Welcome

The Vyne Estate
House, gardens and countryside

For ever, for everyone
We ask that you look after our flowers, take your litter home with you and leave balls, Frisbees and bikes at home when enjoying the grounds. The mansion is an accredited museum containing over 3500 objects

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Explore the heart of a country estate…

Discover the beautiful formal gardens and woodland which surround a Tudor palace that became a family home.

The house was built by Henry VIII’s Lord Chamberlain with alterations and additions made throughout its life under the guardianship of two influential families.

Find out about the families that owned The Vyne, and its famous visitors which include Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I and Jane Austen.

The Vyne has a rich and vibrant history that will captivate and inspire you.

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Top 5 things to see at The Vyne

Where inspiration lies

- **Hundred Guinea Oak**: Legend has it that in about 1800 the admiralty made an offer to William John Chute for an oak tree near the Summerhouse. The initial offer was refused, so an increase of 5% to 100 guineas was made. He refused again, saying that if it increased in value that much over night, he would hang on to it. The oak is known as 'The 100 Guinea Oak'.

- **Oak Gallery**: A richly decorated and fine example of a surviving Tudor long gallery. The beautiful carved panelling is as it would have been for the visit of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.

- **Stained Glass**: Come and see our beautiful stained glass returned home following an ambitious six month conservation project.

- **Walled Garden**: Come and see our lovely walled garden tended by our Volunteers and the charity Thrive. Seasonal produce is available to purchase in the garden.

- **Ante Chapel**: Seventy truncheons are lined up and numbered on parade. They were used by the Special Constables of East Sherborne during the Corn Law disturbances of the 1840’s.

**Distances**

- Visitor reception to toilets: 100 metres approximately
- Visitor reception to house entrance: 675 metres approximately
- Buggy stop to house entrance: 225 metres approximately
- House to bird hide: 1000 metres approximately

**How much time do you have?**

1 hour:
- Visit the house and chat to our friendly and knowledgeable room guides to discover stories and secrets of changing fortunes and legends.

2 hours:
- Wander around the gardens and enjoy The Vyne's tranquil majesty then why not watch the world go by while you enjoy some delicious tea and cake in the Brewhouse tea-room. Finish your day with a visit to the Coach House shop and see the range of beautiful products for your perusal.

3 hours:
- Take in the wider estate with our waymarked routes around Morgastan Woods with glorious glimpses of wildlife and nature. If you fancy getting the mind racing and the blood pumping, time yourself or race each other on the permanent orienteering courses. Or go treasure hunting with our geocache trail.

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**Hours of service are principally 10:15am to approximately 5pm**

For those visitors who feel they can’t make the journey from the visitor reception to the house, we have an electric golf buggy for your convenience. This service is run by our dedicated team of volunteers and is therefore subject to availability.

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