

Painswick Rococo Garden

Group Visits Guide 2026

Essential Information
for Group Organisers
and Coach Drivers

Welcome

Nestled in the heart of the Cotswolds, Painswick Rococo Garden offers a unique and enchanting experience for groups seeking an inspiring day out.

Known for its fantastical character and inspiration, the garden is nestled in a valley, where serpentine paths lead to deceptive vistas and charming follies await to surprise and delight visitors every season.

Group visits are warmly welcomed, with tailored options for organisers and coach drivers to ensure a smooth, enjoyable trip.







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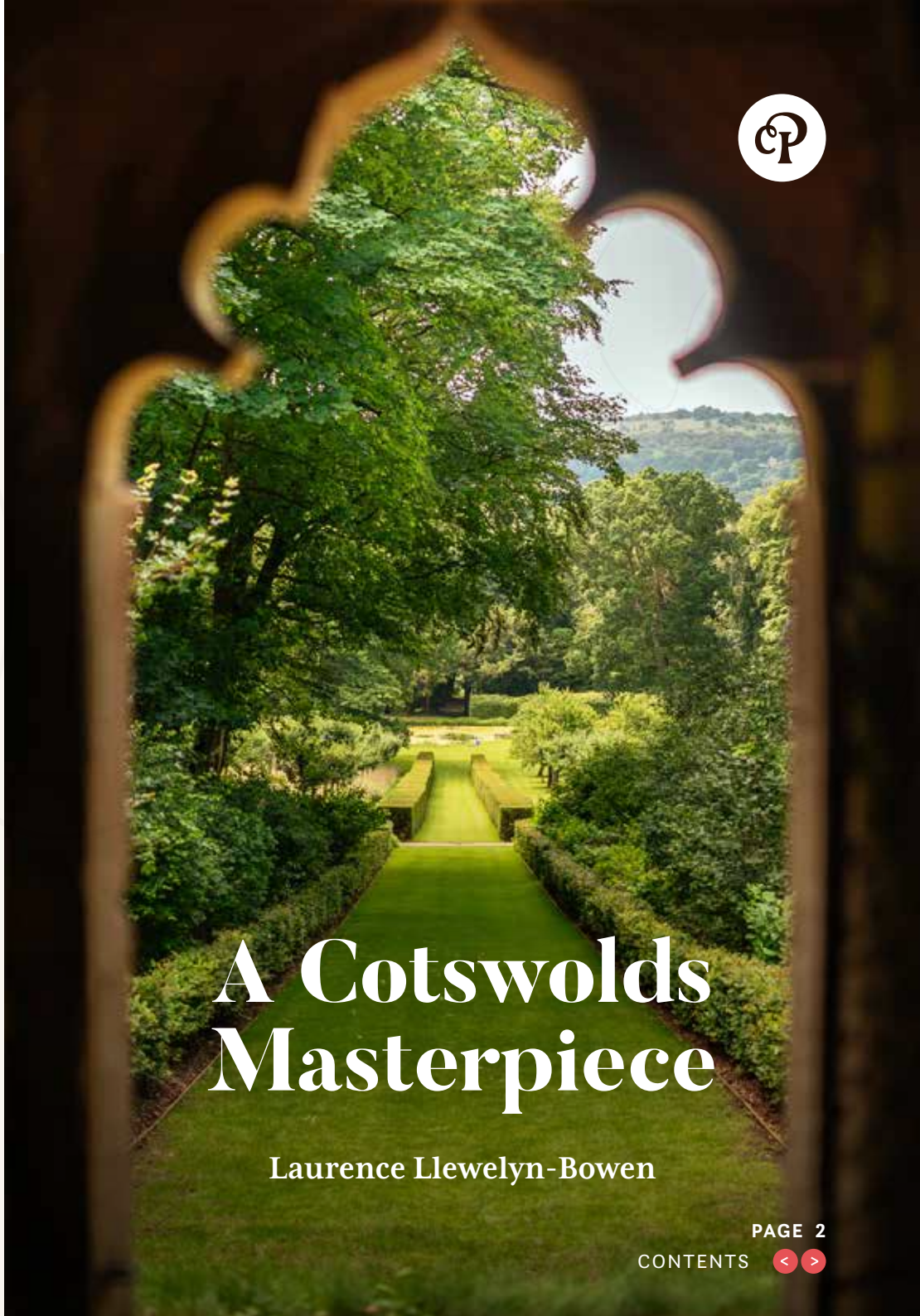

A Brief History

A fabulous fancy

In the 1740s, Benjamin Hyett designed a flamboyant pleasure garden to entertain guests at Painswick House. The garden was a country gentleman's experimental creation, scattered with an eclectic array of buildings.

The garden is a confection of horticultural and architectural delights to draw the eye. Rather than another orderly flower garden, Hyett created a tranquil haven, ripe for pleasure and romance.

