

A scenic view of a park with a gazebo, autumn trees, and people. The gazebo is a white structure with a domed roof and ornate metalwork. Three people are standing in front of it, looking towards the background. The trees are in various stages of autumn, with some showing bright red leaves and others yellow. The ground is covered in green grass.

Enjoy and explore

Group Visits Brochure 2026



A 100 acre arboretum..

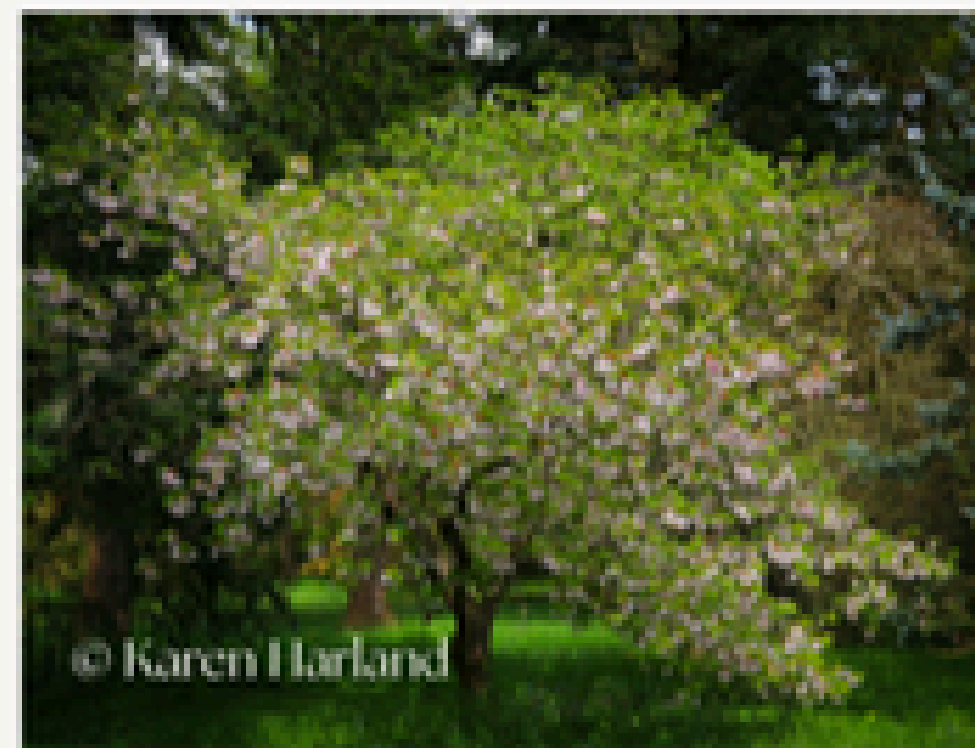
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The ever-changing beauty of Thorp Perrow provides a stunning 100-acre backdrop for relaxing strolls, wellbeing, and inspiration. The Arboretum is a historical living collection of trees from all over the world, some incredibly rare, some unusual and many ancient, including 5 National Plant Collections.

One of the most important Arboretums in the North of England, Thorp Perrow is unique to Britain, if not Europe, in that it was the creation of one man, Colonel Sir Leonard Ropner (1895-1977). His son, Sir John Ropner (1937-2016) and wife, Niki, then went on to develop the Arboretum you see today. Sir Henry Ropner, his wife, Natasha and family are the current custodians.



Thorp Perrow was created by Colonel Sir Leonard Ropner and showcased his dedication and passion for trees. After his family bought the estate, at 32 years old he soon began the planning and planting of the Arboretum. It is not clear where this great love for trees came from, but his foresight and vision have created one of the most important and special collections in the country.



The arboretum provides seasonal interest all year round, from the blossom and bluebells in the spring to the vivid golden colours of autumn. We celebrate the changing seasons with a host of events including an exciting line-up of trails and workshops.

