

Gardens Open during 2026 – as listed in recent publications

**Japanese influenced gardens open occasionally** (*as described by their owners*) are listed below.

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COUNTY	GARDEN NAME	Date(s) or by arrangement	EXTRACT FROM DESCRIPTION
Bedfordshire	22 Elmsdale Road	31 August	Topiary garden greets visitors before they enter a genuine <b>Japanese Feng Shui garden</b> inc. bonsai. Large collection of Japanese plants, koi pond, lily pond and a <b>Japanese Tea House</b> . The garden was created from scratch by the owners about 20 years ago and has many interesting features inc. Japanese lanterns and a Kneeling Archer terracotta soldier from China.
Berkshire	<i>none</i>		
Buckinghamshire	Acer Corner	13 & 14 June, 17 & 18 October (JGS member)	Garden designer's garden <b>with Japanese influence</b> and large collection of Acer palmatum Japanese maples. The enclosed front garden is <b>Japanese in style</b> . Back garden is divided into three areas; <b>patio area recently redesigned in the Japanese style</b> , densely planted area with many acers and roses, also a corner which inc. a productive greenhouse and interesting planting.
	Chaniwa, Japanese Garden 1 Talbot Avenue	<i>by arrangement</i> 27 Apr to 4 Sept	A <b>Japanese garden</b> , shielded from the upper garden level by Shoji screens. A winding path leads over a traditional <b>Japanese bridge</b> by a pond and waterfall, and invites you through a moongate to reveal a purpose-built tea house. The garden is surrounded by traditional Japanese planting, inc maples, cherry blossom trees, azaleas, and rhododendrons.
	Magnolia House	<i>by arrangement</i>	½ acre garden with mature trees, inc. a large magnolia. It features a fernery, stream, water wheel, natural pond, and a fish pond with large fish surrounded by acers. There are two greenhouses, two aviaries, and spring flowers, alliums, lilies, dahlias, and many hosta varieties. <b>A small Japanese style area</b> . A child friendly garden that is constantly being changed and updated.

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Cambridgeshire	Beaver Lodge	<i>by arrangement</i>	An impeccable <b>oriental garden</b> 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.
	Coveney & Wardy Hill Gardens	23 & 24 May	Five gardens, including: 'The Secret Garden', with a <b>Japanese style</b> , giving a peaceful wander in an Oriental atmosphere; a real must. 'Drovers' is <b>based on a Chinese pleasure garden philosophy</b> but with English naturalist planting that wanders by a wildlife pond, beneath mature trees to a rose garden and potted terrace.
	23A Perry Road	Saturdays and Sundays from 2 May to 27 Sept.	Approx an acre of <b>many garden designs inc. Japanese</b> , 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	17 May	Two acres of terraced gardens developed from Victorian times with spectacular views.... Rose garden, herbaceous borders, <b>large pond with Japanese style garden</b> , rhododendrons and azaleas. Small orchard and vegetable garden. Shetland ponies and chickens.
	The Firs	<i>by arrangement</i> <i>14 June to 4 Aug</i>	Canalside garden set idyllically by a wide section of the Shropshire Union Canal with long frontage. Garden alongside canal with varied trees, shrubs and herbaceous beds, with some wild areas. All leading down to an observatory and <b>Japanese torii gate</b> with views across fields. This will be the last year of opening as the owners intend to move.
	Milford House Farm	<i>by arrangement</i> <i>15 June to 10 July</i>	This country garden has a 'no mow ' lawn with midsummer bold borders, cool borders, a white garden and a <b>ha-ha overlooking the 'Japanese' area</b> and lower orchard. The drive has foliage plants and hardy geraniums, and hellebores.
	Mount Pleasant	23 May	10 acres of landscaped garden and woodland started in 1994 with impressive views .... Vegetable garden, stumpy with tree ferns, sculptures, wildflower meadow and <b>Japanese garden</b> . Bog garden, tropical garden. Sculpture trail and exhibition.
	Poulton Hall	4 & 5 April	A quirky garden which children love. .... Rose, nursery rhyme, witch, herb and <b>oriental gardens</b> ..... (see also <a href="http://poultonhall.co.uk/TheGardens.html">http://poultonhall.co.uk/TheGardens.html</a> )
	Sandymere	<i>by arrangement</i> <i>18 May to 29 June</i>	16 landscaped acres of beautiful Cheshire countryside with terraces, walled garden, extensive woodland walks and an amazing hosta garden. Turn each corner and you find another gem with lots of different water features ... Stunning azaleas have always been a spring feature ... <b>and a new Japanese themed garden</b> ,

