

Gardens Open during 2025 – as listed in recent publications

Japanese influenced gardens open occasionally (*as described by their owners*) are listed below. **Please CHECK FULL DETAILS before arranging your visit – some require pre-payment.** Enter the GARDEN NAME for those in England (pp 1 – 10), Northern Ireland (p 10), and Wales (pp 10 – 11) on the National Garden Scheme website (ngs.org.uk). Gardens in Scotland (pp 12 – 13) can be viewed at scotlandsgardens.org

England - National Gardens Scheme <https://ngs.org.uk/> **SEARCH using GARDEN NAME**

COUNTY	GARDEN NAME	Date(s) or by arrangement	EXTRACT FROM DESCRIPTION
Bedfordshire			
Berkshire	<i>none</i>		
Buckinghamshire	1 Talbot Avenue	<i>by arrangement</i>	A Japanese garden , shielded from the upper garden level by Shoji screens. A winding path leads you over a traditional Japanese bridge by a pond and waterfall, inviting you through a moongate to reveal a purpose-built tea house, all surrounded by traditional Japanese planting inc. maples, cherry blossom trees, azaleas and rhododendrons.
Cambridgeshire	Beaver Lodge	<i>by arrangement</i>	An impeccable oriental garden with more than 120 large and small bonsai trees, acers, pagodas, oriental statues, water features and pond with koi carp, creating a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere. Described by visitors as an oasis of peace and tranquillity.
	23A Perry Road	Saturdays and Sundays from 3 May to 7 Sept.	Approx an acre of many garden designs inc. Japanese , interlinked by gravel paths. A plantsman's garden featuring 155 acers and unusual shrubs. Quirky with interesting features and some narrow paths.
Cheshire and Wirral	Bankhead	24 May, <i>also by arrangement</i>	Two acres of terraced gardens developed from Victorian times with spectacular views.... Rose garden, herbaceous borders, large pond with Japanese style garden , rhododendrons and azaleas. Small orchard and vegetable garden. Shetland ponies and chickens.
Cornwall	Byeways	27 July	Small town garden developed over 11 yrs by enthusiastic amateur gardeners. Herbaceous borders, rockery. Tropicals inc. bananas, gingers and senecio. Stream and water features. Roof garden. Japanese inspired tea house and courtyard . Redeveloped area features Japanese inspired planting . Sunken area with planting. Fig tree and Pawlonia flank area giving secluded seating. Living pergola.

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	Port Navas Chapel	<i>by arrangement</i> (JGS member)	Japanese style garden set in ¾ acre of woodland, next to the old Methodist Chapel, with ornamental ponds and waterfalls, rock formations, <i>tsukubai</i> water feature, granite lanterns, woodland stream, geodesic dome and Zen garden.
Cumbria			
Derbyshire	Cascades Gardens	19 Apr., 17 May, 19 July (JGS member)	The Meditation Garden and Bonsai centre: A 4-acre peaceful garden in spectacular natural surroundings with woodland, cliffs, stream, pond and an old limestone quarry. Inspired by Japanese gardens and Buddhist philosophy, secluded garden rooms for relaxation and reflection. A wide collection of unusual perennials, conifers, shrubs and trees. (see also https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/)
	58A Main Street	29 June, <i>also by arrangement</i>	¾ acre garden formed from a once open field over the last few years. The garden has developed into themed areas ... Japanese , arid beach, bamboo grove with ferns, water gardens etc. The 100m ² indoor garden for cacti, exotic and tender plants, is now becoming established as a mini Eden.
Devon			
	Musselbrook Cottage Garden	9, 10 & 11 May, 13, 14 & 15 June 18, 19 & 20 July	One-acre naturalistic/wildlife/ plantsman's/sensory garden on sloping site which is autism friendly. Year-round interest with rare and unusual plants. 13 ponds (koi and lilies), stream, Japanese garden , Mediterranean garden, wildflower meadow, massed bulbs. Ericaceous plants inc. camellias, magnolias, rhododendrons,...bamboo..
	Stone Farm	14 & 15 June, 9 & 10 Aug. <i>also by arrangement</i>	Two acre country garden with striking herbaceous borders, dry stone terracing, white garden, Japanese themed garden , and “hot” garden. Extensive Soil Association certified organic vegetable gardens and our ⅓ acre walled garden. Orchard with traditional apple, pear and plum trees. New woodland meadow area and herb garden.
	Tamar House	<i>by arrangement</i>	This small Japanese style garden inc. many Japanese acer palmatum shrubs surrounded by rocks, gravel pathways, bamboo and many other plants indigenous to the Nippon Islands. The garden is divided into rooms which inc a dry garden, water features, a koi pond area, a moss garden, a specimen bonsai area, a Shinto shrine and a raised decking looking out over the Tamar River.
Dorset	22 Avon Avenue	4 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 Aug, 7 Sept	Japanese themed water garden featuring granite sculptures, ponds, waterfalls, azaleas, rhododendrons, cloud topiary and a collection of goldfish and water lilies. Children must be under parental supervision due to large, deep-water pond.