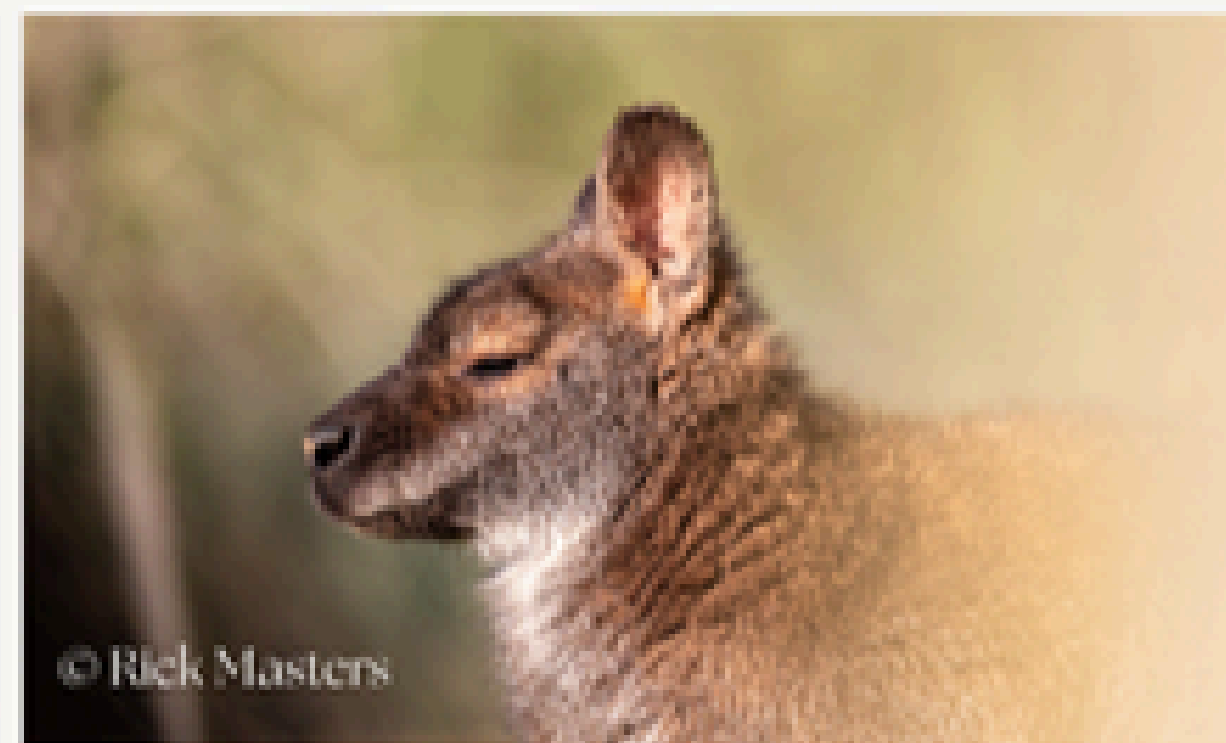