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Cornwall	Byeways	26 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. <b>Japanese inspired tea house and courtyard</b> . Redeveloped area features <b>Japanese inspired planting</b> . Sunken area with planting. Fig tree and Pawlonia flank area giving secluded seating. Living pergola.
	The Japanese Garden	9 May	Discover an oasis of tranquillity in a <b>Japanese-style Cornish garden</b> , set in approx 1 acre. Spectacular Japanese maples and azaleas, symbolic teahouse, koi pond, bamboo grove, stroll woodland, zen and moss gardens. A place created for contemplation and meditation..... (see also <a href="https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/">https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/</a> )
	Port Navas Chapel	<i>by arrangement</i> (JGS member)	<b>Japanese style garden</b> 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	Coombe Eden	23 & 24 May	A one-acre garden of traditional and contemporary beds. A pretty beck runs through the lower garden with a <b>Japanese style bridge</b> and large rhododendrons. Many choice trees can be seen throughout the garden, <b>Japanese acers</b> , white birches, flowering dogwood and a growing rowan collection. A long herbaceous border, grassed areas and gravelled paths lead to a formal garden and potager.
	Larch Cottage Nurseries	9 July, 6 August & 3 Sept (Thursdays)	Private Lower gardens, lake and Chapel (open on NGS open days), <b>Japanese dry garden</b> , pond, Italianesque columned garden for shade plants. Glass walled kitchen garden. Italianesque tumbled down walls act as a backdrop for the borders, showcasing rare and unusual shrubs, trees and stock plants.
	Yewbarrow House	7 June, 5 July, 2 August & 6 September.	A colourful 4 acre garden filled with exotic and rare plants, with dramatic views over Morecambe Bay. Outstanding features inc. the Orangery, <b>the Japanese garden with infinity pool</b> , the Italian terraces and the restored Victorian kitchen garden. Dahlias, cannas and colourful exotica are a speciality.
Derbyshire	Broomfield Hall	6 September	25 acres of constantly developing educational Victorian gardens/woodlands maintained by volunteers and students. Herbaceous borders, walled garden, themed gardens, rose garden, potager, prairie plantings, <b>Japanese garden</b> , tropical garden, winter garden and plant centre. Cacti, carnivorous, bonsai, fuchsia specialists and craft stalls. A gem of Derbyshire.

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<i>Derbyshire continued</i>	Cascades Gardens	18 April, 23 May, 13 June & 18 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. <b>Inspired by Japanese gardens</b> and Buddhist philosophy, secluded garden rooms for relaxation and reflection. A wide collection of unusual perennials, conifers, shrubs and trees. (see also <a href="https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/">https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/</a> )
	58A Main Street	19 July	¾ acre garden formed from a once open field over the last few years. The garden has developed into <b>themed areas ... Japanese</b> , arid beach, bamboo grove with ferns, water gardens etc. The 100m <sup>2</sup> indoor garden for cacti, exotic and tender plants, is now becoming established as a mini Eden.
	26 Windmill Rise	25 & 26 July	Behind a deceptively ordinary façade, lies a real surprise. A lush oasis, much larger than expected, with an amazing collection of rare and unusual plants. A truly plant lovers' organic garden <b>divided into sections</b> : woodland, <b>Japanese</b> , secret garden, cottage, edible, ponds and small stream. Many seating areas, inc a summerhouse in which to enjoy a variety of refreshments.
Devon	East Woodlands Farmhouse	5, 6 & 7 June	East Woodlands is a beautiful RHS inspired and designed garden full of rooms packed with plants, shrubs and trees. Enjoy the spectacular bamboos, flowing grasses alongside rose, Mediterranean, Japanese, cottage and bog gardens (unfenced pond), all set in an acre looking out over N Devon countryside. Lots of seating areas.
	Musselbrook Cottage Garden	18 & 19 April 10 May, 13 & 14 June	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, <b>Japanese garden</b> , 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, <b>Japanese themed garden</b> , 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 June to September</i>	This <b>small Japanese style garden</b> 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.

