





HOW TO FIND US

BY ROAD

-  **From M25 Junction 5** follow A21 to Tonbridge, leaving at Hildenborough exit; then follow brown tourist signs.
-  **From M20/M26 Junction 2a** follow A25 (Sevenoaks), A21 for Hildenborough, then follow brown tourist signs.



BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

-  Train from London Charing Cross to Tunbridge Wells or London Victoria to Edenbridge then bus (231 & 233) excludes Sundays.
-  Train from London Charing Cross to Tonbridge, then taxi to Penshurst (6 miles).

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PENSHURST PLACE
AND GARDENS



THE HOME WHERE HISTORY LIVES



BEST WEDDING VENUE – 2011 & 2014



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THE PLACE TO VISIT

One of England's oldest family homes, Penshurst Place has passed through the hands of royalty and nobles for more than six centuries, including Henry VIII. In 1552 it was gifted to the influential Sidney family. Today, a direct descendant Viscount De L'Isle MBE, is custodian of Penshurst's future.

At the heart of this medieval masterpiece is the **Baron's Hall**, built in 1341. The adjoining **State Rooms** contain a wonderful collection of tapestries, furniture, portraits, porcelain and armour.

THE PLACE TO EXPLORE

The historic **formal gardens** are the jewel in the crown of Penshurst Place. With records dating back to 1346 they provide a superb example of Elizabethan garden design with 11 acres of walled and yew-hedged garden rooms providing a variety of form, foliage and bloom throughout the year.

Set within the High Weald, the ancient **historic parkland** of the Penshurst Estate is a rich mix of landscapes, habitats and activities. There are two self-guided **walking trails** available that also take in the village of Penshurst, alongside a **local cycle route**.



THE PLACE TO PLAY

The **Toy Museum** provides a collection of toys from Yootha Rose - a stage designer, artist and royal toymaker, as well as toys from generations of the Sidney family.

Children can also let off plenty of steam in our traditional **Adventure Playground** and find out more about the woodland environment in the nearby **Woodland Trail**.



THE PLACE TO EAT

Set within the grounds of Penshurst Place, the **Garden Restaurant** offers a selection of quality home-cooked lunches during our seasonal opening hours.

The **Porcupine Pantry**, located next to the main Visitor Entrance and Gift Shop, is open all year, providing hot and cold light meal choices with sweet pastries and savoury items baked on the premises.



THE PLACE TO SHOP

Located in a beautifully converted 19th century barn next to the Visitor Entrance, our wonderful **Gift Shop** is free to visit all year. It stocks a range of gifts, jewellery, clothing, kitchen and garden items, toys, books, cards and local Kentish produce.

There is also a **Plant Centre**, next to the Gift Shop, stocking a range of plants found in the Gardens at Penshurst Place.



THE PLACE FOR EVENTS



Penshurst Place & Gardens provides an idyllic setting for **private events** such as weddings, formal dinners, parties, corporate events and parkland activities. Available for exclusive hire throughout the year, we can also offer exquisite fine dining from our caterers Leith's.

Group visits are also welcome with special group prices and tailored packages available.



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WHAT'S ON: EVENTS

FOR ALL TICKET INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT [PENSHURSTPLACE.COM/ETICKETS](https://www.penshurstplace.com/etickets)

MAGNA CARTA: FIND THE CHARTERS

14th – 22nd February
10.30am – dusk

Support your fellow Barons in the Barons' revolt trail to Runnymede. Prepare your arguments and organise your army as you march on London to convince the evil King John into giving back your lawfully-owned land!



MOTHERING SUNDAY

15th March
12noon – 4pm

Stop by for lunch in the Garden Restaurant and enjoy a specially selected menu provided by Leith's. Afterwards, take a stroll to The Old Coach House where children can create a beautiful card for Mum to treasure.



THE GREAT ARMADA

21st & 22nd March
12noon – 4pm

Defend our walls and protect the historic house. Join our skilled costumed actors to help ward off the Spanish Armada and protect Penshurst Place from an impending invasion!



SPRING STROLL

29th March
11am – 2pm

Take a traditional country walk across the parkland with our Estate Manager and marvel at the changing colours of the season; followed by a two-course roast lunch in the Garden Restaurant.

**Tickets £28 and include
House and Gardens access**



Most events are included in the admission prices except where stated. Though we endeavour to run all events, this may be affected by unforeseen circumstances or adverse weather conditions. Please contact us before visiting to avoid disappointment. For full event details visit www.penshurstplace.com/whats-on

EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

3rd – 19th April

Trails 10.30am – dusk

Crafts 12noon – 4pm

Take part in our Magna Carta trail and find out just how evil King John was, before creating an array of medieval crafts. You can also delight in three performances of Easter stories on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday from 2pm.