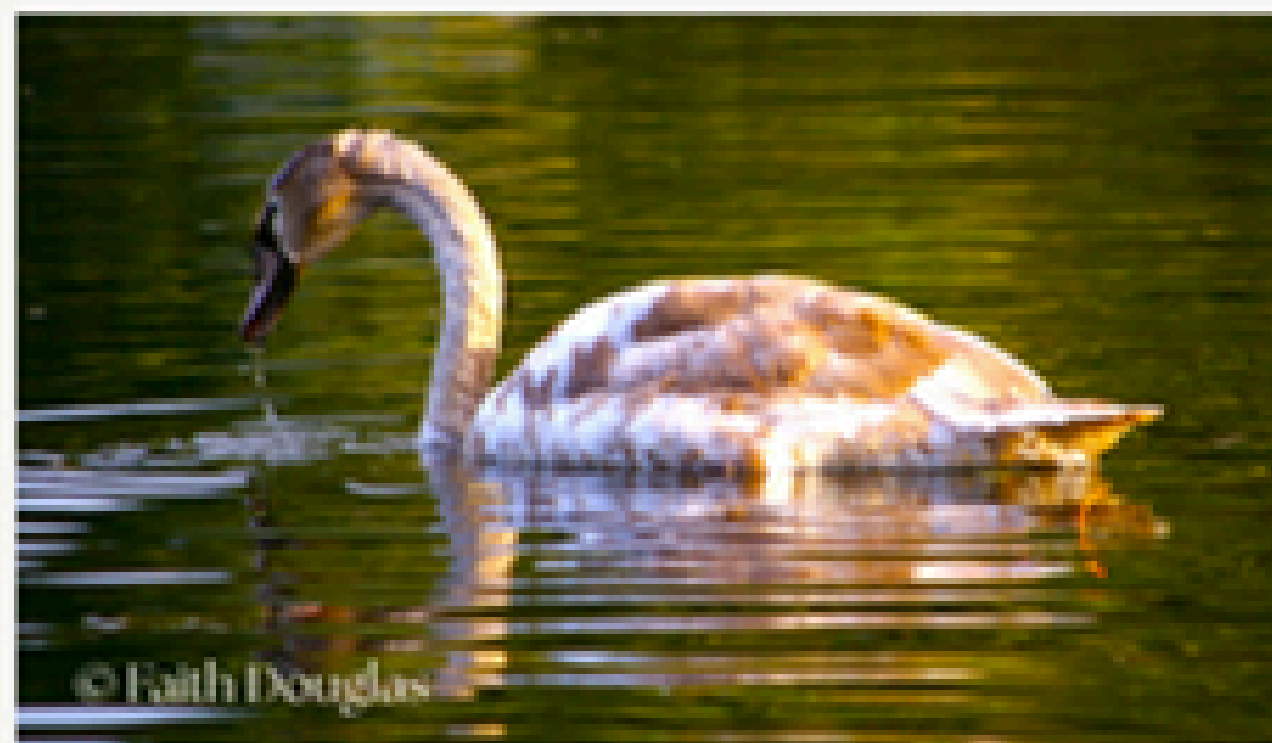
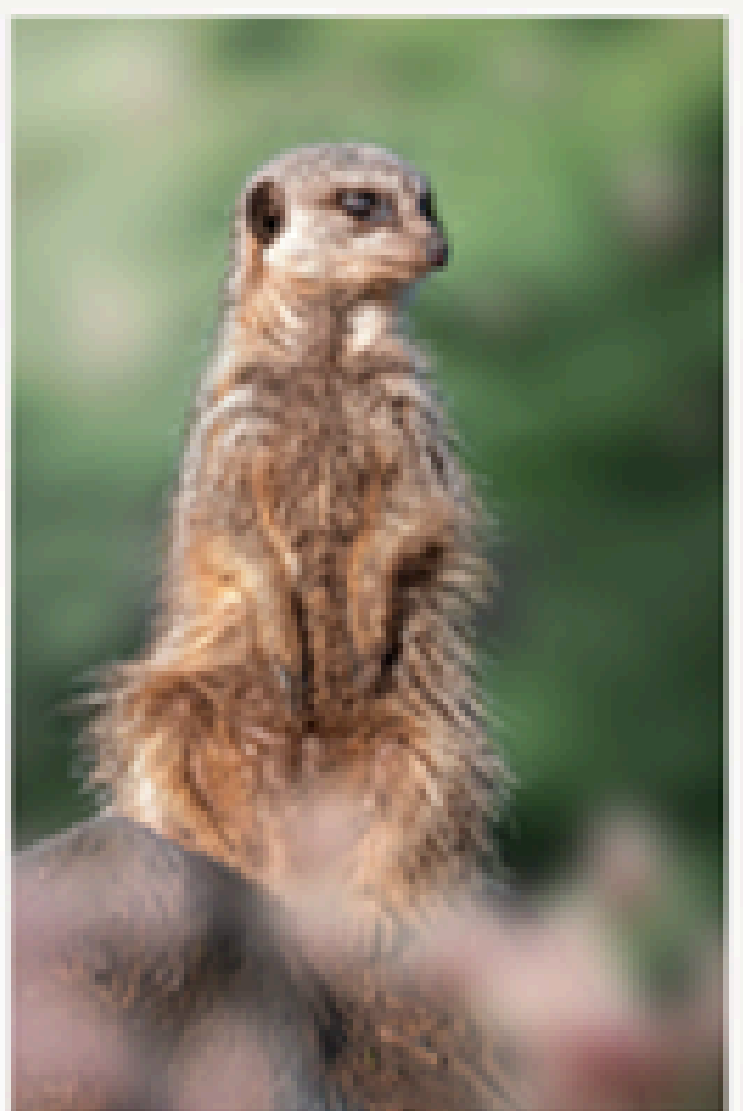
