

THE PLACE FOR PLANTS

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GROUP INFORMATION 2023

We welcome groups of any size to the garden at East Bergholt Place. The 20 acre garden and arboretum is open from March until the autumn and is worth a visit at any time of year.

Snowdrops are followed by a splendid display of daffodils early in the year and the start of the Magnolias and Camellias. The Snakeshead Fritillaries in April/May are worth a visit together with the Rhododendrons and Azaleas and later flowered Magnolias. The ever increasing collection of flowering Cornus in June together with Stewartia and rambling roses is beautiful. The bog bed comes into its own with a mass of colour through the summer. There are fine examples of yew topiary a variety of ornamental ponds and later on in the year a stroll down to the far ponds to see the collection of Hydrangea is worth the walk. September brings the interesting and unusual fruits and autumn colours of the National collection of Deciduous Euonymus, followed by the many fruiting Sorbus and Crab Apples. The Garden is Spectacular in the autumn with magnificent colours. Although the garden officially closes at the end of September we are able to book in tours in October and November so please do not let this put you off.

Rupert Eley is delighted to take groups around the garden and these can be arranged either midweek or in the evening (but not at weekends or in July, August and September). The cost is £10 per person for groups of 15 and more and all payments must be made by the group leader on behalf of the group. In the event Rupert is not available Sara (Rupert's wife) may take you around.

If you would like to make your own way round the garden without a guided tour the cost is £9.00 per person (April to June and October) £8.00 per person (March and July to September) in the group paid by the group leader and we ask you to pre book.

Although we are a free access garden for Royal Horticultural Society members this does not apply to groups of 10 or more, or visits on Sundays.

We have a Café: coffee/teas and home-made cakes are available. It is helpful to be given rough numbers for larger groups for catering. We have toilet facilities (including disabled). We run a specialist plant centre which has been set up in the Victorian walled garden and this will be open for any visit.

We recommend about 2 hours for a visit, a guided tour will last about 1 hour 30 minutes and will leave your group time to ask questions or browse the Plant Centre. We also recommend sensible, stout, outdoor shoes and to carry a stick, as most of the grass paths can be uneven, slippery and wet at times.

Booking for a large party is essential, we can then reserve parking on the hard gravel and be on site to welcome you. We would ask you always confirm your booking about 10 days before with numbers.

Directions: The best way to approach is from the A12: take the B1070, sign posted East Bergholt, stay on the B1070 driving toward Manningtree; pass two pubs on your right, the High School on your left and leave the 30 mile limit; continue for another half mile until you re-enter the 30 mile limit, we are on the left; exactly 2 miles from the A12 on the B1070. For satnav post code CO7 6UP.

We hope this is of interest but please do not hesitate to contact Sara Eley for more information, to confirm visits and arrange teas etc.

GROUP INFORMATION BOOKING FORM 2023

NAME OF GROUP:

CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS:

TEL NO:

E-Mail address:

DATE OF VISIT:

TIME:

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

PRICE QUOTED:

GUIDED TOUR: YES/NO

REFRESHMENT REQUESTED:

TRANSPORT:

ANY OTHER INFORMATION:

Please note that the paths in the garden are grass and can become uneven and slippery at times, particularly after rain. It is the garden tour leader's responsibility to pass this information on to their group and advise them to wear sensible, stout outdoor shoes, carry sticks and take care not to slip over in the garden because this may cause an injury.

Visitors to the garden walk around entirely at their own risk.

Signed.....Group Leader