

KATE'S GARDENS

A short break visiting gardens on the Shropshire/Staffordshire borders

by Kate from Market Drayton Community Partnership

Market Drayton is just a short drive away from some of the area's finest gardens. From the grandeur and open landscapes of Trentham and the remarkable Follies of Hawkstone to the intimacy of the show-stopping Wollerton and Dorothy Clive Gardens, Market Drayton makes a great base for a garden-lovers' short break.

Depending upon plant interest, visits to each of these gardens can take between 2 and 4 hours.

Day 1

Dorothy Clive Garden and Trentham Gardens



Dorothy Clive Garden

Leave Market Drayton on the A53 going towards Newcastle under Lyme. At the junction with the A51 turn left towards Woore. The Gardens are about one mile on the right.

The Dorothy Clive Garden
Willoughbridge, Shropshire
TF9 4EU
Tel: 01630 647237

www.dorothyclivegarden.co.uk

Facilities are available for disabled visitors. Dogs are admitted on leads.



The Dorothy Clive Garden, covering just 12 acres, was established in 1939, by Colonel Harry Clive who transformed a disused Victorian quarry into a beautiful and fascinating garden where his ailing wife Dorothy could enjoy her daily walks.

Since then the garden has been given to the public and has many attractions including woodland gardens, a waterfall, fabulous alpines and a laburnum arch and rose walk.

There is an excellent tea room serving delicious home-made food and cream teas. The gift shop sells local crafts and produce.



Trentham Gardens

Described by Alan Titchmarsh as 'one of the UK's must-see gardens'. Whether you're looking for a garden with peace and quiet, or fun and action you will find it at Trentham.

Trentham Gardens
Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent
Sat Nav for main entrance ST4 8JG
Tel: 01782 646646

www.trentham.co.uk

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On leaving the Dorothy Clive Gardens, turn right onto the A51 towards Stone. After a few hundred yards turn left onto the A53 towards Newcastle Under Lyme. After 3.7 miles turn right at the roundabout onto the Trentham Road/ A5182. Go straight across the lights onto the B5038. Turn right onto the A34 and follow the signs to Trentham Gardens.

As well as a newly developed Italian Garden next to the Rivers of Grass and the adjacent Floral Labyrinth, there is a beautiful walk around the lake with boat rides, train rides and a fabulous playground for children.

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Trentham Gardens is a dog-friendly attraction
www.trentham.co.uk/trentham-gardens/walking-your-dog
and there are several great places to eat in and around the Gardens as well as a shopping village and Garden Centre just next door.

Day 2

Wollerton Old Hall Gardens and Hawkestone Park Follies



Wollerton Old Hall Garden

Leave Market Drayton on the A53 towards Shrewsbury. After about 3 miles, turn right following the signs for Wollerton gardens.

At Wollerton the planting style has been described as 'controlled exuberance'. There is an emphasis on perennials: colour, form and scale are all important.

Wollerton Garden is set around a 16th Century Hall House. It covers 4 acres and has been evolving for thirty years under the care of its owners Lesley and John Jenkins. There are three north-south and three east-west vistas which are intensely cultivated and the space is divided into several separate gardens, each with its own style: the garden is bursting with plant and style ideas.

Gardener and broadcaster Chris Beardshaw is a particular aficionado of Wollerton and has said 'I can show anyone, anywhere in the world, photos of this place and they all agree that it is a world-class example of an English Garden'.

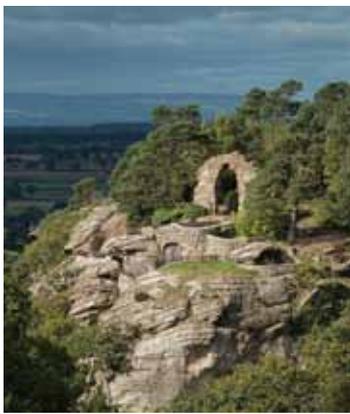
Food is always freshly prepared in the Tea Room. Home-cooked hot and cold lunches of excellent quality are available as well as teas and snacks.

Wollerton Old Hall Garden,
Wollerton,
Market Drayton
TF9 3NA
Tel: 01630 685760

www.wollertonoldhallgarden.com

Please note that unlike the other gardens described in this Guide, dogs are not permitted at Wollerton.





Hawkstone Park Follies.

Return to the A53 from Wollerton Gardens heading towards Shrewsbury. After about 1 mile turn right towards Hodnet. Go straight across the cross roads in Hodnet. After about half a mile turn left towards Hawkstone Park.

Hawkstone Follies is a historic parkland that covers 100 acres. Created in the 18th Century by Sir Rowland Hill, it became known as one of the greatest historic parklands in Europe.



Centred around the Red Castle and the awe-inspiring Grotto Hill, there are intricate pathways, ravines, arches and bridges, towering cliffs and follies with woodland walks that offer a delightful day out.

Afterwards, enjoy some delicious refreshment at Caspian's Tea Shop which serves light meals and snacks.

A summary of open days for the gardens is below. Opening days and times of the gardens vary quite a lot with the seasons so do check when you plan your visits:

Hawkstone Park Follies
Weston-under-Redcastle
Shrewsbury
Shropshire

Tel: 01948 841 700

www.hawkstoneparkfollies.co.uk

Dogs are allowed on leads.

It should be noted that reasonable mobility is required for some of the walks at Hawkstone Follies

Day 2
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	Dorothy Clive	Trentham	Wollerton	Hawkstone
Mondays	April - Sept	All year	Bank Hols only Easter - Aug	April - Aug
Tuesdays	April - Sept	All year	No	June - Aug
Wednesdays	April - Sept	All year	No	June - Aug
Thursdays	April - Sept	All year	No	April - Aug
Fridays	April - Sept	All year	Good Friday - Sept	April - Sept
Saturdays	Feb - Oct	All year	No	Mar - Oct
Sundays	Feb - Oct	All year	Good Friday - Aug	Mar - Oct

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A Day Out