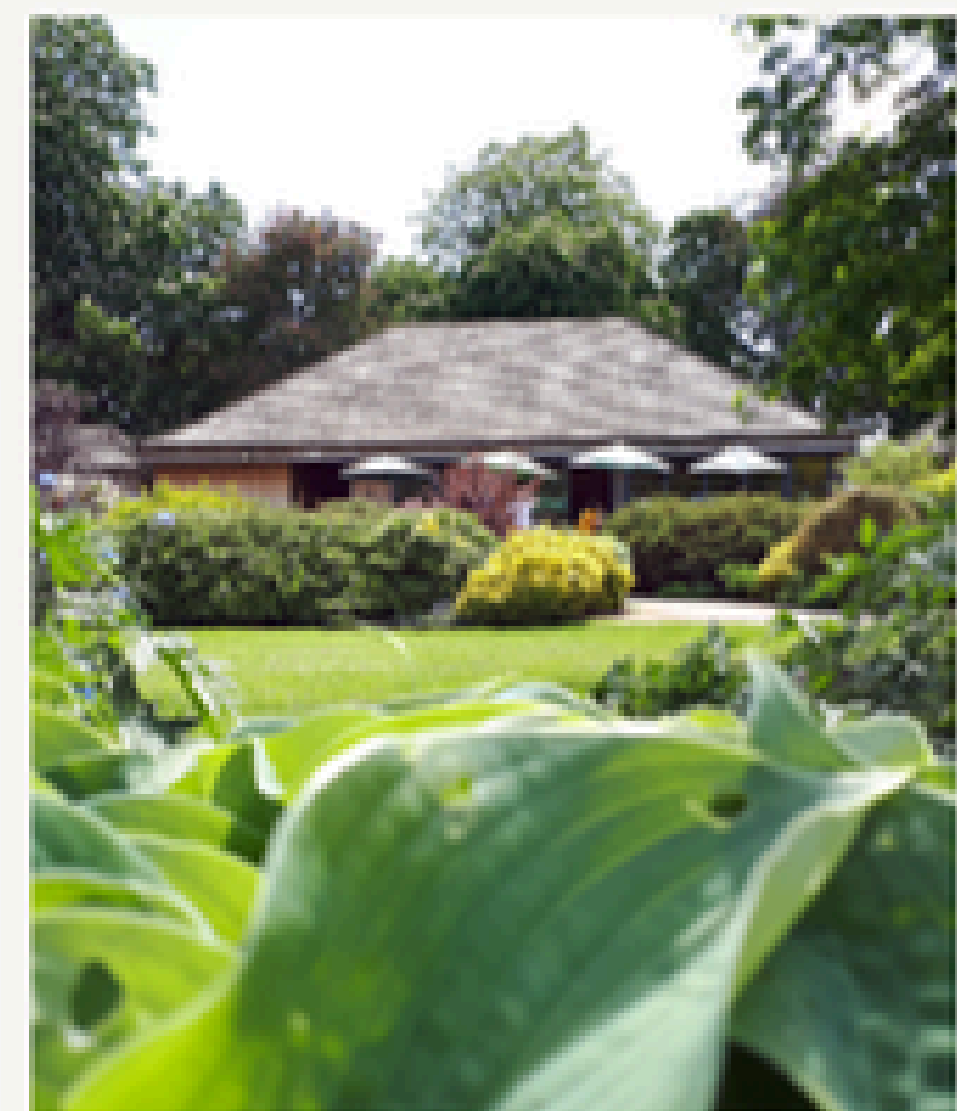
