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## Colby Woodland Garden Access Statement

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### Introduction

Colby Woodland Garden is situated on the eastern edge of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, a mile from the traditional small seaside resort of Amroth. The 8.5 acre site consists of an enclosed meadow (a level area) nestling in a wooded valley (steep sided sloping area) with extensive informal, Himalayan type planting. The main horticultural interest is found through the West Wood. There is a considerable collection of Rhododendron species and varieties, many of a significant age, with plantings going back to the 1900s. These introduced specimens that integrate well with the natural displays of Bluebells, Wood Anemones, and Snowdrops. The multi-layered canopy of the woodland trees offer varying levels of light and shade throughout the year. On the opposite side of the valley, the East Wood consists of mixed woodland of mainly native species including the rare Wild Service tree and a strong contingent of very attractive old Oaks.

There is also a reception/shop, walled garden, tea room and second hand bookshop for visitors to enjoy. Colby Lodge is a private residence and not open to the public.

We have 3 holiday cottages on the Colby Estate (Rose cottage, Cwms Cottage and Little Breck) which can be found at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays>.

A free **Introduction to Colby Woodland Garden** is available in braille. Please contact us on 01834 811 885 or email [colby@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:colby@nationaltrust.org.uk) to request one prior to your visit. A Large print guide (A3) is also available from the Admission Shop/Visitor Welcome Centre when you visit.

## **General information for visitors with disabilities**

- There is no mobile phone reception or wifi across the site. In case of emergency, please go to the Visitor Reception and Shop or any member of staff where we can use our landlines.
- Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the estate and in all our buildings. There is a water bowl outside the toilet building. Water is available elsewhere on the property on request. Dog waste can be disposed of in our general waste bin which is situated by the gate opposite the entrance to the Walled Garden.
- Dogs other than assistance dogs are welcome on short leads across the site with the exception of the Shop/Visitor Reception, Walled Garden and Tea Room. There are, however, outside tables to sit at outside the Tea Room, or indoor tables in our information room.
- There is one manual wheelchair available for loan free of charge from the Visitor Reception/Shop. Booking in advance is advisable.
- Breastfeeding is welcomed in all areas of our property.
- A video of Colby Woodland Garden throughout the seasons is available to watch in our Bothy Information room for visitors that cannot access the whole site.



### **Facilities for blind or visually-impaired visitors**

#### **Audio, Large print and Braille**

An Introduction to Colby Woodland Garden is available to read free of charge in braille and large print from Visitor Reception.

#### **A sensory experience**

We encourage visitors to touch, feel and smell the plants in the garden (though please be sensitive to delicate specimens)!



### **Facilities for deaf or hearing-impaired visitors**

#### **Induction Loops**

A counter induction loop is available at the Visitor Reception and Shop.



## Facilities for visitors on the autism spectrum

We welcome visitors with autism to Colby Woodland Garden. If you, or somebody in your party, are on the Autism Spectrum and you would like to discuss your visit in advance please contact us on 01834 811 885 or email [colby@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:colby@nationaltrust.org.uk).

We understand that queuing, noisy machinery and bustling spaces can be challenging and our team are on hand to help minimise any disruption to your visit. Please get in touch to discuss your visit in advance so we can help you avoid our sometimes bustling reception area.

Please contact Sam or Penny on 01834 814 163 to discuss if the Bothy Tea Room can assist with any pre-orders of refreshments, or to ask the possibility of making up a picnic/packed-lunch.

We encourage visitors with autism to participate in tours and activities and are committed to ensuring that everyone can enjoy all that Colby Woodland Garden has to offer.

### Planning your visit

- For full details and maps of how to reach us, please visit [how to get here](#) on our website.
- There is no public transport direct to the property.
- The nearest railway station is Kilgetty which is approximately 2 ½ miles (4km) away.
- The nearest bus stop is located in Amroth village (3/4 mile walk from Colby Woodland Garden) served by the 351 Tenby to Pendine route, including stops at Saundersfoot and Kilgetty.
- There is a 3/4 mile (1.2km) walk to Colby Woodland Garden along a public footpath from Amroth.
- There are a series of tourist attraction brown signs directing you to our property from the A477 and the coast road at Amroth castle. Look out for Colby Woodland Garden and the National Trust oak leaf logo. The roads narrow as you approach the property.
- If you are planning a group visit please email [Colby@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Colby@nationaltrust.org.uk) or ring us on 01834811885 to ask for our group visit booking form and bus size instructions.

