

GROUP BOOKING INFORMATION 2018

Stunning spring displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias



Herbaceous borders of exotic summer colour
Autumn splendour and fabulous fungi

Exhibitions

Our website is regularly updated with details of forthcoming exhibitions held in the Five Arrows Gallery, set within our Gardens.

How to Get to Exbury

20 minutes south of junction 2, M27 West. Take the A326 and follow the brown tourist signs to Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway. Approximate driving times: Southampton – 30 minutes, Bournemouth – 60 minutes, Oxford – 1 hour 30 minutes, London – 2 hours.

Payment – Payment for group visits can be made in advance or on arrival.

We politely ask that final numbers are confirmed to us 48 hours before arrival date.

Pre-payment – Cheques should be made payable to Exbury Gardens Ltd. Payment can be made by credit card by phoning the Group Bookings Administrator on 02380 891203.

Payment on arrival – If payment is to be made on arrival, the Group Organiser or Coach Driver should approach our designated group entrance and pay for all the gardens admissions. Pre-booked Steam Railway tickets will be available for collection at this point.

Date Exclusions – (only railway) - Groups cannot be booked during our Halloween event.



Exbury
GARDENS
& Steam Railway

How to find us



Exbury Gardens, SO45 1AZ.

Free Parking

Only 20 minutes from M27 junction 2 west

Contact information

Tel: 02380 891203

Email: info@exbury.co.uk

Mr Eddy's Tea Rooms

Tel: 02380 898737

website: www.exbury.co.uk

Registered Charity: Exbury Gardens Ltd. Registered Charity 801349

We reserve the right to close the gardens due to bad weather without prior notice. Please call or check the website for details and updates.

Group Organiser receives free entry into the Gardens and a free ride on the Exbury Steam Railway. Coach drivers are entitled to free entry into the Gardens, a train ride and a discount in Mr Eddy's Tea Rooms.

Exbury's beautiful woodland garden covers 200 acres and is a jewel in the heart of the New Forest National Park. Created by Lionel de Rothschild in 1919, Exbury is a spectacular gardens offering natural beauty and horticultural variety on the edge of the Beaulieu River. This earthly paradise offers a riot of colour in spring, an oasis of tranquillity in summer followed by a spectacular show as the leaves change in autumn.

	Adult / Senior Admission	Child under 16 Must be accompanied by a paying adult	Railway Tickets Under 3 ride for free	Explore by Buggy Individual tickets may be purchased on arrival. See overleaf for Chartered Experience details	
Group prices* 2018	£9.00	£4.00	£4.00 If booked in advance £5.00 if purchased on arrival	£5.00 * allocation on a first-come first-served basis	Chartered Buggy £100.00

*A group constitutes 15 or more paying adults and the 'Group Concessionary Admission Prices' to the Gardens are as above.



Flowering Seasons

March – Daffodils, heathers, camellias, magnolias

April – Magnolias, rhododendrons, primroses

May – Rhododendrons, azaleas, bluebells, wisteria

June – Water Gardens, candelabra primulas, Stewartias

July – Summer Lane Garden (Railway), wild flowers, Herbaceous beds

August – Hydrangeas, eucryphas, shady riverside walks, Herbaceous perennials

September – Herbaceous beds and exotic flowers in the Sundial Garden. Hydrangeas and early autumn colour

October – Autumn colour of maples, sweet gums and dogwoods, nerines and National Collection of Nyssa and Oxydendrum

November – Late autumn colour and fabulous fungi

Guided Tours

Guided tours are a maximum of 25 people per guide.

Meet & Greet £50

A 30 minute introduction to the Gardens and their history, with a summary of current flowering conditions. Usually taken with a gentle stroll towards Home Wood but can also take place on a coach or – if previously arranged with the Exbury caterers – in Mr Eddy's Tea Rooms.

Senior Guide Tour £80

A 1½ - 2 hour historical tour of the Gardens, recounting stories and anecdotes of the de Rothschild family and visiting the best of the colour. Tour starts at the Visitor Entrance and can finish within the Gardens, at the Steam Railway, Five Arrows Gallery or the Visitor Entrance.

Head Gardener Tour £100

For the more specialist group, tours can focus by request on any aspect of the horticultural collection according to the season – camellias, magnolias, rhododendrons, azaleas, summer exotics or autumn colour. Lots of advice and tips will be passed on. Sensory tours available. Tours last two hours.

The Exbury Gardens Steam Railway

The popular Exbury narrow gauge Steam Railway takes visitors on a magical journey around the north-east corner of the Gardens and through the Summer Lane Garden planted with bulbs, herbaceous

perennials and grasses. The journey includes a bridge, tunnel and our Dragonfly Pond. The Steam Railway celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2011 with a visit from HRH The Prince of Wales (following in his mother's footsteps) and The Duchess of Cornwall. Visit 'The Dream that Became Steam' walk-through exhibition in the Engine Shed. Trains depart Exbury Central regularly from 12 noon*. Tickets can be ordered in advance at a discounted rate of £4.00, or can be purchased on arrival at the Gardens for £5.00.

*During busy periods or on Special Event days, timings may differ. Changes will be advertised at the Visitor Entrance.

Access For All

Exbury Gardens is widely accessible, with the majority of pathways on level ground. Wheelchairs are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. The buggy and Steam Railway are good ways of seeing the Gardens with your feet up! The Steam Railway has 4 wheelchair-friendly carriages. Mr Eddy's Tea Rooms is also accessible. Toilets and baby changing facilities are available.

Exbury Buggy Service

Exbury's scheduled chauffeur-driven buggy trips are available throughout the year to transport visitors between points of interest in the Gardens. This service is extremely popular and

waiting times are likely on busy days. Buggies seat 12 passengers and places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets must be purchased on arrival at the Gardens.

Catering at Exbury

Our catering team at Mr Eddy's Tea Rooms would be delighted to discuss group lunch menus for your party. Early morning tea/coffee and pastries, lunches and afternoon cream teas may all be pre-booked for your group. For menu and specific dietary requirements please telephone 02380 898737 or you can email an enquiry to info@exbury.co.uk.

Additional catering at the Tennis Court Tea Garden will be open daily during the

year at various times, serving a selected range of refreshments subject to the weather.

Visiting Times

We recommend you allow a minimum 2½ – 3 ½ hours to explore the Gardens (but up to 5-6 hours in the spring), plus time to spend in the Tea Rooms and on the Steam Railway.

Exbury Chartered Buggy Service

£100 Jun-Oct. Your group will ride with one of our knowledgeable and friendly buggy chauffeurs on a 45 minute trip around the gardens. Up to 12 passengers per tour and gardens admission is also required.

Pre-booking essential and subject to availability.

Call: 023 8089 1203