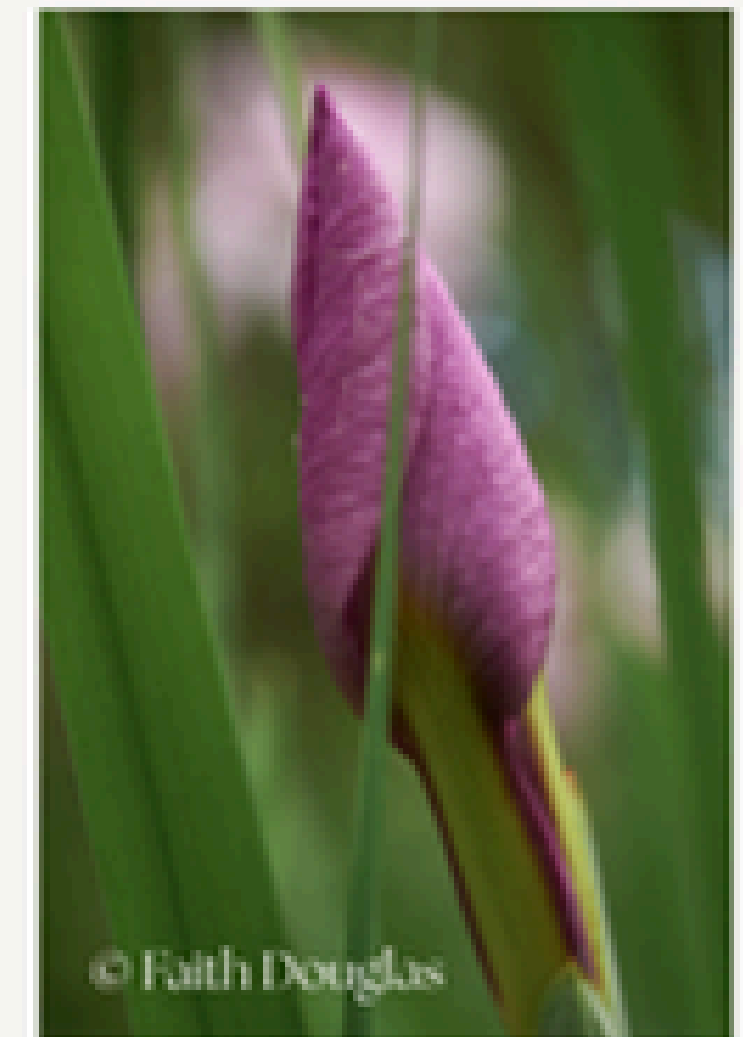
The Bird of Prey and Mammal Centre