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Dorset	22 Avon Avenue	3 May, 7 June, 12 July, 9 August	<b>Japanese themed water garden</b> 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. Regret no dogs.
	Charles Chesshire Garden and Nursery	31 May & 9 August	Set in heavenly Dorset countryside, the ½ acre 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. At the heart of the garden is a <b>Japanese styled koshi-kake 'waiting room'</b> , surrounded by the cool greens of dwarf pines, grasses and ferns.
	Kingston Lacy	see nationaltrust.org	35 acres of formal garden, .... and <b>Japanese garden</b> restored to Henrietta Bankes' creation of 1910. (see also <a href="https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/">https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/</a> ).
	Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum	<i>by arrangement April to October</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 <b>Japanese influence</b> .
Essex	Barnards Farm	Thursdays: 4 June to 25 June & Sunday 28 June	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. ' <b>Japanese garden</b> ', sculptures grand and quirky enhance and delight.
	Green Island	25 April & 11 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, <b>Japanese garden</b> , terrace, gravel, seaside and water gardens, all packed with rare and unusual plants.
	Loxley House	<i>by arrangement 1 May to 13 Sept.</i>	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 <b>Japanese theme</b> and another with ferns in a quiet seating area. The garden is planted to offer colour throughout the seasons.
	46 Sandford Road	6 June	The garden is densely planted <b>with a strong Japanese influence</b> . There are three areas: deck and patio with large grapevine over a pergola. Acers, roses and grasses in pots. Middle section has bamboos, roses and acers and the final section is accessed via a bridge over a koi pond with gunnera, darmera. Also a pergola and ferns. It is wildlife friendly, so wildflowers and some weeds are encouraged.

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Gloucestershire	Camers	<i>by arrangement 1 May to 18 Sept.</i>	Elizabethan farmhouse (not open) set in 4 acres of constantly developing garden and woodland with spectacular views over Severn Vale. Garden full of surprises, formal and informal areas planted with wide range of species to provide year-round interest. Parterre, topiary, Japanese garden, bog and prairie areas, white and hot gardens, woodland walks.
	Charingworth Court	<i>by arrangement 1 May to 19 July</i>	Artistically and lovingly created 1½ acre garden surrounding restored Georgian/Tudor house (not open). Relaxed country style <b>with Japanese influences</b> , 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.
	Eastcombe and Bussage Gardens	3 & 4 May	Sixteen gardens, including: '12 Hidcote Close' a modern house with <b>gravelled Japanese garden</b> , a pond with shaped acer trees, deck areas, greenhouse, pergola, arbour, shrubs and raised vegetable beds.
	Park House	7 June	Award-winning ¼ acre rear garden of a Cheltenham Regency town house inc. a striking <b>new Japanese 'karesansui' garden</b> . Stones and rocks cascade into a gravel pond. Acers, ornamental pine trees and a sheltered ' <i>machiai</i> ' sitting bench complete the scene. Specimen trees are grouped in the lawn. Inviting summerhouse with wisteria walkway. Shrubs and wide herbaceous border frame the garden.
Hampshire	Bere Mill (JGS members)	15 March, 25 May, 5 July, 31 August	On an isolated stretch of the upper River Test, gardens have been built incrementally over 30 yrs with bulbs, herbaceous and Mediterranean borders, magnolia, irises, and tree peonies, along with summer and autumn borders. A traditional orchard and <b>two small arboretums, one specialising in Japanese planting</b> . The garden stretches into the landscape and forms part of a renaturing project. The garden aims to complement the natural beauty of the site and to incorporate elements of <b>oriental garden design</b> and practice.
Herefordshire	Archways	10 May	Opening for a spring showing including dwarf rhododendrons, azaleas and candelabra primulas <b>in the Japanese garden</b> . Wander through the meadow of camassias and irises and a woodland area filled with bluebells, tulips, primroses, daffodils and forget-me-nots. Dutch iris, early bearded iris and tulips in the flower borders and containers. Not forgetting the Wisteria Archway.