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	Karmacations	24 & 25 May, 26 & 27 July	A brand new Japanese inspired oasis tucked away in the magnificent West Dorset countryside. Our Garden of Tranquillity is full of surprises, stories, scenery and sculptures with royal connections. Highlights inc. a stunning metal bridge, charming tea house, lucky Torii Gate, gilded stepping stones, Buddha Island and ancient meadow.
	Kingston Lacy	see nationaltrust.org	35 acres of formal garden, and Japanese garden restored to Henrietta Bankes' creation of 1910. (see also https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/).
	Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum	<i>by arrangement</i>	Sub-tropical garden sited on the cliff top, overlooking the sea, full of a wide variety of plants from around the globe. The garden was restored ... retaining the original 1901 design conceived by the founders, such as the ivy clad grotto and Japanese influence .
	Stillpoint Garden and Nursery	29 June & 10 Aug	Set in heavenly Dorset countryside, the ½ garden is composed of an intricate web of gravel paths weaving between deep and colourful borders to create an intimate experience for the extensive collection of new and unusual plants, especially Itoh peonies and hydrangeas. At the heart of the garden is a Japanese styled koshi-kake 'waiting room' , surrounded by dwarf pines, grasses and ferns.
Essex	Barnards Farm	Thursdays 5 June – 28 August 29 June & 2 Sept	So much to explore! Climb the Belvedere for the wider view and take the train for a woodland adventure. Summer beds and borders, ponds, lakes and streams, walled vegetable plot. ' Japanese garden ', sculptures grand and quirky enhance and delight.
	Green Island	27 April & 12 October	A garden for all seasons, highlights inc bluebells, azaleas, autumn colour, winter Hamamelis and snowdrops. A plantsman's paradise. Carved within 20-acre mature woodland are huge island beds, Japanese garden , terrace, gravel, seaside and water gardens, all packed with rare and unusual plants.
Essex cont.	Loxley House	26 Apr, 6 & 7 Sept	On entering the rear garden you will be surprised and delighted by this town garden. A colourful patio with pots and containers. Steps up onto a lawn with circular beds surrounded by hedges, herbaceous borders, trees and climbers. Two water features, one a Japanese theme and another with ferns in a quiet seating area. The garden is planted to offer colour throughout the seasons.
Gloucestershire	Charingworth Court	17 & 18 May, <i>also by arrangement</i>	Artistically and lovingly created 1½ acre garden surrounding restored Georgian/Tudor house (not open). Relaxed country style with Japanese influences , large pond, sculpture and a walled vegetable/flower garden, all created over 30 yrs from a blank canvas. Mature copper beech trees, Cedar of Lebanon and Wellingtonia; and younger trees replacing an earlier excess of Cupressus leylandii.

