

Welcome to Furzey Gardens

Enjoy discovering the winding paths, rare plants and thatched structures in this tranquil garden, which is maintained by people with learning disabilities.

- A Entrance**
- B Tea rooms and gift shop**
- C Plant sales**
- D Picnic area**
- E Furzey House**
(holiday let – not open to public)
- F Plant nursery**
(not open to public)
- G Arboretum**
- H Play area**
- I Wildflower meadow**
- J Scarlet malachite beetle houses**
- K Alpaca field**
- L Lake (beware: deep water)**
- M Exit**
- P Parking**
- ↑ Steep gradient**
- 👤 Lost child meeting point**
- ⛑ First aid**
- 🚻 Toilets (emergency use only)**
- 🚪 Fairy doors**
(see trail overleaf)
- 🚶 One way route**
- 🚫 No public access**
- 🌿 Horticultural highlights**
(see overleaf)



One way route

The pink line and arrows show the one way route to take around the garden, to aid social distancing.

The route is also the easiest route if you have a pushchair, difficulty walking or use a mobility device. However the utmost care must be taken even on this route.

Staying safe

Please follow the one way route and keep at least two metres from other groups. Some areas are closed or have reduced capacity, see signs for details.



Horticultural highlights

Furzey Gardens is full of interesting and attractive plants, many brought here by intrepid plant-hunting pioneers.

Use the map overleaf to locate each plant or area.

- 1 **Rhododendron macacabeanum** was introduced into the UK in 1927 and this is an original planting, now one of the largest in the UK. Large silver green leaves and yellow flowers in early spring. Now endangered in the wild.
- 2 A beautiful specimen of **Metasequoia glyptostroboides**, the 'Dawn Redwood'. This relic from 150 million years ago is related to the Giant Redwoods from the USA and was only known as a fossil until a living specimen was found in central China in 1941. A graceful tree with golden brown autumn colour.
- 3 **Betula lutea**, the 'Golden Birch' from the Allegheny mountains in eastern USA forms a fine spreading specimen whose leaves change to a golden yellow in autumn.
- 4 The **arboretum** has a varied collection of young trees, mostly planted in the 1990s, including many Acers, Magnolias and Japanese chestnuts. A colourful sight in the autumn.
- 5 The **cottage garden** herbaceous borders provide a riot of colour through mid to late summer and include many old fashioned favourites such as Asters and Heleniums as well as newer exotics like Echium and Salvias.



Supporting people with learning disabilities

Furzey Gardens is part of Minstead Trust, a local charity that relies on charitable donations to provide training and support for people with learning disabilities.

At Furzey, they maintain the gardens, serve in the tea rooms and grow the plants we sell.

Help us continue our work by taking out annual membership today.



Fairy door trail

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Midas Mansion <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 Cosy Cottage <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Fairy Ferry <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 Oak Terrace <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Meadowsweet School <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 Tiny Castle <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Moss Side <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 The Potting Shed <input type="checkbox"/> |

Use the map overleaf for the locations of each fairy door and tick them off as you find them. Keep your eyes open as you explore – there are more than 30 other doors to discover.

Post your fairy letters at the Post Office by the entrance path to get in touch.

Don't leave letters on our doorsteps as we sometimes get too many!



Keep in touch

f Furzey Gardens

@ Furzey_gardens

Sign up for email newsletter at www.furzey-gardens.org