Since 1984, the garden has been restored to its original rococo glory, after being redesigned with changing fashions and then eventually abandoned to woodland. The garden is now run and maintained as an independent registered charity.



The garden was depicted in glorious detail by artist Thomas Robins in 1748. This painting became the blueprint for its restoration.

Visiting Days

Painswick Rococo Garden truly is a garden for all seasons.
You can find a **month-by-month guide** to some seasonal highlights on **our website**.



17 January – 1 March:
Open **every day**, 10am–5pm

2 March – 29 March:
Open **Wednesday – Sunday**, 10am–5pm

30 March – 19 April (Easter):
Open **every day**, 10am–5pm

20 April – 24 May:
Open **Wednesday – Sunday**, 10am–5pm



25 May – 31 May (Half Term):
Open **every day**, 10am–5pm

1 June – 19 July:
Open **Wednesday – Sunday**, 10am–5pm

20 July – 31 August (School Holidays):
Open **every day**, 10am–5pm



1 September – 25 October:
Open Wednesday – Sunday, 10am–5pm

26 October – 1 November (Half Term):
Open every day, 10am–5pm

2 November – 22 November:
Open weekends only, 10am–4pm



Late November & December:
Evening openings for our *Winter Lights* Trail

Private Visits:
Out-of-hours visits can be arranged on request, subject to availability.

Special Events:
Check our website for seasonal highlights including school holiday trails and events.

Group Pricing

We offer special rates for groups of 20 or more.

Our 2026 group admission prices are as follows:

- Group of 20+ Adults: £10.95 per person
- Group of 10 – 19: £11.50 per person
- Organiser & Coach Driver: One free entry for every 20 paying guests
- Guided tours from £70 per guide – More information below.

Prices include access to the entire garden, the woodland play area, and all facilities.

Final numbers must be confirmed one week in advance.



Private Visits

Experience the tranquillity of the garden exclusively with an out-of-hours private visit — ideal for special interest groups or societies. Please call for more information on availability and pricing.

Getting Here

The garden is located just outside Painswick village (GL6 6TH), 10 minutes from Stroud and 20 minutes from Gloucester.

Coach Access:

Coaches must approach the garden from Gloucester on the B4073, The turn from the A46 onto the B4073 from either direction is too tight for a large vehicle and you will get stuck.

When you arrive, please stay on the coach and ring us on **01452 813204**.
One of our team will come out and meet you.





Visit Duration and Accessibility

Recommended Visit Duration

We recommend allowing 2–3 hours for your visit. This allows time to explore the garden, perhaps enjoy a guided tour, visit the café, or browse the shop.



Accessibility

The garden itself was built in a hidden valley almost 300 years ago. Paths are both steep and uneven and we do not recommend using a wheelchair or mobility scooter in the garden due to its difficult terrain.

Paths: Most main paths are gravel or grass. Most slopes will be challenging for manual wheelchairs and those with limited mobility.

Facilities: Accessible toilets are located near the entrance and close to the café. The garden is not suitable for motorised scooters. Accessibility Map available.

For information visit our website, or for more detailed information please call **01452 813204** – we'll be glad to help.

Guided Tours

Enhance your visit with one of our guided tours,

Tours last around one hour and are crammed with fascinating facts and interesting stories. **Tours can accommodate up to 20 people per guide**, additional guides can be arranged for larger groups.



History and restoration

Covering the history and restoration of Painswick Rococo Garden.

£70 per guide



Horticultural Tour

Covering the horticultural secrets of the garden.

£125 per guide



The Hidden Story

Get the inside scoop from the Garden Director.

£125 per guide

Food, Drink and Shopping

Food and Drink

The café serves a tempting selection of homemade cakes, sandwiches, light lunches, and hot/cold drinks. Pre-ordered packages can be arranged on request, please add this to your booking form.



Shopping

Browse the well-stocked gift shop for garden-themed gifts, books, Rococo Garden produce and local artisan products. The onsite Exedra Nursery offers a range of seasonal plants, many propagated onsite.





Nearby Attractions

Painswick is known as the “Queen of the Cotswolds,” offering fantastic attractions within a short drive The Gardens.

- Painswick village: historic wool town with tea rooms and galleries
- St Mary’s Church and famous yew trees
- Gloucester Cathedral (20 minutes by coach)
- Stroud Farmers’ Market (Saturdays)







Booking Process

Make your experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible by completing your booking in advance of your visit.

1. Complete the group booking form.
2. Confirm group numbers and any special requirements 14 days before your visit.
3. Receive confirmation and payment details.
4. On the day, present your confirmation at the entrance.

Payment can be made by card, cash, or invoice by prior agreement.



Contact

We look forward to welcoming your group to Painswick Rococo Garden in 2026.

For any queries or bespoke arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly team.

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