

Tintinhull Garden Access Statement

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Introduction

Tintinhull Garden is a small garden with individual rooms of mixed borders, lawns, ponds, a kitchen garden and a woodland area. Dr Price began the layout of the garden with a path leading away from the house lined with box domes in the early 1900's. Phyllis and Captain Reiss moved into the house from Gloucestershire in 1933 and continued to develop and extend the garden. They had been inspired by Hidcote which can be seen in the layout today. Phyllis Reiss was an amateur plants woman of her time and had a good eye for design. Penelope Hobhouse lived here throughout the 1980's and developed the colour schemes further and introduced many of the pots. Her books are an important source of information for the garden team today.

NB: Mobile phone reception is adequate across the site. If you encounter any difficulties, please call the office number above as soon as you are able to. In case of an emergency call 999.

NB: Assistance dogs only are welcome in the garden. All dogs are welcome in the orchard and front courtyard. There is no shaded car parking available. Please be aware there are occasionally sheep in the orchards; please keep all dogs on leads if this is the case.

NB: There are areas of unfenced water. The pond in the Pond Garden is 1m deep. There are unfenced drops. There are unfenced beehives in the Woodland area.

NB: Most of the paths are uneven around the site and there are steps. It is not possible to navigate a wheelchair throughout the entire site. There are ramps available where we are able to provide them, but most are of a steep gradient (steeper than DDA recommendations).

Arrival & Parking Facilities

Tintinhull Garden is not well signposted outside of the village including from the A303 so follow signs for the village of Tintinhull; there are brown signs for the garden once you are in the village. The site is just up the road from the 'Crown & Victoria' pub. The car park has a grass surface and does not have any designated spaces for disabled persons to use. However, there is a drop off point for disabled visitors and blue badge holders outside of the main courtyard. Whilst this is on the road, the road ends at the farmyard next door so is infrequently used. Instead of turning right towards the main car park, continue straight on and drop off on the left outside the main black metal gates. The distance from the car park to the entrance gate of the garden is 150 yards (140 m).

WCs

There is a wheelchair accessible toilet inside the garden; the door opens to the right. There is a shallow ramp into the room and enough space to turn a wheelchair within. The floor is resin covered concrete. A second toilet contains baby changing facilities. There are ceiling mounted motion sensor activated lights in both toilets plus natural window light. Both toilet facilities have automatic hand dryers. There are no adult changing facilities.

Courtyard

The entrance to the courtyard and garden is over uneven cobbles. It is 22 yards (20 m) from the disabled drop off spaces to reception across the front courtyard. The courtyard is on a slight slope downwards from the entrance gate, and there is a small curb (uneven, but approx. 3 inches (8 cm)) around 3 sides of the courtyard. There is no curb in front of the reception, visitors with wheelchairs and mobility scooters may access the path to the garden from this point.

Visitor reception

The visitor reception is 22 yards (20 m) through the courtyard, located in an old barn. The courtyard is constructed of uneven cobbles and York stone paving, if you have a carer helping with a wheelchair please be aware of low hanging branches of Wisteria over the entrance. It can be a little dark inside but there is natural and electric light. If the weather allows, there are some tables in the courtyard which a wheelchair can be pushed right up to. We have one wheelchair available for our visitors to use.

Garden

Visitors will receive a property map at reception. There is a small but steep ramp (1:1 gradient) from the courtyard over the door lip and down 1 step into the garden. There are a further 3 steps down into the garden, and a ramp to the right-hand-side of a steep gradient (1:6).