SPRING CUPCAKE CREATIONS

17th April

10.30am – 12.30pm

Join our chef in the medieval Buttery to create six spring-themed sweet treats and your own presentation box to carry them away for friends and family.

Tickets £16



WEALD OF KENT CRAFT & DESIGN SHOW

2nd, 3rd & 4th May

9.30am – 5pm

Discover a wealth of handmade art, crafts, clothes and fantastic local food. Combined tickets for the house and gardens are available.

Tickets

www.ichfevents.co.uk



MAY BANK HOLIDAY

3rd & 4th May

Bushcraft activities

11am – 5pm

Crafts 12noon – 4pm

Learn the tricks of real traditional camping with the Bushcraft Company; discover fire lighting, scavenger hunting and shelter building. Bushcraft activities are free with admission.



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SPRING HOLIDAY FUN

23rd – 31st May

Crafts 12noon – 4pm

Hands on History 30th

& 31st May 11am – 5pm

Join Hands on History for a day of archery, chain mail and costumes as you revive the role played by local hero, the Wicken of the Weald.



GLORIOUS GARDENS WEEK

31st May & 7th June: Head Gardener's Tour

Enjoy a tour with our Head Gardener, followed by an afternoon cream tea. **Tickets: £20**

3rd June: Parkland Photography Tour

Join professional photographer Leigh Clapp for a summer walk around the Parkland as she helps you capture the finer parts of nature on film. **Tickets £15**

4th June: Official Opening of Blue & Yellow Border

Join us as we unveil the renovated blue and yellow border in the early June sun.

5th June: Lady De L'Isle's Garden Tour

Enjoy a personal tour through the gardens with Lady De L'Isle, followed by afternoon cream tea. **Tickets £25**

7th June: Traditional Morris Dancing

Gather on the South Lawn to watch a display of traditional Morris Dancing by a troupe of 70 dancers. Then move through to the Baron's Hall where you can delight in a display of folk singing.



WHAT'S ON: EVENTS

FATHER'S DAY

21st June

10.30am – 5pm

Come down for a visit this Father's Day where as well as our woodland trail and adventure playground, you can challenge Dad to a traditional game of croquet on the South Lawn. Whether you let him win or not is up to you!



ARMED FORCES DAY

27th June

In recognition of the service men and women who bravely fight in Her Majesty's Service, Penshurst Place will be waiving admission prices for members of the Armed Forces.

Please see website for more details and eligibility.



PRIMAVERA CONCERT

28th June

From 7pm

Join the Primavera Chamber Ensemble for an evening performance of classical masterpieces.

Tickets £26 include an interval drink.

Book at www.primavera-ensemble.co.uk



GARDEN SEASON TICKET HOLDERS' EVENING

9th July

From 6.30pm

An invitation to our Garden Season Ticket Holders to attend the annual Garden Party, hosted by Viscount and Viscountess De L'Isle.

**RSVP by 25th June
01892 870307.**



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SUMMER MAIZE MAZE

18th July – 6th September
12th & 13th September
10.30am – 6pm

Our popular Maize Maze returns for its fourth year. Step into the Maize puzzle and collect the clues before finding your way out! Last entry 5pm.



PORCUPINE PARTY

26th July
From 4pm

An invitation to the children of our Family Season Ticket Holders to attend the annual Porcupine Club Party! Full of fun, games and frolics with storytelling and insider knowledge on our links to the Porcupine.



SUMMER SUNDAYS

26th July – 30th August
Crafts 12noon – 4pm
Storytelling from 2pm

Enjoy our 2015 Summer Sundays and delight in Falconry from The Hawking Centre on the South Lawn, Storytelling with Aardvark from 2pm, and medieval crafts in The Old Coach House until 4pm.



BUSHCRAFT OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMPS

30th – 31st July
6th – 7th August

Join the Bushcraft Company for an overnight stay in our parkland, and learn an abundance of camping skills before sleeping under the stars in a traditional Bell Tent.



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AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY FUN

30th & 31st August
Bushcraft 11am – 5pm
Storytelling 2pm, 2.45pm
& 3.30pm

Get involved with the Bushcraft Company's camping demonstrations and learn about fire-lighting, shelter building and other useful camping skills.



WEALD OF KENT CRAFT & DESIGN SHOW

11th, 12th & 13th
September

Discover vintage crafts, lovingly-created art, sumptuous food and so much more. Combined tickets with the house and gardens available.

Tickets
www.ichfevents.co.uk



AUTUMN AMBLE

4th October
11am – 2pm

Join our Estate Manager for a walk around the changing colours of the estate and learn about the history of Penshurst Place. Followed by a two-course roast lunch.

