

Tuesday, 8 August 2023

National Botanic Garden of Wales

The Middleton Estate: The rural site on which the Garden sits has an increasingly well documented history – it is registered Grade II* on the Cadw/ICOMOS Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales. **The Regency Restoration** was a five-year project which aimed to restore features of a Regency period landscape, created in the late 18th and early 19th century for William Paxton, in what is now 'Waun Las National Nature Reserve'. With 400 acres for you to explore, Waun Las National Nature Reserve is an enchanting mosaic of flower rich meadows, evocative woodlands, waterfalls, and cascades. Over the past five years this landscape has been restored. Historic features have been unearthed, restored and renewed. Pathways, bridges, and lakes have been reinstated to bring you closer to nature.

During our visit, we will be based in 'Theatr Botanica', a 50-seat venue used for public lectures and family activities. In the foyer of Theatr Botanica you'll see an enormous ceramic mosaic, called "Creative Growth", celebrating the biodiversity of Wales. It was designed by community artist Pod Clare and its construction involved over 260 participants from every county in Wales.

The programme for the day:

8.30 am	Depart from National Museum, Cathays Park	After lunch, free time to explore
9.00 am	Depart from Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park	3.30 pm British Bird of Prey Display (Barn owl, Merlin falcon, Red kite, Black Kite, European Eagle Owl)
10.30 am	Arrive National Botanic Gardens	4.00 pm Further free time
10.45 am	Tea/coffee & Welsh cake in Theatr Botanica	5.00 pm Depart for Cardiff
11.00 am	Illustrated introductory talk by Heritage Officer, Helen Whitear, followed by a guided tour	6.30 pm Arrive in Cardiff (approximately)
1.00 pm	Buffet Lunch in Theatr Botanica	

The cost of the visit, which includes coach, tea/coffee and Welsh cake on arrival; illustrated talk and guided tour, Buffet Lunch and British Bird of Prey Display, inclusive of gratuities is **£50**. If you wish to join this visit, please send a cheque payable to 'The **Friends of National Museum Wales**', together with the completed form to:

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Please include a stamped addressed envelope only if you have not provided an email address.

Deadline - Please book by Thursday, 27 July at the very latest.

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Name(s):

Address:

..... Post Code:..... Tel. No.:

Mobile No.: Email:

Please reserve places(s) for the above visit. I enclose a cheque for the sum of £
(£50 per person) and a SAE (if you do not have an email address)

Dietary Requirements (Vegetarian/Vegan etc)

I / We will board the coach at: The Museum, Cathays Park / Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park.

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I/We confirm membership of the Friends of the National Museum Wales