

Press release

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Blooming Lovely: Gardens of Wiltshire showcase the best of late spring



With three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a section of the New Forest National Park and over 8,200 footpaths waiting to be explored, Wiltshire truly is one of England's most rural, picturesque counties. [VisitWiltshire](#) has picked out some of the best ways to get out and about and enjoy this year's late seasonal floral showcase – from world-class landscape gardens to stunning, bluebell-studded woodland walks.

What to see

- [Stourhead](#) is Wiltshire's most famous garden, and often referred to as one of the finest landscape gardens in the world. Enchanting lakeside walks, classical temples, bluebell-carpeted woodland and much more await visitors. Garden entry is priced at £7.70 for adults; £4.20 for children
- The beautifully laid out [Larmer Tree Gardens](#) were created by General Augustus Pitt Rivers in 1880, and are recognised by English Heritage as a Garden of National Importance. Adult entry is £4; children £2.50 and under-fives go free
- The gardens at [Wilton House](#) offer a blend of parkland and small formal gardens, which include features such as the famous Palladian Bridge. The grounds are open daily from Saturday 4 May, with adult entry to grounds costing £5.50; children £4
- Just one of Wiltshire's many world-class stately homes and manor houses, [Lydiard House and Park](#) boasts a beautiful ornamental 18th century walled garden restored to its former glory. Adult entry to the garden is priced at £1.85; OAPs £1.50; children £1
- The [Peto Garden at Ilford Manor](#) is an award-winning Grade I Italian-Style garden famous for its tranquil beauty. This hillside garden is characterised by steps, terraces, sculpture and magnificent rural views. The garden is open on Tuesday to Thursday, and weekends from 2-5pm. Entry is £5 for adults; children under 10 free

- Set within Capability Brown's 2,000 acre 'Great Park', the grounds at [Bowood House and Gardens](#) offer stunning views, scenic walks and an outstanding collection of trees and shrubs; not to mention guided Rhododendron walks from late April through to mid-June. House and grounds entry is £10.50 for adults; children from £6, and Rhododendron walks are £6.50 for adults and free for children under 12
- Recently reopened following a major transformation for a new BBC series entitled 'The Manor Reborn', [Avebury Manor](#) boasts a delightful collection of garden rooms comprising flower gardens, raised walks and an orchard – as well as a recently developed kitchen garden. Entry for adults to the manor house is £9; children £4.50

Where to stay

- [Lucknam Park Hotel and Spa](#), a magnificent listed Palladian mansion nestled peacefully in a tranquil corner of Southern England. Rooms are priced from £345 per night, and a range of gourmet, horse riding and spa breaks are available
- [Stanton House Hotel](#) is a classic country manor house surrounded by beautiful gardens designed by Gertrude Jekyll in the 18th century and overlooking Stanton Lake and Park. Double rooms start from £130 per night
- [The Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa](#) is one of Wiltshire's finest luxury hotels, perfectly located to explore Warminster, Salisbury and the south of the county. Rooms are priced from £115 per night

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Images of all the above attractions are available on request.

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