Explore our world class gardens

The gardens reflect a rich tapestry of design and planting artistry bearing the hallmark of its creator, Edith, Lady Londonderry. The mild climate of Strangford Lough allows rare and tender plants from across the globe to thrive in this celebrated garden. Each of the formal gardens exudes a distinct character and appeal.

Voted in the top ten gardens in the world.

Further afield, visitors can enjoy the beautifully landscaped and informal grounds surrounding the picturesque lake walk. There is opportunity to view the restoration of the walled rose garden, gradually being brought back to life and walk amongst the many ferns in our recently extended Fernery.

The Shamrock Garden reflects Edith’s love of Irish mythology and the topiary surmounting the Shamrock hedge is a beautifully depicted children’s story. Visitors can keep an eye out for the topiary statue being created depicting a Formorian (a half human, half demon) that is associated with Strangford Lough.

Mount Stewart is a delight for the senses with a series of formal themed garden compartments around the house including The Italian, Spanish, Mairi and Shamrock Garden.

Take a walk through the demesne

Stroll around miles of new walking trails and discover a landscape lost in time. Taking in the stunning views from the Temple of the Winds, our trails will take you through magical woodland and farmland, set within an iconic rolling drumlin landscape beside Strangford Lough.

Opening times

Gardens
Open daily
1 January–3 March 10am–4pm
4 March–29 October 10am–6pm
30 October–31 December 10am–4pm

House
Open daily
4 March–29 October 11am–5pm

Open weekends
4 November–31 December 11am–3pm

Temple of the winds
Open Sundays
3 March–30 October 2pm–5pm

Note: last admission to the house is 45 minutes before closing. Last admission to the gardens is 1 hour before closing.

Welcome and orientation information

Welcome and orientation guide provided on arrival

Parking
Coach parking available. Coach drop-off and pick-up facility provided

House access
Free flow or by pre booked tour with an experienced guide at no additional cost

Garden access
Free flow or by pre booked guided tour

Demesne access
Free flow or by pre booked guided tour

Dwell time
Average 2 hours

Group rate
Minimum group size 15 people

Group driver/guide
Complimentary admission and refreshments (tea/coffee/scone)

Events
Programme on offer throughout the year

Refreshments
Tea-room opens daily, indoor and outdoor seating available

Shopping
Bespoke souvenirs and locally hand-crafted gifts available

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Optional extras (per person rate)
Guided garden tour: £5.00
Guided demesne tour: £5.00
Guided house tour with House and collection manager: £5.00

(Additional charge for guided tours also applies to National Trust members)

Accessability
- Disabled parking available
- Adapted toilet located on site
- Lake walk wheelchair friendly
- Mobility scooters on site (subject to availability)
- Garden incorporates steps and paths so not always suitable for wheelchairs
- Guide dogs permitted in the house and Temple of the Winds

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