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Herefordshire <i>continued</i>	Lower Hope	23 April, 21 May & 30 July (Thursday)	Outstanding five acre garden with wonderful seasonal variations. Impeccable lawns with herbaceous borders, rose gardens, white garden, Mediterranean, Italian and <b>Japanese gardens</b> . 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	Badgers	<i>by arrangement</i> 21 Aug to 16 Sept.	The garden comes into its own from end of August, when the Tropical Garden is in full growth. There is also a walled Italian style garden, <b>small Japanese area</b> and woodland with ponds and a waterfall. The Tropical Garden has a wide variety of Palms, Bananas, Gingers, Eucomis and Dahlias and a network of paths.
	Chapel Farmhouse	4 & 5 July	Recently established small garden designed by Kristina Clode on three sides of a semi-detached listed farmhouse. It is divided into a number of separate spaces inc. a courtyard style front garden, <b>a Japanese style garden with pond</b> , a formal lawn area, deep herbaceous borders, a meadow with fruit trees and a formal vegetable garden. Emphasis on sustainability and friendliness to wildlife.
	18 Grange Close	<i>by arrangement</i> 16 May to 13 June	<b>A compact Japanese style front and back garden</b> , lovingly cultivated over 20 years. It features mature bonsai trees, a tranquil pond, a traditional bridge, and a soothing water feature, creating a peaceful and authentic atmosphere.
	Kenfield Hall	<i>by arrangement</i> 1 May to 1 Sept.	An evolving, 8 acre, organic garden set in a peaceful AONB with fantastic views of the surrounding landscape. The site includes mature trees, C18 formal sunken garden as well <b>as a Japanese garden incorporating a naturally managed pool with diverse wildlife</b> . There are also herbaceous beds, spring bulbs, a wildflower meadow and vegetable garden with cut flowers.
	Mount Ephraim Gardens	29 March & 24 September	Mount Ephraim is a privately-owned family home set in 10 acres of terraced Edwardian gardens. ... Highlights inc. <b>a Japanese rock and water garden</b> , arboretum, unusual topiary and a spectacular grass maze plus many mature trees, shrubs and spring bulbs.
Lancashire	Kington Cottage	31 May, 28 Jun, 26 Jul, <i>also</i> <i>by arrangement</i> 31 May to 31 Aug.	Nestling in the beautiful village of Treales this <b>generously sized Japanese garden</b> 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 <b>complete four Japanese garden styles</b> .

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Lancashire <i>cont</i>	Matshead Lodge	23 May	Set in approx. 2 acres, a garden of mixed herbaceous borders, with shrubs, orchard and loose stone paths. Hidden away on the banks of river Brock <b>featuring Japanese area, and ponds.</b>
.	3 Tower End	9 & 10 May	Nearly an acre of vistas and walkways in a pine woodland setting off the NT Nature Reserve. Different styles of garden... <b>inc. Japanese style area.</b> Patios with seating. Large variety of trees, shrubs..., all linked by paths, steps and lawns.
	Turton Tower Herbaceous Garden	27 June	The garden is set in the historic Turton Tower grounds and was originally the kitchen garden in Victorian times. A group of volunteers have restored and created the garden over the last 15 yrs. .. are The White Garden <b>and Japanese Garden.</b> ... variety of ferns and shade loving plants in our stumperies.
Leicestershire & Rutland	The Acers	<i>by arrangement 15 Feb. to 31 Oct.</i>	<b>Medium sized garden, with a Japanese theme</b> inc. a zen garden, Japanese tea house, koi pond, more than 20 different varieties of acers, many choice alpiners, trilliums, cyclamen, erythroniums, cornus, hamamelis and dwarf conifers. ....
	The Old Hall	26 April	Set on a southerly ridge. Stone walls and yew hedges divide the garden into enclosed areas with herbaceous borders, shrubs, long walks and young and mature trees. .. <b>In 2020 a Japanese Tea House was added</b> at the bottom of the garden
Lincolnshire	Marigold Cottage	<i>by arrangement May to August</i>	Slide open the <b>Japanese gate</b> to find secret shaded paths. You will be taken aback by the abundance of planting combinations. There are pergolas covered in climbers, raised beds, a large kitchen garden and everywhere places to rest and absorb the ambience.
London	31 Arlington Drive	7 June	Cottage garden at heart with a wonderful oriental influence. Traditional cottage garden favourites have been combined with <b>Japanese plants, a reflection of Yasuko's passion for plants and trees of her native Japan.</b> Acers, tree peonies, rhododendrons .. a lush exotic scheme, with emphasis on structure and texture.
	3 Old Fold Close	10 May	A foliage centred garden with weaving caramel coloured paths, featuring bronze coloured metal art installations throughout. Beth Chatto inspired dry beds dominate the upper part of the garden, while a shrub surrounded woodland zone occupies the centre. A grassy mound, rockery, and <b>Japanese themed area</b> lie closest to the back gate which opens out to an extensive rockery in the garage area.

