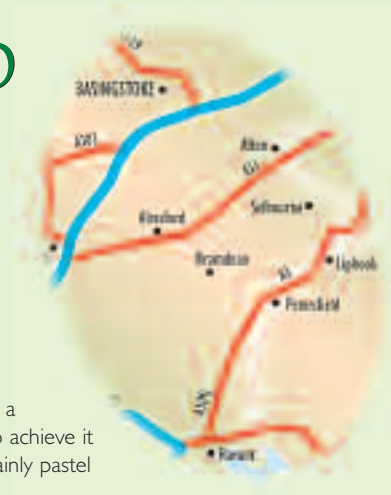


# MODERN MASTERS AND OLD WORLD CHARM

## More Gardens of the Hampshire Countryside



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### Hinton Ampner Garden

'I have learned during the past years what above all I want from a garden: this is tranquillity', said Ralph Dutton, Lord Sherborne. To achieve it he united a formal layout with varied and informal planting in mainly pastel shades and, in so doing, created one of the great gardens of the 20th century. It is a masterpiece of design, offering lasting interest with scented plants, magnificent topiary and

unexpected vistas over the park and the rolling Hampshire landscape beyond. The garden forms the link between the parkland planting, begun in 1930, and the house, which he remodelled into a small neo-Georgian manor house in 1936. It was altered further after a major fire in 1960 and today contains his very fine collection of English furniture, Italian paintings and hard-stones. Every aspect of the design and decoration at Hinton Ampner reflects Ralph Dutton's sure eye and fine aesthetic judgement.

Hinton Ampner Garden, Bramdean, Nr Alresford, Hampshire.  
Tel: 01962 771305 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

Open: Apr-Sept; please telephone for details. Admission: House & Garden: Adults £5.50, Children £2.75; Garden: Adults £4.50, Children £2.25.



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### Staunton Country Park

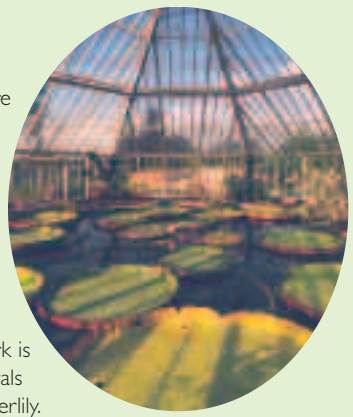
The exuberant spirit of the great Regency pleasures gardens lives on in this most charming of country parks. In 1820, the 1000-acre parkland was purchased by orientalist, botanist and traveller Sir George Staunton, who spent the next forty years landscaping the beautiful pleasure grounds. An ongoing programme of restoration means that visitors of all ages can still enjoy his

sense and style and fun, in landscaped gardens, lakes and follies and the many other memorable features which he established here. Chief amongst them are the huge tropical glasshouses (growing everything from palms to pineapples, bananas to bamboos) the Lily House or the Ornamental Farm, housing friendly and unusual animals. Recent additions include the Puzzle Garden and its traditional yew Golden Jubilee Maze. The park is a popular place for walking and other outdoor pastimes which it complements with festivals and music and heritage events, including the 150th anniversary of the Giant Amazon Waterlily.

Middle Park Way, Havant, Hampshire PO9 5HB. Tel: 023 9245 3405 [www.hants.gov.uk/leisure/coparks/staunton](http://www.hants.gov.uk/leisure/coparks/staunton)

Open: All year except Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Admission: Adults £4.30, Children £3.30, Senior Citizens £3.90. Concessions.



### OTHER PLACES TO VISIT...

#### GILBERT WHITE'S HOUSE & THE OATES MUSEUM

Selborne, Hampshire. Tel: 01420 511275

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Open: Daily, 1st Jan-24th Dec.

Admission: Adults £4.50, Children £1. Concessions.



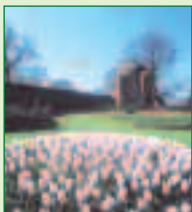
#### THE VYNE

Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, Hants RG24 9HL. Tel: 01256 883858  
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Attractive grounds of 16th century house, with herbaceous borders and a wild garden, lawns, lakes and secluded woodland walks.

Open: Grounds: 1 Feb-28 Mar Sat & Sun, 11.00-17.00; 29 Mar-2 Nov Sat-Wed, 11.00-17.00. House: 29 Mar-2 Nov Mon-Wed, 13.00-17.00; Sat & Sun 11.00-17.00.

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