Tickets £28 and include
House and Gardens access



SPOOKY HALF TEM

17th October – 1st November
Trails 10.30am – dusk
Crafts from 24th October
12noon – 4pm

Travel along the spooky garden pumpkin trail and discover gruesome medieval medicines as you go.

Join Hands on History on the 24th October and discover the life of a Medieval Baron!



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PETRIFYING PUMPKIN DESIGNS

29th October
10.30am – 12.30pm

Join our Head Gardener for a lesson in creating realistic Halloween designs for truly petrifying pumpkins! For children aged 7+, must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets £22.50 and include a pumpkin carving kit

CREEPY CUPCAKE DECORATING

30th October
10.30am – 12.30pm

Join our chef in the medieval Buttery to create truly gruesome cupcakes for a sumptuously spooky treat.

Tickets £16

HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING & FANCY DRESS

31st October
storytelling from 2pm
fancy dress from 4pm

Gather around for storytelling in the Buttery from Aardvark productions at 2pm, 2.45pm & 3.30pm. Followed by a fancy dress competition!

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

**2nd November until
Christmas Eve, 10.30am – 4pm**

Discover a selection of handmade hampers - ideal as gifts for loved ones and Christmas treats for the family. Receive 10% off every Wednesday*, 4.30pm - 8pm from the 18th November - 16th December.

*See website for full T&C's.



WHAT'S ON: EVENTS



FATHER CHRISTMAS IN NARNIA GROTTO

**Saturdays, 28th November,
5th, 12th & 19th December**

**Sundays, 29th November,
6th, 13th & 20th December**

+ 21st, 22nd & 23rd December

Follow Mr Tumnus through the fantasy woodland of Narnia, before meeting Father Christmas in his sleigh. Tickets include Narnia activities and crafts, plus a candy cane and a present.

**Tickets for children only
and must be pre-booked,
accompanying adults go free.**

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

**2nd December
10am – 12.30pm**

Sandra Belton from Unique Floral Designs returns this year to help you create beautiful festive wreaths, with the help of a little Penshurst mistletoe.



PENSHURST MONTHLY FARMERS' MARKET

**1st Saturday of every month
9.30am – 12noon**

Pay us a visit for the monthly farmers' market and discover a wealth of local food and drink to get stuck into as well as knowledgeable stall holders to talk you through the produce.



OPENING TIMES FOR 2015

OPEN SEASON: WEEKENDS FROM 14TH FEBRUARY TO 29TH MARCH
HALF-TERM 16TH TO 20TH FEBRUARY. DAILY FROM 30TH MARCH TO 1ST NOVEMBER

CLOSED SEASON: 2ND NOVEMBER TO 31ST DECEMBER

HOUSE	12noon – 4pm (<i>open season only; closed between 16th & 20th February</i>)
GARDENS & GROUNDS	10.30am – 6pm (<i>or dusk if earlier; open season only; last entry 1 hour before closing</i>)
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND	10.30am – 6pm (<i>open season</i>) 10.30am – 4.30pm (<i>closed season weekends, Season Ticket holders only</i>)
TOY MUSEUM	12noon – 4pm (<i>open season only</i>)
GARDEN RESTAURANT	10.30am – 5pm (<i>open season only; last orders 15 minutes before closing</i>)
GIFT SHOP	10.30am – 6pm (<i>open season</i>) 10.30am – 4.30pm (<i>closed season</i>)
PORCUPINE PANTRY	9am – 6pm (<i>open season</i>) 9am – 4.30pm (<i>closed season</i>)
PARKLAND	Open all year to walkers and cyclists

ENTRANCE PRICES FOR 2015

	HOUSE, GARDENS & GROUNDS	GARDENS & GROUNDS ONLY
ADULT (<i>16 and over</i>)	£10.50	£8.50
CHILD (<i>5 – 15</i>)	£6.50	£6.00
FAMILY (<i>2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children</i>)	£30.00	£27.00
FAMILY (<i>2 adults + 1 child</i>)	£25.00	£21.00
INDIVIDUAL SEASON TICKET <i>(free entrance for up to 2 accompanying children under 5 years old per card holder, per visit. £2.50 per child under 5 years old thereafter)</i>	N/A	£47.00
FAMILY SEASON TICKET		
2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN	N/A	£75.00
1 ADULT + 3 CHILDREN	N/A	£70.00
		} <i>£7 per additional child, maximum of 5 children per card</i>

Terms and conditions apply. Valid for one year from purchase date. See website for full details

For cyclists and those travelling by public transport £1 off entry per person

No dogs are allowed in the house or formal gardens. Dogs are allowed in the public access parkland, only