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London <i>continued</i>	The Watergardens	26 Apr 25 Oct	<b>Japanese themed landscaped garden</b> 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.
	Zen Garden at Japanese Buddhist Centre	6, 7, 20 & 21 June	<b>Pure Japanese Zen garden</b> (so no flowers) with 12 large and small rocks of various colours and textures, set in islands of moss and surrounded by a sea of grey granite gravel raked in a stylised wave pattern. Garden surrounded by trees and bushes outside a cob wall. Oak framed wattle and daub shelter with Norfolk reed thatched roof.
Norfolk	Beck House	<i>by arrangement</i> <i>March to October</i>	A ¾ acre garden surrounded by countryside, tirelessly updated over the past five years by the current owners. Bordered by shallow becks which feed a large natural pond <b>with Japanese inspired planting</b> . Many different border styles inc Mediterranean, woodland, county cottage, rose and kitchen garden. Large patio areas with seating and lots of vertical interest with pergolas and specimen trees.
North East	Middleton Hall Retirement Village	18 July	Main features are natural woodland and parkland walks within the 45 acre estate. There is a <b>Japanese themed garden</b> , and a Mediterranean garden alongside wetland, ponds,. . . For more information <a href="https://www.middletonhallretirementvillage.co.uk/">https://www.middletonhallretirementvillage.co.uk/</a>
Northamptonshire	<i>none</i>		
Nottinghamshire	Sutton Bonnington Gardens	30 & 31 May	Three gardens, including: ‘118 Main Street’ – a large garden with range of well-established trees and planting as well as orchard/wildflower meadow. Varied features <b>inc Japanese inspired seating area</b> , redesigned patio with water feature, as well as more traditional established borders surrounding lawn and pond. Attractive greenhouse.
Oxfordshire	<i>none</i>		
Shropshire	Sambrook Manor	<i>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 <b>Japanese garden</b> are now linked by a pretty rill. Lovely garden to visit for all the family.
Somerset & Bristol	Japanese Garden Bristol	30 May	As you walk through the gate you will be welcomed by <b>Japanese koi</b> . Then take a step to another level to the relaxing Japanese garden room and tea house surrounded by acers and cloud trees. Walk past Buddha corner into the Bonsai and Zen water feature area. Continue to a <b>Japanese courtyard</b> through a gate to a peaceful <b>Japanese tea garden</b> .

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Somerset & Bristol <i>continued</i>	Japanese Garden Frampton Cotterell	18 October	A four season Japanese inspired garden with winding path and seating areas. With authentic features highlighting the beauty of the Japanese culture.
Staffordshire & W Midlands	10 Paget Rise	17 May	This medium sized split-level garden <b>has a strong Japanese influence</b> . Rhododendrons and a wide range of flowering shrubs. Many bonsai-style acer trees in shallow bowls occupy a central gravel area with stepping stones. .... a woodland feel.
	19 Waterdale	<i>by arrangement</i> 3 June to 29 July	A romantic garden of surprises, which gradually reveals itself on a journey through deep, lush planting, full of unusual plants. From the sunny, flower filled terrace, a ruined folly emerges from a luxuriant fernery and leads into <b>an oriental garden, complete with tea house</b> . Towering bamboos hide the way to the gothic summerhouse and mysterious shell grotto.
	Yarlet House	26 June	Four-acre garden with extensive lawns, walks, lengthy herbaceous borders and traditional Victorian box hedge. Peaceful <b>Japanese water garden</b> with fountain and rare lilies. Sweeping views from south walk across Trent Valley to Sandon.
Suffolk	Ivy Chimneys	8 & 9 August	A garden planted for year-round interest and late summer colour. Ornamental trees, topiary, exotic border and fishpond <b>set in an area of Japanese style</b> ; 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. <b>Discover the Japanese garden</b> , Victorian parterre and breathtaking views ... Ongoing restoration projects by the Gatton Trust. (see also <a href="https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/">https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/</a> and/or <a href="https://gattonpark.co.uk/">https://gattonpark.co.uk/</a> )
	High Clandon Estate Vineyard	5 July	Wine vineyard featuring gardens, a 2 acre wildflower meadow home to rare butterflies, water features, <b>a Japanese garden</b> , a truffle orchard, an apiary, and sculptures. Set in 12 acres of beautiful Surrey Hills AONB, with sweeping vistas across the Surrey Hills National Landscape and panoramic views to London.
	Logmore Place	<i>by arrangement</i> 15 June to 10 July	Established trees, rhododendrons and yew hedges create a framework for the far-reaching views of the Surrey Hills. <b>Small Japanese garden</b> , walled flower garden, orchard, plus two formal lawns featuring Piet Oudolf inspired beds. Walks on the estate inc. field tracks, lake with bridges, quiet ancient woodland and stunning views ....