### Admission prices

Our admission policy admits, on request, the necessary companions or carers of a disabled visitor free of charge, while National Trust membership, or an admission fee, applies to the disabled visitor.

To save having to 'request' free entry for your companion, an 'Access for all Admit One Card' can be issued by our Supporter Service Centre. This card is made out in the name of the disabled person, not the companion, so there is not a restriction to taking the same person on each visit.

To request an Access for all Admit One Card, or to find information on the Access for All Links Pass for disabled groups please contact our Supporter Service Centre on 01793 817634 or email [enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk). They will need the name and full postal address of the disabled person or group.

### **Arrival and Parking**

Colby Woodland Garden is open daily - for full details, our [opening times](#) can be viewed on our website.

Car parking is free to all visitors.

- **Upper Car Park**

The upper car park has space for approximately 60 cars and is 175m uphill from the lower car park where the main entrance is situated.

- **Lower Car Park**

The lower car park has space for approximately 60 cars and is approximately 100m away from the main entrance/Visitor Reception. There are disabled bays in both car parks; we recommend using the lower car park as the gradient is steep between the car parks. There is also a steep gradient from the lower car park to the Visitor Reception/Shop. Both car parks are surfaced with large gauge gravel and grass. As such, car park spaces are not marked.

- **Disabled Drop-off and Pick-up point**

The disabled drop-off and pick-up point is located on a flat, level gradient by the gate at the end of the public footpath, situated next to the entrance to the Walled Garden.

A cycle rack is available at the entrance to the Walled Garden.

Coaches can drop off at the lower car park, and may be parked in the upper car park.

### **Visitor Reception and Shop**

The approach to the Visitor Reception/Shop from the lower car park is down a steep slope with a firm surface covered in a dusting of small gauge gravel. This is the main entrance to

Colby Woodland Garden. Admission is free to National Trust members and our [prices](#) can be viewed on our website.

The reception desk is 950mm high. All display points are laid out to allow for easy access around the shop. Should you require assistance to reach items or carrying shopping to your vehicle, our team will be happy to help.

The surfacing inside the Visitor Reception and Shop is flat with a carpeted floor with wooden walls. The entrance to the gardens is to the left of the Visitor Reception and Shop. The wooden door with glass windows is non-power operated and opens inwards to about 90 degrees. The doors are of a good width and easy to open. The access into the building is level.

The route from the Visitor Reception and Shop down to the main path is via ten steps with a handrail either side or via a fairly steep slope.

### **Bothy Tea Room**

The Tea Room is part of the pay-to-enter site and therefore included in the site admission fee or free for National Trust members.

The main entrance to the Tea Room is down 3 steps directly into the Tearoom area or via the information room which also contains wheelchair access into the Tea Room. Once inside the Tea Room area there are 3 steps up into the inside dining area.

Outdoor seating for approximately 60 people is available outside the Tea Room entrance. Inside the Tea Room and Information room is seating for approximately 45 people. Tables are fairly close together with upright chairs without arms.

The Bothy Tea Room is not National Trust run, but a franchise; they do their best to cater for any dietary requirement. Where possible some of their food produce is locally sourced. There are gluten-free, dairy free and vegan/vegetarian options available.

The menu is displayed on A4 double-sided laminate sheets and staff are happy to run through menu options with you.

### **Toilets**

The toilet facilities are situated on the main path below the Visitor Reception and Shop. These are on the ground floor and comprise of male, female and accessible toilets.

The accessible toilet flooring is level and surfacing is a tiled with stone walls.

There are vertical and horizontal rails either side of the toilet. Overhead lighting is in place.

Baby changing facilities and sanitary bins are available in each suite of toilets in the ladies.

### **Finding your way around the site**

All visitors are offered a welcome map of the gardens.

There is respite seating placed around the gardens. Benches are located in areas with good viewpoints in the walled garden, the wildflower meadow and many along pathways in the West Woods.