With almost 100 birds from all over the world, the Bird of Prey Centre is home to a huge variety of spectacular raptors. There are daily flying displays (times vary with the season), which are both entertaining and educational. In our Mammal Centre, you can see meerkats, pygmy goats, and hand feed wallabies on a wander through the enclosure.

Tearoom

Our licensed Tea Room serves a mouth-watering selection of seasonal lunches, light bites, hot and cold drinks, and homemade treats that you can enjoy both inside our tearoom or outside on the patio and lawned seating areas overlooking the gardens. Be sure to look out for our delicious weekend specials.

Or why not enjoy a traditional Afternoon Tea in the beautiful surrounds of the Arboretum! Delight in a delicious selection of sandwiches and quiche followed by homemade scones and sweet treats.



Making your visit even more memorable...

We have lots of extra special experiences available to book to make your group visit even more memorable and inspiring. Whether that's a guided tour highlighting the best of the seasons, a gardening demonstration with our Head Gardener or taking time in nature with a wellness experience or creative workshop.



We'll come to you...

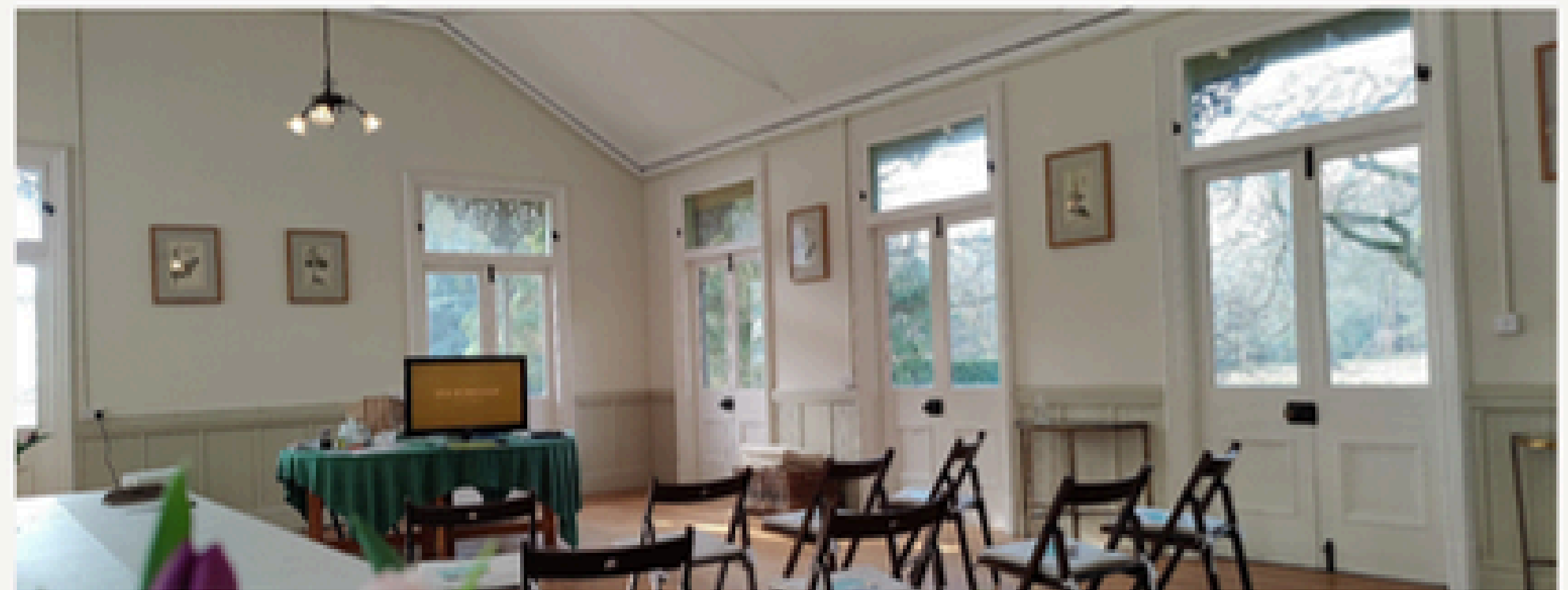


From our curator to our gardeners, we have plenty of expertise in horticulture, wellness and plant science that we'd love to share with you.

Whilst there's no magic quite like being at the Arboretum in person, we are happy to travel to select events to share our knowledge and passion with you, giving your group a chance to hear from our fantastic team about gardening, trees and so much more.

Interested in booking a talk or a group visit....

Head to page 10 to find out how to get in touch with us and make a booking.



An extra special treat...

Enjoy a traditional Afternoon Tea in the beautiful surrounds of the Arboretum!

Our afternoon tea includes a delicious selection of sandwiches and quiche followed by homemade scones and sweet treats – all exquisitely served in our tearoom or available to takeaway.

And why not feel even more spoiled by indulging in a bottle of Prosecco to make your charming afternoon complete?