Steep gradient ramp



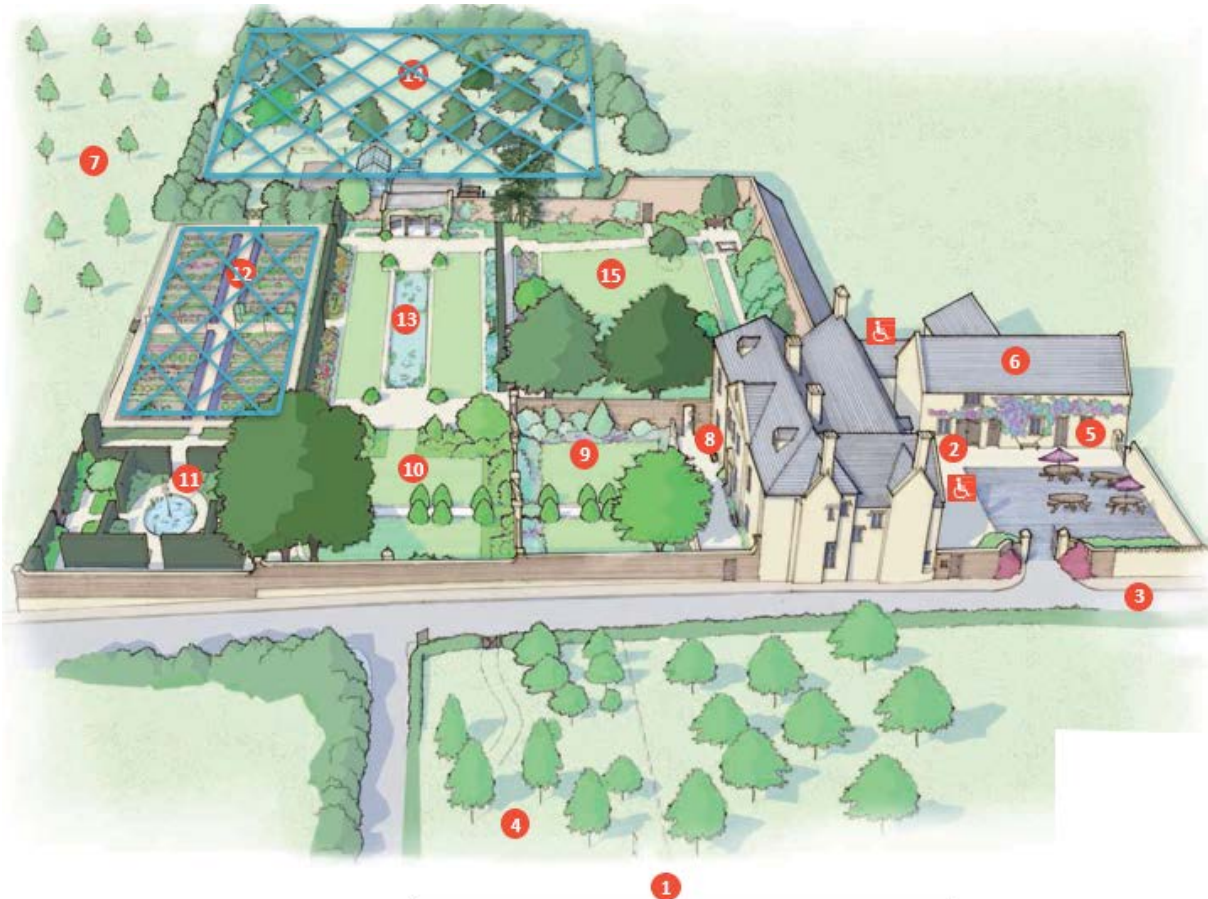
Uneven, narrow path

There are benches with arm rests in the garden. It can be difficult to navigate some areas of the garden in a wheelchair due to slopes, and uneven and narrow paths. It is not possible to navigate wheelchairs around the whole garden due to the width of the paths in Cedar Court and the layout of the garden in the kitchen garden. There is a narrow path of 24 inches (60 cm) along the east boundary of Cedar Court, which is flanked by plant beds on either side. There are 2 steps between Cedar Court and the Pool Garden, these can be avoided by taking the route though Eagle Court and Middle Garden. There are steps from all directions into the Kitchen Garden, and at present there is no wheelchair access to this area.

There are open water features in the Pond Garden and Fountain Garden. The stones in the Fountain Garden are uneven. There is a flat concrete lip around the pool in the Pool Garden, and grass around either side.

The paths are uneven and can be slippery when wet so please take care around the grounds.

Map



- 1. Parking
- 2. Reception/Entrance
- 3. Disabled parking
- 4. Family picnic area
- 5. Tea Room
- 6. Village Exhibition
- 7. Orchard
- 8. West Terrace
- 9. Eagle Court
- 10. Middle Garden
- 11. Fountain Garden
- 12. Kitchen Garden
- 13. Pool Garden
- 14. Woodland Walk
- 15. Cedar Court

Please note:

The areas in blue hatching are inaccessible for wheelchairs.

The shop and tea-room are closed.

Areas 8, 9, and 10 have steep slopes (1:6, steeper than DDA recommendations)