Please note there are mixed surface paths with many steep slopes and some steps. The wildflower meadow is fairly level ground but the East Woods, West Woods and Walled Garden are all situated on steep sided slopes. Some pathways are narrow and uneven due to tree roots and water rivulets. Paved areas can become very slippery when wet. Although some handrails are in place, most steps do not have them. We have removed steps around the site where possible, but due to the nature of the site (being situated in a valley) all steps cannot be removed.

Some plants overflow onto pathways or hang low overhead.

### **Walled Garden**

The Walled Garden is built on a slope and is accessed at the bottom end, up six steps from the main facilities area and just opposite the Tea Room. There is a handrail to the right side of the steps (ascending). There is, however, a level entrance through gates nearer the top end and these lead on to a level path and some sloping or stepped paths.

There are three steps up to the Gazebo building in the Walled Garden with no hand rail on either side.

### **Second Hand Bookshop**

The Bookshop is up a set of exterior stairs on the side of the Tea Room building. This staircase is stone and with very high steps, of which there are 10. Once inside the bookshop the flooring is level with carpet and stone walls.

## **Additional Information**

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with disabilities, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our visitors.

If you have any questions ahead of your visit, or would like to give feedback from a recent trip to Colby Woodland Garden, please do contact us on 01834 811 885 or email [colby@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:colby@nationaltrust.org.uk). We make every effort to ensure all visitors experience this special place and hope you have a very enjoyable visit.

## **Walking Distances**

Accessible Parking Bays to Visitor Reception/Shop	100 metres
Visitor Reception to Tea Room	80 metres
Tea Room to Accessible Toilet	30 metres
Visitor Reception/Shop to Disabled Drop-off/Pick-up point	100 metres



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## Allwedd i'r thifau

### Key to numbers

- 1 Canolfan groesawu ymwelwyr  
Visitor welcome centre
- 2 Gardd furiog  
Walled garden
- 3 Ardangosfa'r Botni  
Botany exhibition
- 4 Dol blodau gwylt  
Wildflower meadow
- 5 Coedwig y Gerllewin  
West Wood
- 6 Coedwig y Dwyrain  
East Wood

## Allwedd i'r symbolau

### Key to symbols

- Derbynta a siop  
Administration and shop
- Siop lyfrau  
Bookshop
- Maes parcio  
Car park
- Man gollwing a casgliu pobji ag anabudd  
Disabled drop off & pick up point
- Ystafell de  
Tea-room
- Toiled / toiled i'r anabl  
Toilet / disabled toilet
- Nodwedd gardd  
Garden feature
- Bwthyn gwyliau  
Holiday cottage
- Plannu allweddol  
Key planning
- Gwyfya  
Viewpoint
- Gweld bywyd gwylt  
Wildlife spot