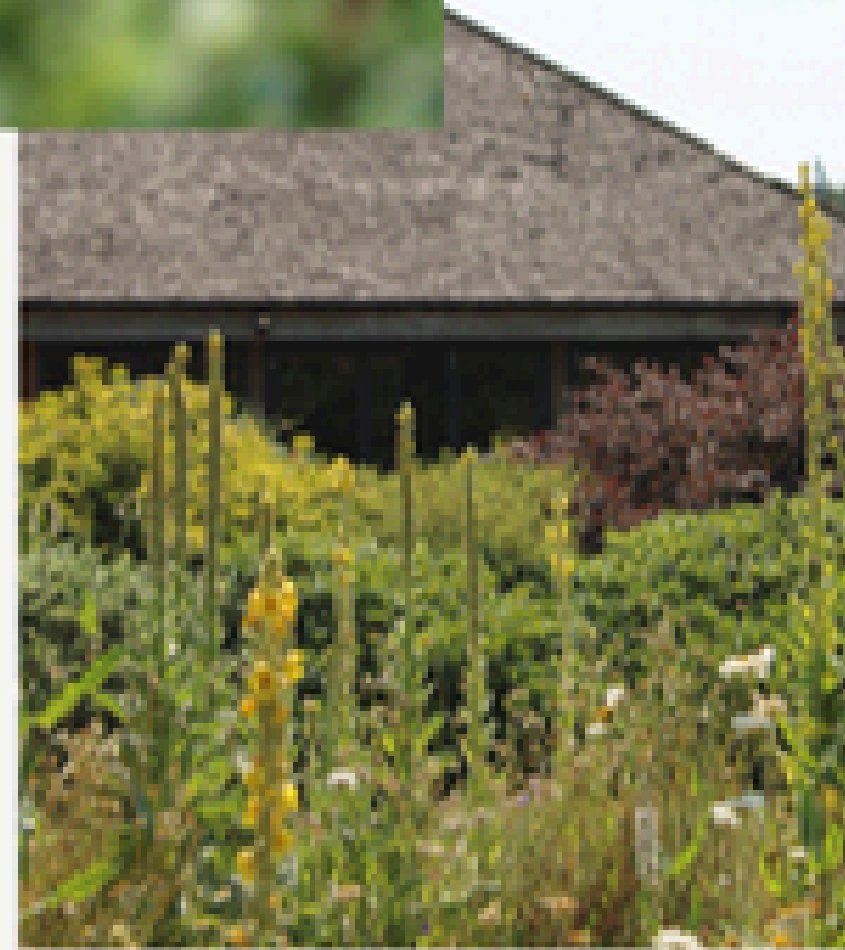
You can also enjoy one of our tasty picnic hampers, available to enjoy anywhere in the grounds of our arboretum.



Please make our team aware if you wish to use the tearoom with your group. Afternoon Teas and Picnic Hampers must be pre-booked and cannot be purchased on the day.

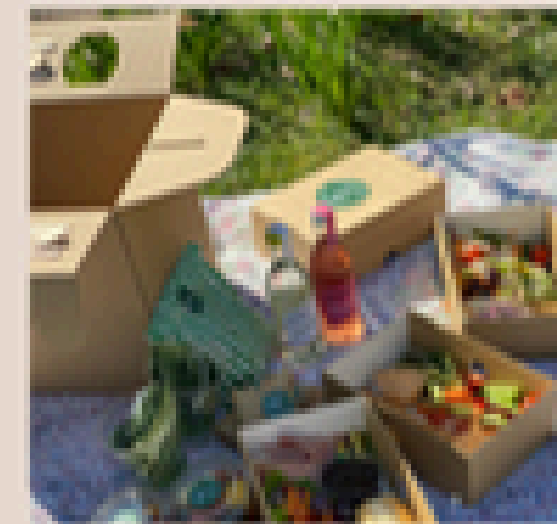
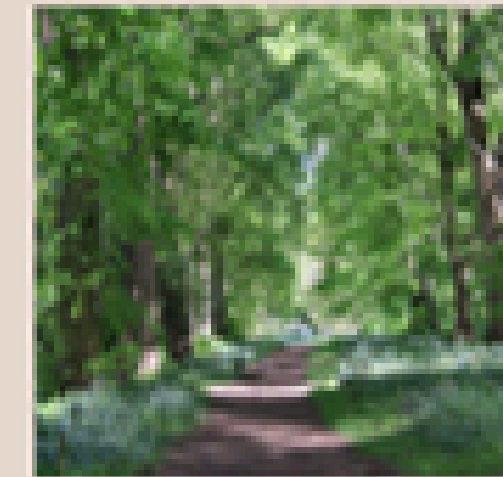
Making your visit as easy as possible...

If you're looking for inspiration, why not take advantage of one of our seasonal itineraries, and allow us to create the perfect day out for you at Thorp Perrow.



Summer Group Visit Itinerary

10:30 - Start your day with a **guided tour of the arboretum**, led by one of our knowledgeable volunteers. Take in the highlights of the summer season in the **wildflower meadow**, and wander through our **National Collection of Lime Trees**.