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Hampshire	<i>none</i>		
Herefordshire	Lower Hope	20 May 29 July	Outstanding five acre garden with wonderful seasonal variations. Impeccable lawns with herbaceous borders, rose gardens, white garden, Mediterranean, Italian and Japanese gardens . Natural streams, man-made waterfalls, bog gardens. Woodland with azaleas and rhododendrons with lime avenue to lake with wildflowers and bulbs.
Hertfordshire	<i>none</i>		
Isle of Wight	<i>none</i>		
Kent	Mount Ephraim Gardens	30 Mar 12 June 25 Sept	Mount Ephraim is a privately-owned family home set in 10 acres of terraced Edwardian gardens. ... Highlights inc. a Japanese rock and water garden , arboretum, unusual topiary and a spectacular grass maze plus many mature trees, shrubs and spring bulbs.
	The Silk House	15 June 24 Aug. <i>also by arrangement</i>	Highly regarded, calming 2-acre Japanese garden with koi ponds, statuary, spectacular maples, cherries, giant bamboos, bonsai, cloud pruned <i>niwaki</i> , pines, zen garden and tea house. Small woodland walk, kitchen garden for Silk House Dining restaurant, dry garden and apiary. Created entirely by owners.
Lancashire	The Growth Project	27 Jul, <i>also by arrangement</i>	The project covers over an acre inc. a huge variety of organic veg, wildlife pond, insect hotels .. and Japanese garden , potager, cut flower and woodland garden. stroll down the pergola walk to the secret annual wildflower meadow, orchard and theatre.
	Kington Cottage	25 May, 29 Jun, 27 Jul, <i>also by arrangement</i>	Nestling in the beautiful village of Treales this generously sized Japanese garden has many authentic and unique Japanese features, alongside its 2 ponds linked by a stream. The stroll garden leads down to the tea house garden. The planting and the meandering pathways.... New additions complete four Japanese garden styles .
Leicestershire & Rutland	The Acers	<i>by arrangement</i>	Medium sized garden, with a Japanese theme inc. a zen garden, Japanese tea house, koi pond, more than 20 different varieties of acers, many choice alpine, trilliums, cyclamen, erythroniums, cornus, hamamelis and dwarf conifers.
Lincolnshire	<i>none</i>		
London	The Watergardens	27 Apr 26 Oct	Japanese themed landscaped garden originally part of Coombe Wood Nursery, planted by the Veitch family in the 1860s. Approx 9 acres with ponds, streams and waterfalls. Many rare trees, which in spring and autumn provide stunning colour. For the tree lover this is a must-see garden. Gardens attractive to wildlife.
Norfolk	<i>none</i>		

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North East	Middleton Hall Retirement Village	2 August	Main features are natural woodland and parkland walks within the 45 acre estate. There is a Japanese themed garden , and a Mediterranean garden alongside wetland, ponds,. . . For more information https://www.middletonhallretirementvillage.co.uk/
Northamptonshire	<i>none</i>		
Nottinghamshire	<i>none</i>		
Oxfordshire	6 Fitzherbert Close	8 June also by arrangement to JGS members	Small Japanese style garden designed by Maureen Busby featuring Japanese maples, miniature pines, evergreen shrubs and ornamental grasses set off by areas of paving, stepping stones, water feature and ground cover plants. Visitors limited to 10 at any one time. (open by arrangement to JGS members – eunice.martin@gmail.com)
Shropshire	Sambrook Manor	29 June, <i>also by arrangement</i>	Deep, colourful, well-planted borders offset by sweeping lawns surrounding an early C18 manor house (not open). Wide ranging herbaceous planting with plenty of roses to enjoy; the arboretum below the garden, with views across the river, has been further extended with new trees. The waterfall and Japanese garden are now linked by a pretty rill. Lovely garden to visit for all the family.
Somerset & Bristol			
Staffordshire & W Midlands	Westview	5 May, 29 June, 27 July	Walking into the garden you are greeted by borders of mainly perennial plants. As you continue through to a Japanese themed area with a large collection of bonsai trees....
Suffolk	Ivy Chimneys	9 & 10 Aug	A garden planted for year-round interest and late summer colour. Ornamental trees, topiary, exotic border and fishpond set in an area of Japanese style ; wisteria draped pergola supports a productive vine. .. terrace gives views over the whole garden....
Surrey	Gatton Park	see gattonpark.co.uk	Historic 260 acre estate in the Surrey Hills AONB. Capability Brown parkland with ancient oaks. Discover the Japanese garden , Victorian parterre and breathtaking views ... Ongoing restoration projects by the Gatton Trust. (see also https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/ and/or https://gattonpark.co.uk/)
Sussex	Brightling Down Farm	<i>by arrangement</i>	The garden has several different areas inc. a Zen garden , water garden, walled vegetable garden with two large greenhouses, herb garden, herbaceous borders and a woodland walk. The garden makes clever use of grasses and is set amongst woodland with stunning views. The Japanese garden was featured on Gardeners' World (Oct 2023)
	Whitehanger	<i>by arrangement</i>	Set in 6 acres on the edge of the South Downs National Park surrounded by NT woodland, this rural garden was started in 2012 when a new Huf house (not open) was built on a derelict site. Now there are lawned areas with beds of perennials, a serenity