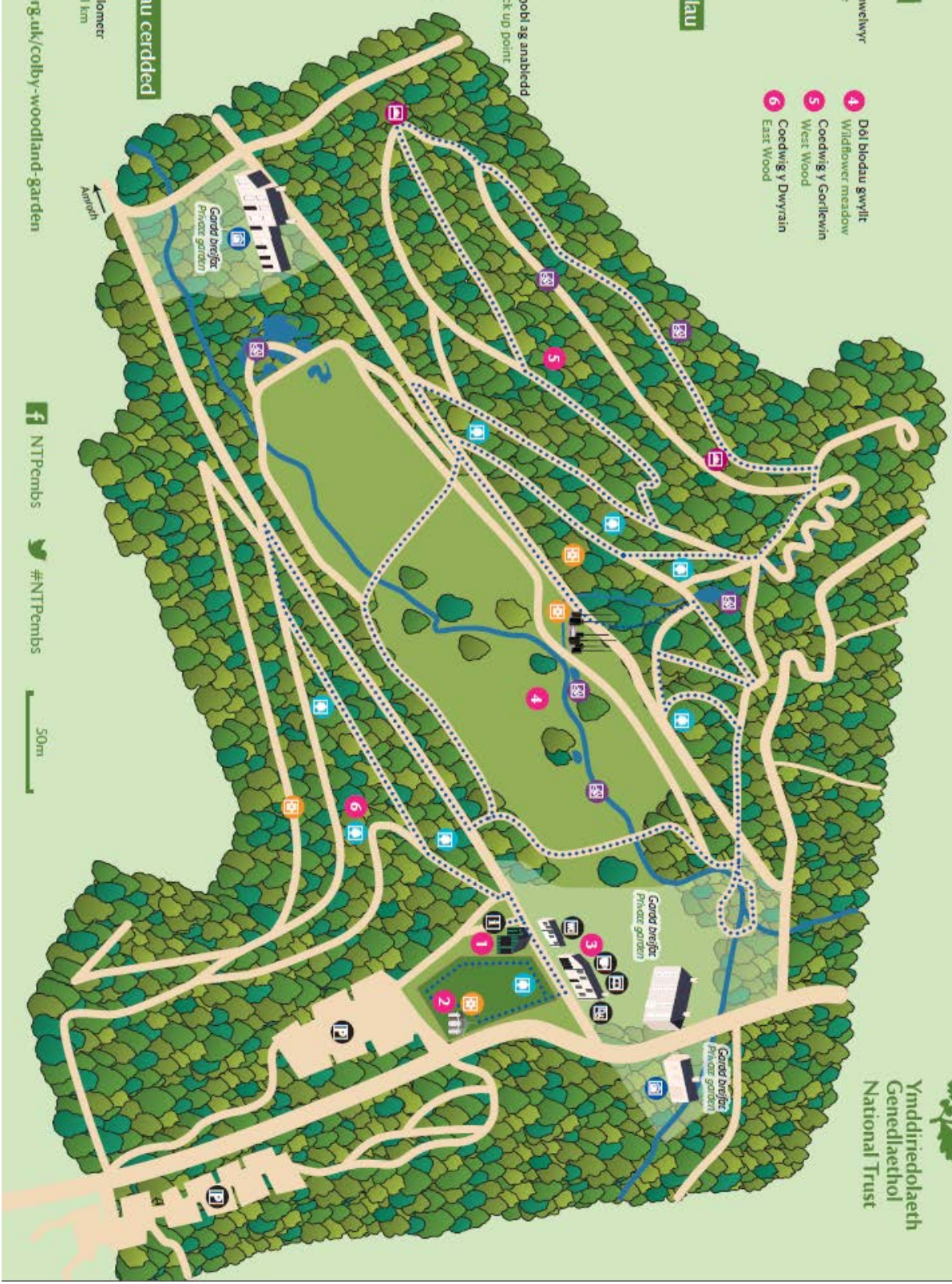
## Allwedd i'r llwybrau cerdded

- Tach a arghybellir, 1 cilometr  
Recommended route, 1 km
- Recommended route, 1 km

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# Gwneud y mwyafr o'ch ymweliad

## Making the most of your visit

### Pethau i'w gweld a'u gwneud

Mae Gardd Goedwig Colby yn lle perffhait i fynd ar drwydded hanes, rhyfeddod blodau a chwarae ym myd natur.

O ran dilyn trwydded hanes, edrychwch am arwyddion o'n goffennol gloriol diwydiannol. Cadwch llygad ar agor am hen olwynion pwll a hen staffiau dan gaeaf hwnt ag yma ar draws y statd.

Mae'n hawdd mwynhau rhyfeddod blodau ar eich ymweliad; mae'r ardd ffrwyg yn wledd o liw ar hvd y flwyddyn. Yn y gwanwyn a'r haf mae'r magnolia yn odidog, ac yn yr hydref a'r gaeaf y coed acer, masarnwydd Stapanneidd a'r gwifwrnwydd sy'n werth eu gweld.

Mae hwyf wrth chwarae mas ym myd natur herfyd; rhwch gynnig ar ddipio pyliau siglwrch ar ein siglenni thraff ac adelladwrch frau.

Neu anelwch mas i dderganfod harddwch pellach Stad Coby gan gynnwys llwybrau ar hvd glannau nentydd coedlog ac ar draws dolwrdd blodau gwylt sydd weidi eu hadfer, gyda'u golygydd o'r môr.

Gnda mwy na 900 erw yn aros i'w derganfod, mae yna ddigon (mwy na digon) i'w lwynhau!