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Sussex	96 Ashford Road	2, 9 & 16 May	Small (100ft x 52ft) <b>Japanese inspired front and back garden</b> . Full of interesting planting with many acers, azaleas and bamboos. Over 100 different hostas, many miniature ones. The garden also features an attractive <b>Japanese Tea House</b> and courtyard with a fish pond, as well as a Japanese bridge and pond in the lower garden.
	Brightling Down Farm	<i>by arrangement 1 May to 25 Sept.</i>	The garden has several different areas inc. a <b>Zen garden</b> , 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 <b>Japanese garden</b> was featured on Gardeners' World (Oct 2023)
	Cookscroft	16 May	A garden for all seasons.... Started in 1988, it features cottage, woodland and <b>Japanese style gardens</b> , water features and borders of perennials with a particular emphasis on southern hemisphere plants. Unusual plants, many grown from seed.
	The Old Vicarage	Thursdays 5 Feb. to 1 Oct.	A truly creative garden, nurtured over 35 yrs to become a visitor favourite. Spanning 3½ acres, it features formal topiary, seasonal borders, a contemporary water sculpture, an Italianate gazebo, specimen and mature trees, <b>a Japanese garden with waterfall and tea house</b> , a large copse with a stream, a stumpery and treehouse, and a kitchen garden with fruit trees.
Warwickshire	Beech Hurst	<i>by arrangement 1 April to 15 Sept.</i>	Beech Hurst is a Regency House ...established 1¼ acre garden inc. lawns, woodland areas, .. established shrubs, herbaceous borders and a <b>recently added Japanese-inspired garden with a raked gravel bed</b> and a variety of .., azaleas and camellias.
	Monksbridge	30 June, 2, 7 & 9 July	The redeveloped Victorian gardens inc, herbaceous borders, parterre, kitchen garden, stone circle, <b>Japanese garden</b> and wildflower walks, all designed with sensitivity to the surrounding landscape.
	8 Rectory Road	<i>by arrangement 1 May to 1 Sept.</i>	A town garden divided into areas with different features... Walk to the end of the garden and step into <b>a Japanese themed garden</b> 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	5 Sept	Harold Peto's former home, this 2½ acre terraced garden .. <b>influenced by his travels, particularly to Italy and Japan</b> , Peto embellished the garden with classical statuary ... Steep steps link the terraces .. magnificent rural views.(www.ifordmanor.co.uk)
	West Lavington Manor	13 June	A C15 manor house with spectacular 5 acre walled garden, established by Sir John Danvers.... Delightful aspects inc. Laburnum Walk, replanted herbaceous border, <b>an authentic Japanese garden</b> , ..arboretum with outstanding specimen trees and lake.

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Worcestershire	Badge Court	<i>by arrangement in June &amp; July</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 <b>Japanese garden</b> .
	1 Church Cottage	24 & 25 May	True countryman's ⅓ acre cottage garden. <b>Japanese style feature with 'dragons den'</b> . Specimen trees, many rare and unusual plants and trees, water features, perennial garden, vegetable garden, poultry, stream side bog garden.
	Morton Hall Gardens	22 Aug.	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 <b>Japanese Garden designed by Charles Chesshire</b> and a majestic Rockery offer an exciting contrast. Grand views over the Vale of Evesham complete the enthralling experience.
	Nimrod	3 & 4 May 8 & 9 August	Overlooked by the Malvern Hills, this peaceful garden is on two levels with mature trees, pond with stream, small wildflower meadow, shady woodland area, cottage garden, <b>Japanese garden</b> , rockeries, a New Zealand area and an arbour .....
Yorkshire	6 Fulwith Avenue	26 & 27 July	From wall fountain to gothic folly, waterfall to <b>Japanese tea garden</b> , this small town garden has interest at every turn. The multi-layered planting provides a constantly changing tapestry of texture and colour.
Yorkshire	Mansion Cottage	8 & 9 August, <i>also by arrangement 25 May to 3 Aug.</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 <b>Japanese influenced area</b> , mini hosta walk, 100ft border ...
	Warley House Garden	3 & 6 May	Partly walled 2½ acre garden of demolished C18 House. Rocky paths and <b>Japanese style planting</b> lead to lawns and lovely south facing views. Alpine ravine planted with ferns and fine trees give structure to the woodland area. Drifts of shrubs, herbaceous plantings, wild flowers and heathers maintain constant seasonal interest.