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			pool with Koi carp, a wildflower meadow, a Japanese garden , a sculpture garden, a woodland walk, a large rockery and an exotic walled garden.
Warwickshire	Beech Hurst	11 May, <i>also by arrangement</i>	Beech Hurst is a Regency House ...established 1¼ acre garden inc. lawns, woodland areas, .. established shrubs, herbaceous borders and a recently added Japanese-inspired garden with a raked gravel bed and a variety of .., azaleas and camellias.
	8 Rectory Road	15 July, <i>also by arrangement</i>	A town garden divided into areas with different features... Walk to the end of the garden and step into a Japanese themed garden complete with pond, fish and traditional style bridge.... A garden to attract bees and butterflies with plenty of places to relax
Wiltshire	Iford Manor Gardens	6 Sept	Harold Peto's former home, this 2½ acre terraced garden .. influenced by his travels, particularly to Italy and Japan , Peto embellished the garden with classical statuary ... Steep steps link the terraces .. magnificent rural views across the Iford Valley.
	Scots Farm	<i>by arrangement</i> (JGS member)	Across seven acres a colourful perennial border, a white garden, a Japanese Zen garden , a Mediterranean garden and follow a path through a wildflower meadow to a pottery studio and koi pond in this haven of tranquillity....
	West Lavington Manor	7 June, <i>also by arrangement</i>	A C15 manor house with spectacular 5 acre walled garden, established by Sir John Danvers.... Delightful aspects inc. Laburnum Walk, replanted herbaceous border, an authentic Japanese garden , ..arboretum with outstanding specimen trees and lake.
Worcestershire	Badge Court	<i>by arrangement</i>	The 2½ acre garden is set against the backdrop of a C16 house (not open). There is something for all gardeners inc mature specimen trees, huge range of clematis, Mediterranean Garden, and Japanese garden .
	Morton Hall Gardens	23 August	Secluded private garden full of drama and colour: Seven garden rooms with bold landscapes and exquisite planting schemes guarantee a unique visit. Late summer borders are glorious, with brilliant and inspiring combinations. The elegant Japanese Garden and majestic Rockery offer an exciting contrast. Grand views over the Vale of Evesham complete the enthralling experience.
Yorkshire	6 Fulwith Avenue	26 & 27 July	From wall fountain to gothic folly, waterfall to Japanese tea garden , this small town garden has interest at every turn. The multi-layered planting provides a constantly changing tapestry of texture and colour.
	Mansion Cottage	9 August, <i>also by arrangement</i>	A truly hidden, private and secret garden with exuberant, packed, vibrant borders. Visitors' book says 'a veritable oasis', 'the garden is inspirational', with a surprise around every corner. Features inc. a Japanese influenced area , mini hosta walk, 100ft border ...

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County Tyrone	Tattykeel House Garden	31 May & 1 June, <i>also by arrangement</i>	Borders brimming with blossom and lush planting are seamlessly offset by sweeps of well-tended lawn in the carefully choreographed garden at Tattykeel House' as described by Conrad McCormick (Irish Garden Magazine Aug 2024). The garden features in 'The Open Gardens of Ireland' by Shirley Lanigan. The 1½ acres inc sheltered seating areas, a Japanese inspired area , and many climbers.