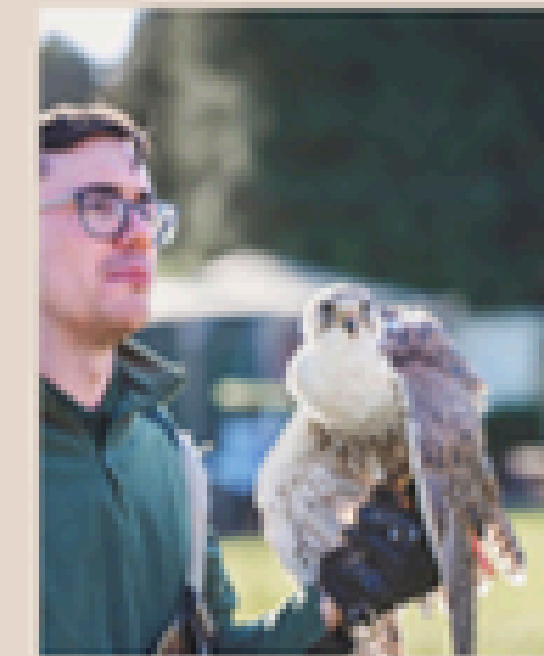


12:00 - Return to the **Tearoom** to pick up your beautifully curated **picnic boxes**, filled with lots of delicious treats. Enjoy your lunch in our beautiful Tearoom or in the surrounds of the Arboretum.

13:30 - Take in a **flying display** at the **Bird of Prey Centre** and watch as the birds swoop and soar, all with the excellent commentary of the knowledgeable team.

14:30 - Arrive at our beautiful **summerhouse** overlooking the lake for an inspiring **talk and demonstration in the art of propagation**, with our **Head Gardener Jack**.

16:00 - Scroll back through the Arboretum to the exit and perhaps pick up a souvenir or treat in the Garden Centre on the way out. We hope you enjoyed your visit and will come back and see us again soon!



Take a look around...

From peaceful woodland walks to hidden gems – explore our map to plan your perfect day.



Group Visits - Good to know

- Sheltered picnic areas are available. Take-away hot and cold drinks and lunches are available from the tearoom. Children's menu and pre-ordering service is also available.
- The majority of the Arboretum is wheelchair accessible, and we have a mobility scooter available for hire. (This should be pre-booked at a cost of £5 for 3 hours).
- We recommend a minimum visit period of 2 hours to visit the Arboretum, or 3 hours to include the Bird of Prey & Mammal Centre.
- An invoice will be provided after your visit. This invoice must be paid within 30 days of the visit date. Payment by card, cheque or BACS accepted.
- We try to accommodate all booking requests, however on occasion we may have to reject an application. We treat group bookings on a 'first come, first served' basis,.
- Thorp Perrow Season Tickets and other discounted entry cards are not permitted in conjunction with a group booking.



Prices - 2026

General Visit Prices- Groups Discount:

For group visits of 10 people or more, pre-booked visits only:

Adults Group Ticket (Group Leaders go free)	£11.95
Child (Age 4 - 16) Group Ticket	£7.75
<i>Please see our website for other concessions</i>	

Guided Tours:

Guided Tour - 1 hour, Max group size 25	From £50.00
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Additional Experiences:

Private Gardening Demonstrations	From £25pp
Private Creative Workshops & Wellness Experiences	POA
Private Bird of Prey Display	POA
Summerhouse / Bandstand exclusive hire	From £30 per day
Talks offsite - <i>please note this price is dependent on travel distance, presenter and duration of talk</i>	POA

For tearoom and afternoon tea prices please get in touch

We'd love to hear from you...

We hope this brochure has inspired you to book a group visit to Thorp Perrow Arboretum. If you have any questions or wish to make a booking, please don't hesitate to reach out, we'd love to hear from you.

Opening Times:

Arboretum: 10:00 - 17:00

Tearoom: 10:00 - 16:00

Garden Centre: 10:00 - 17:00

Please note: during adverse weather conditions, these times may change, please check our social media for updates.



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