

A garden for all seasons

Nurtured for nearly 130 years, the extensive, yet intimate garden stuns throughout the seasons. It features an internationally important plant collection containing species from around the world. Discover more by joining a guided walk – ask at visitor welcome for times. Here are just a few of the garden highlights:

Spring

Colourful displays of spring bulbs including crocus, daffodils, fritillaries & bluebells. Rhododendrons and camellias are at their glorious best. Extensive collection of spectacular magnolias, some named after the Messel family.

Key areas:

5 6 14 16 24

Summer

Herbaceous plants take centre stage in June, before the summer borders dazzle with colour from perennials and over 5,000 annuals. You'll find fragrant roses and glorious hydrangeas whilst the dramatic house terrace features hardy exotics.

Key areas:

9 10 13 16 19 20 26

Autumn

Colour in the garden lasts well into autumn including the salvia collection (nearly 50 varieties) and the multi-coloured South African bed. Pathways around the garden offer glorious views of the trees changing colour in the arboretum and beyond.

Key areas:

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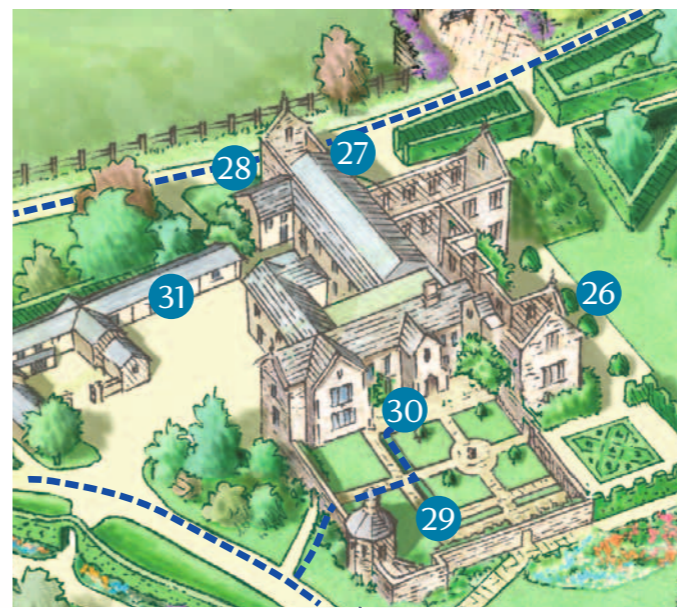
Winter

Enjoy far-reaching views as you take in the heady scents of witch hazel and daphne. There are displays of heather all winter long, with snowdrops and snowflakes carpeting the ground in Jan/Feb. Early rhododendrons herald the arrival of spring.

Key areas:

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You can help us look after this special garden and protect the precious plants by leaving balls, frisbees, bikes and scooters in the car. Some of the trees here are rare and ancient so please don't climb on them.



Visiting the House

Around the House

- 26 House and gallery entrance
- 27 Horsebox refreshments, opening times vary, check with visitor welcome for details
- 28 Ruins entrance
- 29 Forecourt Garden/Dovecote
- 30 Wheelchair accessible House entrance
- 31 Riding House cafe (Coming soon)

Inside the House you will see small, intimate rooms furnished with tapestries, antique furniture, works of art and other treasures collected by Leonard and Maud Messel. Paintings by their younger son, the renowned theatre designer Oliver Messel, are also on show. His sister Anne spent her last years here and was keen to preserve the unique feel of her parents' home.

Some of the rooms are dark, which helps us care for the original textiles and paintings. On the first floor, the gallery shows changing exhibitions throughout the year.*

*The House and gallery close for short periods throughout the year for conservation cleaning.

Dates vary, please check the website or ask at visitor welcome for more details.



Woodland walks are now accessible from the car park only.

Visiting Nymans with your dog
Dogs are welcome in the woodland, outdoor seating area of the Welcome café, shop and plant centre.
Dogs are welcome in the garden during winter opening hours after 1.30pm. Dates vary, please check the website for details.

Entrance & welcome

- 1 Visitor welcome
- 2 Visitor welcome hub
- 3 Shop and plant centre
- 4 Welcome café
- 5 Entrance to woodland

Exploring the garden

- 6 Top Garden
- 7 Temple
- 8 Pinetum
- 9 Wildflower meadow
- 10 June border
- 11 Second-hand bookshop
- 12 Potting Shed
- 13 Rose Garden
- 14 Lime Avenue
- 15 Arboretum
- 16 Wall Garden
- 17 Winter Walk
- 18 Main Lawn
- 19 Sunk Garden & Loggia
- 20 South African bed
- 21 Heather Garden
- 22 Croquet Lawn
- 23 Combers' Field
- 24 Wild Garden
- 25 Kitchen Garden (Restoration in progress not currently open)

- Car park
- Visitor information
- WC
- Accessible WC
- Baby changing
- Refreshments
- Shop & plant centre
- Viewpoint
- Mobility buggy pick-up point
- Steps
- Dog waste bin
- Water refill point
- Nymans is a no smoking property

Access Information

- Suggested wheelchair route under good conditions
- Steep gradient

Nymans enjoys glorious views across the Sussex Weald but the hillside location means that some areas are sloped. Please stay on the paths to avoid slipping on grass banks.

A team of volunteers run mobility buggy tours around the garden and woodland. Check availability and book a seat at visitor welcome.

Accessible toilets can be found next to the Welcome café and in the car park.

Wheelchairs can be borrowed from visitor welcome.

The ground floor of the House can be visited via the Forecourt Garden (30 on map). Unfortunately, the gallery and ruins are currently not accessible to wheelchair users.