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Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire	Cae Bach	22 June, <i>also by arrangement</i>	A 1½ acre newly established garden designed to attract wildlife, particularly bees and butterflies. Wander through the garden and discover herbaceous borders, ponds, grasses and our Japanese garden with rill . ..rose garden has 50 varieties.....a wildflower meadow area, vegetable and fruit trees and fruit cage.
	National Botanic Garden of Wales	see NBGoW website	It has the largest single-span glasshouse in the world designed, by Norman Foster, and many of the original features of the Regency water park have been restored. Visit www.botanicgarden.wales for details of opening times, attractions and events. For information about the Japanese garden see https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/ .
	Stable Cottage	<i>by arrangement</i>	Garden extends to approx ⅓ of an acre. It is divided into several smaller garden types, with a seaside garden, small orchard and wildlife area, scented garden, small vegetable/kitchen garden, and two Japanese areas - a stroll garden and courtyard area .
Ceredigion	<i>none</i>		

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Glamorgan	Nant Melyn Farm	<i>by arrangement</i>	A spacious interesting garden with many features which inc a stunning natural waterfall, a meandering woodland stream covered by a canopy of entwined trees, a picturesque Japanese garden , beautiful lawned areas with winding pathways.
Gwent	<i>none</i>		
Gwynedd	Cuddfan	<i>by arrangement</i>	Cuddfan, (‘Hidway’ in English) a garden in the Japanese style features a range of mature cloud pruned pine, acer, ginko and other trees with rocks, ponds and meandering paths in the Japanese tradition . The design with its constrained palette has colour bursts from azaleas in season. It connects with nature incorporating symbolic Japanese aesthetics highlighting the natural landscape.
North East Wales	Tudor Cottage	<i>by arrangement</i>	¾ acre garden on different levels set amongst natural rock faces. Unusual and varied planting featuring cottage, scree, Japanese , shade and bog gardens . Display bedding,.. ponds, bridges and a folly. Lovely views from upper level.....
Powys	Tranquility Haven	<i>by arrangement</i>	Amazing Japanese inspired garden with borrowed views to Offa's Dyke. Winding paths pass small pools and lead to Japanese bridges over natural stream with dippers and kingfishers. Sounds of water fill the air. Enjoy peace and tranquillity from one of the seats or the Japanese Tea House . Dense oriental planting with Cornus kousa 'Satomi', acers, azaleas, unusual bamboos and wonderful cloud pruning.

Scotland – Scotland’s Gardens Scheme <https://scotlandsgardens.org/> **SEARCH using GARDEN NAME**

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Aberdeenshire			
Angus, Dundee & Kincardineshire South	Westgate	31 May & 1 June 11 & 12 October	This established garden, with many mature trees, occupies a south-facing site overlooking the River Tay and Fife hills. A short woodland walk reveals a miniature knot garden,.... There are also rose beds and two oriental-themed water gardens
Edinburgh, Midlothian & West Lothian	Greentree		
East of Scotland	Helensbank House	<i>by arrangement</i>	Hidden away from public view, this is an 18th-century walled garden, with main feature a Cedar of Lebanon, .. Distinctive garden ‘rooms’ ... A shaded walk along the bottom of the garden leads to a Japanese themed area including a pagoda and dry river....

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Inverness, Ross, Cromarty & Skye	Attadale	see Attadale website	... 20 acres of outstanding water gardens, old rhododendrons, unusual trees and a fern collection in a geodesic dome. Other features include .., Japanese garden , sculpture collection and giant sundial. (also see https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/)
Kirkcudbrightshire			
Moray & Nairn	Burgie Arboretum	see Burgie website	A rare opportunity to see a sizeable woodland garden/arboretum in its infancy..... It includes a Japanese garden , bog garden, bog wood, loch and quarry garden. First created in 2005 and is ongoing. (also see https://burgie.co.uk/burgie-arboretum/)
Peebleshire & Tweeddale			
Perth & Kinross			
Stirlingshire	The Japanese Garden at Cowden	see Cowden website	Created in 1908 it is listed as an important example of a Japanese garden in Western Europe. Nestled beneath the Ochil Hills the seven-acre garden wraps around a large pond. Enjoy the meandering walk by the water, taking in the changing scenes created by sculpted landforms, carefully placed stones, clipped shrubs and original stone lanterns. (also see https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/)