



EVENTS IN THE GARDENS

Garden Tours, Every Sunday, 12noon - 1pm

These weekly tours begin next to our Museum Street gates and give an insight into one of the most popular gardens in York. The gardens contain a wealth of plant life, botanical specimens and wildlife, as well as the spectacular ruins of St Mary's Abbey and the Roman Multangular Tower.

Free, no booking required

Gun Salutes, 12noon (Gardens open at 10am) on the following dates:

The Gardens are used to celebrate Royal Occasions.

Friday 10 June Birthday of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

Saturday 11 June Official Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen

Monday 14 November Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales

York Mystery Plays tickets now on sale!

Tickets now on sale for York Mystery Plays in York Museum Gardens from 2 - 27 August 2012. For more information and to book tickets visit www.yorkmysteryplays-2012.com



Welcome to York Museum Gardens – a place to relax and unwind in the heart of the city.

The botanical collection has recently been updated with a Fern garden, an American Prairie, Butterfly and Astronomy borders.

The gardens have over 30 species of birds.

They are set on an historical site which include the remains of the Roman fortress tower, and the medieval St Mary's Abbey and the Hospitium.

The Gardens are also home to the award winning Yorkshire Museum which showcases some of Britain's finest archaeological treasures and many rare animals, birds and fossils, in exciting new displays.



Visitor Information

Welcome to York Museum Gardens – ten acres of beautiful gardens set within the heart of the city. Established in the 1830's by the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, these gardens are famous for their fantastic collection of trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs.

Set in the stunning surroundings of the medieval ruins of St.Mary's Abbey, this is a great space to meet friends and family and enjoy the peace and tranquillity that the gardens have to offer.

Enjoy refreshments from the Yorkshire Museum. Our shop sells a wide range of snacks and drinks which are perfect for a picnic in the gardens!

Open Daily
7am – 8pm SUMMER
7am – 6pm WINTER
Admission
FREE ADMISSION



How to Find Us:

York Museum Gardens are located next to Lendal Bridge, Museum Street at the main crossing between York Station and York Minster. There are two main entrances – one on Museum Street, the other is on Marygate.

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Botanical Gardens in the heart of the city

FREE GARDEN TOURS EVERY SUNDAY

Free and Open Daily



York Museums Trust

Location of the borders, rockery, champion trees and the fern gardens



1



Fern Garden

Stones from the abbey church are used to create a fabulous fern garden with a stunning collection of native and non native ferns. Trees include Ginkgo Biloba and the Wollemly Pine *Wollemia nobilis*. This garden also has 300 million year old fossils of plants from the Yorkshire Museum.

2



Rockery

With the remains of the Victorian Backhouse family nursery just across the River Ouse, this garden pays a tribute to these famous 19th century rock garden builders. The rock garden, made in 1980, has a display of colourful rock plants and is constructed from Yorkshire limestone pavement.

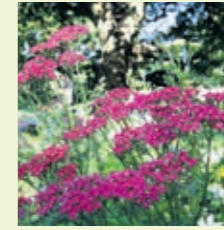
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Butterfly Border

The border has been designed to provide nectar for butterflies, bees, moths and other insects. The Orange Tip, Green-veined White, Holly Blue, Brimstone, Tortoiseshell and Peacock butterflies have all been seen in the gardens. At night, Burnished Brass, Emerald, Yellow Underwing and Old Lady moths are flying in the garden.

4



American Prairie Border

With the colonisation of North America, the native flora of the American prairie disappeared as it was turned into agricultural land. This border features plants from the prairies that were introduced and cultivated in Europe and are much used in gardens today.

5



Astronomy Border

The observatory was built in 1831. It is one of the oldest in the UK in full working order. Work is in progress to plant a new border surrounding the observatory on the theme of astronomy, stars, planets and the night sky.



Champion Trees



The Garden has 7 county Champion trees. These are the biggest examples in Yorkshire identified by The Tree Register.

1. *Alnus glutinosa* 'Imperialis' – Cut Leafed Alder
2. *Carpinus betulus* 'Incisa' – Cut Leafed Hornbeam
3. *Fraxinus angustifolia* 'Lentiscifolia' – Willow Leafed Ash
4. *Pyrus elaeagnifolia* – Elaeagnus Leafed Pear
5. *Tilia cordata* – Small Leaf Lime
6. *Tilia tomentosa* 'Petiolaris' – Weeping Silver Lime
7. *Fagus sylvatica* 'Miltonensis' – Pear Barked Beech