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

COUNTY	GARDEN NAME	Date(s) or by arrangement	EXTRACT FROM DESCRIPTION
County Tyrone	Tattykeel House Garden	<i>by arrangement May to August</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 <b>Japanese inspired area</b> , and many climbers.

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

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Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire	Cae Bach	16 & 17 May	A 1½ acre newly established garden designed to attract wildlife, particularly bees and butterflies. Wander through the garden and discover herbaceous borders, ponds, grasses <b>and our Japanese garden with rill</b> . ..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 <a href="http://www.botanicgarden.wales">www.botanicgarden.wales</a> for details of opening times, attractions and events. For information about the <b>Japanese garden</b> see <a href="https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/">https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/</a> .
	Stable Cottage	<i>by arrangement 1 May to 12 July</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 <b>two Japanese areas - a stroll garden and courtyard area</b> .
Ceredigion	<i>none</i>		

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Glamorgan	107 Cyncoed Road	4 July	A spacious garden, with spring interest at the front camellias, azaleas and hellebores. The back garden is approached through a <b>Japanese walkway</b> , leading to a series of landscaped borders, inc. herbaceous perennials, acers, a roped rose colonnade, and pond planting. A round bed containing a showstopper weeping pear with a heuchera clock. Overlooked by a sun terrace showcasing begonias.
	Maes-y-Wertha Farm	12 July	A three-acre hidden gem outside Bridgend. Entering the garden you <b>find a small Japanese garden fed by a stream</b> , this leads you to informal mixed beds and enclosed herbaceous borders.. A meadow with large lawns .....gives wonderful vistas....
	Nant Melyn Farm	<i>by arrangement 1 June to 30 Aug.</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 <b>picturesque Japanese garden</b> , beautiful lawned areas with winding pathways.
	Tal-y-Fan Farm	20 & 21 June	Elevated country garden with stunning 360 degree views over the Bristol Channel. David Austin roses are the main attraction.... Currently <b>under development Japanese pond and bridge</b> . There is a large seating area with glass balustrade to enjoy the views.
Gwent	<i>none</i>		
Gwynedd	Aber Arthro Hall	18 & 21 June	Six acres of beautiful gardens surrounding the Arts and Crafts mansion built in 1910 by C. E. Bateman. Hillside rock and wild gardens lead to ancient woodland, and lawns with ponds, fountains and managed flower beds lead to two magnificent terraces. Large kitchen garden with huge fruit pergola, orchard and peach-house, adjoin the <b>separate Italian and Japanese gardens</b> , with a lovely riverside walk.
	Cuddfan	<i>by arrangement 1 April to 30 Oct.</i>	Cuddfan, (‘Hideway’ in English) a garden in the <b>Japanese style</b> features a range of mature cloud pruned pine, acer, ginko and other trees with rocks, ponds and meandering paths in the <b>Japanese tradition</b> . 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	Primrose Cottage	<i>by arrangement 1 May to 28 June</i>	Small cottage garden on a south west facing sloped site. There is stone wall terracing and steps that lead to different areas inc a wildlife pond, raised ponds, gravel planting, small herbaceous borders, lawn area, mini orchard, <b>Japanese style courtyard and seating areas</b> . Lovingly developed over the years, still making mistakes and still a work in progress.