### Things to see and do

Colby Woodland Garden is the perfect place for heritage hunting, floral wows and natural play.

For heritage hunting, see if you can spot signs of our industrial coal mining past. Look for mine wheels and old capped mine shafts dotted across the estate.

It's easy to enjoy floral wows during your visit; the walled garden is a riot of colour year-round. See magnolia in spring and summer, and acers, Japanese maples and viburnums in autumn and winter.

Natural play is a must here too; try pond dipping, go on our rope swings and build a den.

Or head out to explore the beauty of the wider Colby Estate including walks alongside woodland streams and across restored wildflower meadows with sea views.

With 900 acres to uncover, there really is lots (and lots) to enjoy!



### Mwy i'w ddarganfod

Drygwch fwy am stor Gardd Goedwig Colby yn y Botly. Yn ein hystatiell ddehongli fe gewch llyth o wybodaeth am yr hanes, y golygydd tymbhorol gorau a beith sy'n digwydd.

### Siopfa

Cmwrnwch yn siop roddion ein gardd goedwig; mae digon o ddeuws ar eich cyfeir, boed yn ddanierthion melys, anrhegion garddio neu gofrodion o'ch ymweliad.

Neu oedwch am rhw ychydig yn y siop llyfrau ail-law, uwch ben yr hystatiell de; i eistedd neu bori ar hvd y silffoedd, neu ewch ar dath rhodol o gwmpas Sir Benfro.

### Bwyta

Mae tannad i'w fwyta yn Ystatiell de y Botly yn bwysig os am flas go lawn o'r ffr. Mae ffriyrnau blaasus yn eich haros, neu ddiashed diwym a darn o deisen o'da.

### Lleoedd i aros

A wdddech chi bod modd aros yng Ngardd Goedwig Colby? Dewiswch o blich ein tr bwrthyn gwylau hysgryd, a mwythwch ryddid llwyr i grwydro'r ardd tra bwrddwch yn aros gyda ni. Archebwch trwy fynd ar [www.nationaltrustholidays.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrustholidays.org.uk)

### More to explore

Learn more about Colby Woodland Garden's story in the Botly. Our interpretation room has lots of information on the history, seasonal sights and what's on.

### Shopping

Have a browse of our woodland garden gift shop, whether you're looking for sweet treats, gardening goodies or souvenirs of your visit, there's lots to choose from.

Or take some time out in the second-hand bookshop, above the tea-room, to sit and browse through the titles, or go on a virtual tour of Pembrokeshire.

### Eating

A bite to eat at the Botly Tea-room is a must during your visit for a real flavour of the area. Tuck into freshly-made foodie favourites; enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake.

### Places to stay

Did you know that you can stay at Colby Woodland Garden? Take your pick from our three gorgeous holiday cottages and enjoy unlimited access to the gardens during your stay. Book via [www.nationaltrustholidays.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrustholidays.org.uk)



### Darnau defnyddiol

#### Croeso i gŵn

Gadwch eich ci dan reolaeth dynn os gwelwch yn dda. Mae croeso i gŵn ar demnyn byr ar y ddol blodau gwylt ac yn yr ardd goedlog ond nid yn yr ardd ffrwyg am fod gennym hwyaid yno.

#### Gofalu am yr ardd

Mae croeso i gŵn ar demnyn byr ar y ddol blodau gwylt ac yn yr ardd goedlog ond nid yn yr ardd ffrwyg am fod gennym hwyaid yno. Ry'n ni'n anelu tuag at gynhyrchu cyn lleied a phosib o wastraff yng Ngardd Goedwig Colby.

#### Diolch

Mae eich cefnogaeth yn ein helpu ni i warchod lleoedd arbennig fel Gardd Goedwig Colby ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol, felly diolch.

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### Handy hints

#### Dogs welcome

Please keep your dog under close control. Dogs on short leads are welcome in the wildflower meadow and woodland garden, but not in the walled garden due to our resident ducks.

#### Caring for the gardens

Help us to look after the landscape; please take everything you bring away with you to recycle at home including dog waste. We're working towards producing as little waste as possible at Colby Woodland Garden.

#### Thank you

Your support helps us safeguard special places like Colby Woodland Garden for future generations to enjoy; thank you.

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