



THE PLANTHUNTERS' PARADISE

New Forest Gardens

Great and Small



Exbury Gardens and Steam Railway

HHA/Christies 'Garden of the Year 2001'

STB 'Large Visitor Attraction of the Year 2003'

This spectacular 200-acre woodland garden was born of a passion for plants. It was created in the 1920s by Lionel de Rothschild of the prosperous banking family, who described himself as "a banker by hobby, a gardener by profession". A perfectionist who spared no expense, Lionel

financed many of the great plant hunting expeditions of his day, assembling a venerable collection of rare and exotic species. Today the vibrant displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias in spring are world famous and Exbury has become a Garden for all seasons. The Rose Garden, hydrangeas and herbaceous borders are alive with colour and interest in the summer and autumn stages its own bold displays of deciduous azaleas, dogwoods and fiery acers. Exbury's steam train provides a magical 1 1/4 mile journey through the sights and scents of these memorable gardens, including the new Summer Lane Garden, presenting stimulating contrasts of colours, character and texture under individual themes.

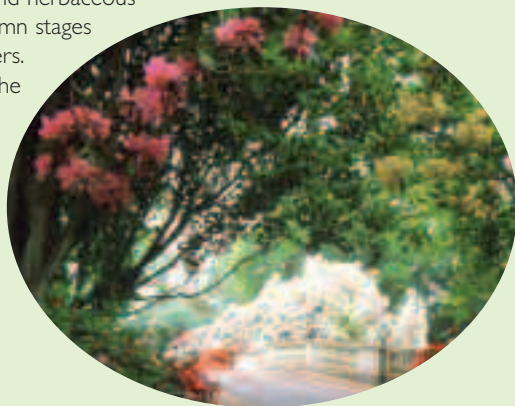
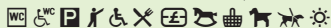
Exbury, Southampton, Hampshire SO45 1AZ

Tel: 023 8089 1203 www.exbury.co.uk

Open: 1 Mar-2 Nov, daily, 10.00-17.30; 8 Nov-14 Dec, weekends, 10.00-16.00.

Admission: High Season: Adults £5.50, Children £3.50;

Low Season: Adults £3.50, Children £2.50. Concessions.



THE NEW FOREST

Famous for its wandering ponies, this magic part of the Hampshire countryside has escaped the pressures of the modern world. Created by William the Conqueror as his "new" hunting forest, its 150 square miles of medieval woodlands and heaths are still a haven for country activities such as walking, cycling, riding and watersports. Places of interest abound, from old-world villages like Brockenhurst and Burley to major attractions such as Beaulieu, Hurst Castle, Bucklers Hard, Breamore House and fabulous award winning gardens such as Exbury, Furzey, Braxton, Spinners and many more. To make the most of your visit, contact: Lyndhurst Visitor Information Centre, The Main Car Park, Lyndhurst. Tel: 023 8028 2267 or visit www.thenewforest.co.uk



DON'T MISS!

FURZEY GARDENS

School Lane, Minstead, Hampshire SO43 7GL
Tel: 02380 812464

Peaceful, informal gardens in picturesque style, with year-round botanical and scenic interest. 8 acres include a 16th-century cottage and art exhibitions.

Open: Gardens - all year, daily (Gallery, Mar-Oct).

Admission: Adults £3.50; Children £1.50. Concessions.



HURST CASTLE 28 Park Road, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 0QU Tel: 01590 642500
www.hurstferry@ad.com

Henry VIII castle, prison of Charles I, with massive Victorian additions. Sited on a dramatic spit thrusting out miles into the Solent.

Open: Apr-Oct. Admission: Adults £2.80, Children £1.60.

Concessions £2.50.

SPINNERS GARDEN

Spinners, Boldre, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 5QE
Tel: 01590 673347 www.SpinnersGarden.com

Tranquil woodland garden with astonishing range of rare plants, many of which are available in internationally-known nursery: National Collection of Trilliums.

Open: 14 Apr-14 Sept, Tue-Sat; Nursery and part of garden, all year; Tue-Sat.

Admission: £2. Nursery and part of garden, free.

