

2 for 1 gardens to visit in Wales

With restrictions lifting in Wales, why not visit some of the 19 beautiful Welsh gardens in our **2 for 1 entry scheme**. Here are a few to tempt you...



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Bodrhyddan Hall

Summer sees the gardens in their prime, with waterlily ponds, cascades and a colourful array of plants

Great for wildlife spotting

Bodrhyddan Hall

The grounds are home to many species of animals and birds, making this an ideal destination for nature lovers. From the formal Victorian parterre and flowing lawns to the organised wilds of the Pleasance, these historic gardens offer more than 12 acres to explore, at their peak over the summer months. Take a tranquil stroll through the woodlands and around the ponds to spot

some of the wide range of birds, mammals and amphibians.

i **Open** 2 Jun-29 Sep, Tue & Thu only, 2-5pm. Adults & seniors £10, under-16s £5. **Booking** may be required.

Plant lover's paradise

Picton Castle Gardens

These 40 acres contain many rare trees and plants from around the world. In the Grade II listed walled garden, an eclectic and colourful

array of plants are informally arranged in large beds.

i **Open** all year – see garden's website for details. Adults £9, seniors £8, children (5-15) £6. **Booking** advisable.

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A treat for foodies

Part-Y-Seal Garden

In the large kitchen garden, there are beehives and greenhouses packed with fruit and vegetables, from chillies to grapes. The walled garden, with its perennial borders and lavender-edged paths, is full of summer colour and fragrance.

i **Open** 2 Apr-26 Sep, Fri-Sun & bank hol Mon, 11am-5pm. Adults & seniors £5, children (5-16) £3. **Booking** advisable.



Chirk Castle

Take a relaxing stroll through the formal gardens and pleasure grounds, enjoying fragrant roses and fine views

Wonderful for walks

Chirk Castle

Laid out around the castle are formal gardens featuring herbaceous borders, with many rare and beautiful shrubs and flowers. As well as rose, shrub and rock gardens, there are wooded pleasure grounds that are perfect for relaxing walks. From the terrace overlooking the 18th-century ha-ha at the bottom of the garden, you can enjoy sweeping views over the Cheshire and Shropshire plains. In the 480 acres of parkland, you can follow trails to see wildflower meadows and veteran oak trees.

i **Open** all year: 1 Mar-31 Oct, daily, 10am-4pm; for rest of year, see garden's website. Adults & seniors £14, children (5-17) £7. **Booking** advisable.

Ideal for history buffs

Bodnant Garden

Combining grand formal terraces, meadows, woods and riverside dells, this 80-acre hillside garden is Grade I listed. Created over the past 250 years, it's a historic and horticultural treasure, filled with plants from across the globe. Summer highlights include roses, wildflowers and waterlilies.

i **Open** all year, daily, 10am-5pm (4pm Nov-Feb; 8pm on Wed only, May-Sep). Adults & seniors £16.30, children (5-18) £8.15. **Booking** essential. **Card not valid** on weekends or bank hols.

Idyllic island escape

Plas Cadnant Hidden Gardens

Nestled on the Isle of Anglesey by the Menai Strait, this hidden

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haven combines three gardens in one. The large walled garden contains a formal pool and unusual curving walls, the secret valley garden features shady walks, ferns, three waterfalls and a river, and the upper woodland garden offers rocky outcrops, flowering shrubs and the remains of a 19th-century folly.

i **Open** dates & days vary, 12 noon-5pm – see garden's website for details. Adults £8, seniors £7.50, children (6-16) £2. **Booking** not available. **Card valid** on Wed only, plus Fri in Jun-Aug.



Plas Cadnant

This hidden gem features a wooded valley, river and waterfalls and this spectacular walled garden

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Wales map update

Unfortunately in some copies of this year's **2 for 1 Guide** nine garden locations on the Wales map (p56) are incorrect. Gardens numbered 11 to 19 in the listing appear as 12 to 20 on the map. We apologise for this error. Please use the map opposite and at **gardenersworld.com/gardens** instead.

Visiting tips

- **Use** your 2 for 1 entry card from the May issue to visit gardens listed in the guide and at **gardenersworld.com/gardens**
- **Missed** the May issue or need additional 2 for 1 cards? Buy the May issue at **bit.ly/GWMay-gw-MG** *Subscribers get £1 off – see code on p3*
- **Register** for updates and features at **gardenersworld.com/visiting**
- **Share** your best garden visits with friends using the hashtag #GW2for1

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