Bedingfeld family in 1482 as a statement of power, Oxburgh and the family have endured turbulent times. Through religious persecution, Civil War devastation, near dereliction and threatened demolition, Oxburgh's story is one of survival.

Step inside to discover the legacy of the 6th Baronet who created much of what you see today, from the Victorian Gothic interiors to the ornate architectural additions that reflect a romantic view of Oxburgh's medieval past.

Outside, the gardens are a mixture of formal and wilderness, with the kitchen garden, orchard and herbaceous border adding colour and seasonal interest. And for those wanting to explore further, you can follow one of the estate walks through woodland, along the River Gadder, and out into open meadows.





# About Oxburgh Hall

The Hall has undergone numerous alterations during its 540-year history, largely due to the Bedingfeld family's loyalty to their Catholic faith, their Royalist stance during the Civil War as well as changes in architectural fashions and ways of living. In the early 19th century, the 6th Baronet began work to decorate and furnish the Hall in the antiquarian style you see today.

Reused panelling, embossed leather, heraldic motifs, heavy oak furniture, ancient textiles and neo-Gothic wallpapers and fabrics were combined to create a 'romantic' atmosphere, an approach that his son, the 7th Baronet, continued.



This beautiful, moated manor house is filled with portraits, interesting architectural features, and treasured objects, many of which celebrate the Bedingfeld family's long and sometimes turbulent history, and their staunch adherence to their faith.









# Oxburgh Collection Highlights

- The Oxburgh Hangings - embroideries worked on by Mary Queen of Scots and Bess of Hardwick during Mary's captivity in England.
- The King's Room – explore the beautiful pre-Tudor features of this space and learn about the adjacent Priest Hole, built around 1590 to shelter Catholic priests during times of persecution.
- The Library – a rare survivor of the 1830s neo-Gothic style, with its sumptuous interior decoration. Look out for the secret jib door with its false bookspines adorned with mock titles and family jokes.





The original garden at Oxburgh, created by the 6th Baronet during the Victorian period has long disappeared, however what you see today mirrors the original design.

From wild grasses and kitchen produce to blooming flowers and natural displays, there are five areas to the gardens at Oxburgh for you to explore: The Kitchen Garden, The Orchard, The Herbaceous Border, The Wilderness and Home Covert.

The formal areas offer an abundant variety of striking colours and beautiful blooms throughout the changing seasons. The less formal areas mimic the lines of the natural landscape and host idyllic woodland which offer the perfect spot to find peace and tranquillity.











# Oxburgh Parkland & Estate

Oxburgh Estate is nestled on the edge of the Norfolk Brecks, where the land meets the wide-open fenlands. As you wander beyond the gardens, you will soon be out into an expanse of parkland.

The sweeping landscape hosts a variety of habitats including woodland, wildflower meadow, grassland. All of which is home to an abundance of wildlife, including deer, red kite, and barn owl.

Pop on your walking boots and explore all there is to offer in our 125 acres of parkland; from the crystal-clear water of the chalk River Gadder to the expanse of wildflower rich grassland home to the gentle hum of pollinators.









# Shopping & Eating

## Servants' Hall tea-room

Situated in the old kitchen quarters, the refurbished Servant's Hall tea-room offers a range of light lunches, sweet treats, savoury snacks, and hot and cold drinks. As well as the quintessential National Trust cream tea. Our offerings include gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian choices. Indoor and outdoor seating is provided.

## Shop

Whether you're treating yourself or looking for that perfect present, you'll find garden essentials, food and drink, and beautiful homeware in our shop.

We are proud to support local makers and artisans, bringing you high quality products designed and made in Norfolk.



## Second-hand bookshop

The second-hand bookshop is tucked away in Oxburgh's Kitchen Garden. It boasts a great selection of pre-loved books for you to browse and find your next book you can't wait to curl up with. Money raised from the bookshop has enabled the team to acquire items from Oxburgh's original collection, as well as carrying out vital conservation work.





# Planning your visit

## Important information

Last entry into the house is 45 minutes before closing. During the winter months (November to February) some areas of the house may be closed for conservation cleaning. Last orders in the tea-room are 15 minutes before closing.

## Dates

We are unable to accept group visits on bank holiday or heritage weekends and we are closed 24, 25 & 26 December.

## How to find us

We are 7 miles south-west of Swaffham and 3 miles from A134 at Stoke Ferry; 17 miles south of King's Lynn. Sat Nav: PE33 9PS.



### Oxburgh Estate Opening Times 2024

1 January – 18 February & 4 November – 31 December		M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Hall	11:00 – 14:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garden & parkland	9:30 – 16:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tea-room	10:00 – 15:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shop	10:30 – 15:00	X				X	X	X
Bookshop	9:30 – 15:30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

19 February – 3 November		M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Hall	11:00 – 15:45	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garden & parkland	9:30 – 17:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tea-room	10:00 – 16:30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shop	10:30 – 16:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bookshop	9:30 – 16:30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

2024 Group Visit	Pricing
National Trust members	Free
Adult (aged 18 and over)	11.40
One coach driver	Free
One group leader	Free





# Booking your visit

## Group Benefits

We offer free general admission to National Trust members with a valid National Trust membership.

We offer a 5% discount on admission for groups of 15 or more individuals (including group leader).

## As well as:

- Free food voucher for coach driver.
- Designated coach parking located just outside Visitor Welcome.
- Coach parking is free of charge.
- On arrival to Oxburgh, a member of the Welcome Team will be on hand to welcome your guide, driver, and visitors.
- One group leader is welcome to a complimentary familiarisation visit to see the property.

## Accessibility:

- Blue Badge parking and drop-off point. Accessible toilets. Some gravel pathways and two steep slopes in garden. For those who need assistance with accessibility we have wheelchairs, a Mountain Trike and an electric all terrain mobility vehicle available to book as part of your visit.
- We also have a hearing induction loop available at each till point as well as communication guides for the hall.

If you'd like more information about accessibility at Oxburgh you can find it on our website under the Visitor Information tab on our homepage: [Click here to visit the website homepage](#)

## Book your group visit

We're always happy to discuss options with you to make sure your group have the best experience.

Please contact our friendly team to express your interest and to receive a group visit enquiry form.

Please note, all group visits must be booked a least 28 days in advance.

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