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Powys	Cuckoo Hall	<i>by arrangement 16 May to 30 June</i>	A 1½ acre garden developed and designed by retired nursery owners and RHS gold medallists. Semi mature trees with island beds, mature grasses with shrubs give permanent structure: three wildlife ponds, streamside garden, rose pergola, herbaceous borders inc. Robert's bed, inspired by a young boy who left a legacy of love. Colour co-ordination foremost in mind during the design. <b>New</b> Potager garden and <b>Japanese style garden</b> . Lots of unusual plants for sale.
	Tranquility Haven	<i>by arrangement April to September</i>	Amazing <b>Japanese inspired garden</b> 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 <b>Japanese Tea House</b> . Dense oriental planting with Cornus kousa 'Satomi', acers, azaleas, unusual bamboos and wonderful cloud pruning.

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

COUNTY	GARDEN NAME	Date(s) or by arrangement	EXTRACT FROM DESCRIPTION
Aberdeenshire	<i>none</i>		
Angus, Dundee & Kincardineshire South	Edzell Village Gardens	14 June	Four gardens inc. ‘North Lodge’ garden is predominantly a semi-evergreen woodland garden, full of mature trees and shrubs, a good backdrop for climbers and herbaceous perennials. With numerous flowering azaleas, rhododendrons and spring bulbs, the garden also has a Japanese element to it. Pots of acers and bamboo thrive within the protected walled environment, ferns share a shady area, and a still pond reflects both the sky and plants around it. Our current focus is on increasing the wildlife elements; the pond is loved by birds and a bed of plants specifically chosen for pollinators has proved very successful.
	St Bride’s Cottage	20 & 21 June	This half-acre garden was started from scratch in 2002 and now provides year-round interest. Planting several trees and making a wildlife pond and stream were the first priorities, as birds were sadly rare visitors to the garden. Some features are inspired by visits to gardens around the world, including <b>a Japanese-themed area with island bed</b> . There is a small bog garden with a lovely early summer display of <i>Iris sibirica</i> and many plants justify their existence by attracting a wide variety of bees and butterflies.
	Westgate	25 & 26 April	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 <b>two oriental-themed water gardens</b> . .....
Berwickshire & Roxburghshire	Summerfield West	5 & 6 September	Summerfield West is an evolving family garden, blending British formality with Western poetry and Eastern flourishes. .... a vibrant herbaceous border, two terraces (one Japanese-inspired with Torii Gate),....
Edinburgh, Midlothian & West Lothian	Greentree	3 May	A rare opportunity to appreciate a mature garden which, ...created by its owner Alison Glen. .. this woodland garden shelters a large collection of rhododendrons. .. from the <b>Japanese-inspired stream garden</b> presided over by a mature <i>Pinus wallichiana</i> at one end, to the newly developed borders at the other.

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East of Scotland	Helensbank House	<i>by arrangement</i> 13 June to 27 Sept.	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 <b>Japanese themed area</b> including a pagoda and dry river....
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 .., <b>Japanese garden</b> , sculpture collection and giant sundial. (also see <a href="https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/">https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/</a> )
Kirkcudbrightshire	Arbigland House	17 May	Adam-style 18th-century mansion surrounded by 24 acres of woodland gardens .. inc. a stream-fed lake and a <b>Japanese garden</b> , with a more formal sundial garden and sunken rose garden, all in the process of renewal. .. a diverse collection of trees & shrubs.
Moray & Nairn	Burgie Arboretum	see Burgie website	A rare opportunity to see a sizeable woodland garden/arboretum in its infancy.... It includes a <b>Japanese garden</b> , bog garden, bog wood, loch and quarry garden. First created in 2005 and is ongoing. (also see <a href="https://burgie.co.uk/burgie-arboretum/">https://burgie.co.uk/burgie-arboretum/</a> )
Peebleshire & Tweeddale	Stobo Japanese Water Garden	31 May	This is a mature, secluded woodland garden created in the early 1900s. ..The garden was brought to life when Japanese style was the height of fashion – hence its cherry trees, maples, and iconic <b>Japanese lanterns, ‘tea house’ and humpback bridge</b> . The azaleas and rhododendrons provide a spectacular display in the spring.
Perth & Kinross	The Bield at Blackruthven	12 July	Extensive grounds with well-maintained lawns, hedges, flower meadow and specimen trees...Traditional walled garden with richly-stocked borders and lawns, ... extensive woodland... New in the grounds this year is a little <b>Japanese Garden</b> .
Stirlingshire	The Japanese Garden at Cowden	see Cowden website	Created in 1908 it is listed as an important example of a <b>Japanese garden</b> 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 <a href="https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/">https://jgs.org.uk/see-japanese-gardens/</a> )