JEWELS IN THE CROWN

Gardens of Surrey and the Royal Borough

Savill Garden

FARMANT . A world famous 'gem' of the Crown Estate, this 35-acre woodland garden in Windsor Great Park was established in 1932 by Deputy Ranger Eric Savill, under the auspices of King George V and Queen Mary. The garden took his name in 1951 and Sir Eric was knighted in 1955. His vision and expertise

transformed this boggy area of the Park into a pageant of ever changing, colourful scenes: spectacular spring displays; formal rose gardens and herbaceous borders for summer; bold, flaming colours for autumn and misty vistas for winter. Recent additions to the garden still enjoy close royal connections. The unique Temperate House which shelters frosttender plants - a "piece of woodland under glass" - was named for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 1995. Her Majesty also opened the Golden Jubilee Garden, with its soft and peaceful summer theme. Ever popular features of the garden include an unusual gift shop, plant centre and restaurant.

Windsor Great Park, Windsor. Tel: 01753 847518 www.savillgarden.co.uk

Open: Daily, except 24 & 25 Dec, Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-16.00. Admission(seasonal): Adults £3.25-£5.50, Children £1.25-£2.50. Concessions.

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WINDSOR AND THE ROYAL BOROUGH

This beautiful and historic borough combines 1,000 years of history with a stylish mix of shops, eating places and other contemporary pleasures. Windsor Castle sits proudly above the Thames, which links Windsor with late medieval Dorney Court and Cliveden National Trust Gardens, the village of Cookham with its Stanley Spencer

Gallery, and Runnymede where King John signed the Magna Carta in 1215. Highlights of your stay here should also include a visit to the Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park, Eton College,

LEGOLAND®Windsor or the Theatre Royal, top-class racing at Ascot and Windsor, open-top bus tours and lovely, lazy boat trips on the Thames. For further information, Email: Windsor.tic@rbwm.gov.uk;

Tel: 01753 743900; www.windsor.gov.uk or contact:

Royal Windsor Information Centre, 24 High Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 ILH. Accommodation bookings:

Email: Windsor.accommodation@rbwm.gov.uk or Tel: 01753 743907.



Windsor Castle

OTHER PLACES TO VISIT...

WINKWORTH ARBORETUM

Hascombe Road, Godalming, Surrey GU8 4AD Tel: 01483 208477 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/winkwortharboretum

Hillside woodland with over 1,000 different shrubs and trees, many rare. Spring magnolias, bluebells azaleas; stunning autumn leaf colour. Lakes with abundant wildlife. National Collection of Sorbus aria (Whitebeam)

Open: all year, daily, dawn-dusk. Admission: Adults £4, Children £2.

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LOSELEY PARK

Guildford, Surrey GU3 1HS

Tel: 01483 304440 www.loseley-park.com

Loseley House is a magnificent Elizabethan family home. The glorious Walled Garden contains five gardens, each with its own theme and character.

Open: House: I Jun-25 Aug, 13.00-15.00; Garden: 5 May-28 Sept, 11.00-17.00. Wed-Sun & Bank Hols in May & Aug.

Admission: House & Garden: Adults £6, Children £3, OAPs £5 Garden: Adults £3, Children £1.50. OAPs £2.50.

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SYON PARK

Brentford, Middlesex TW8 8|F Tel: 0208 560 0882 www.syonpark.co.uk

Syon House, with its Adam interiors, is home to the

Duke of Northumberland. 40 acres of garden, with spectacular Great Conservatory, Lakeside Walk and Garden Centre.

Open: Garden: daily, except 25 & 26 Dec, 10.30-17.30 (or dusk). House: 26 Mar-2 Nov, Wed, Thu, Sun, Bank Hols, 11.00-17.00.

Admission: House & Garden: Adults £6.95, Children £5.95. Garden: Adults £3.50, Children/Concessions £2.50

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CLIVEDEN

Taplow, Maidenhead SL6 0JA Tel: 01628 605069 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Spectacular Thames-side estate, former home of Nancy Astor. Its series of gardens feature topiary, statuary, water gardens, parterre, vistas, woodland and riverside walks.

Grounds: Adults £6, Children £3

Open: Estate & Garden: Daily, 12th Mar-31st Dec, 11.00-18.00 (16.00 Nov & Dec). House (part): 1st Apr-31st Oct, Thu & Sun, 15.00-17.30. Admission: House & Grounds: Adults £7, Children £3.50.