

Osmanthus and *Indigofera* provide structure and beautiful foliage for the herbaceous planting. The emphasis is on rhythm and repetition in these beds, with interplanting of *Papaver* (Poppy), *Hesperis matronalis* (Sweet Rocket) and *Lunaria* (Honesty) providing a lightness to the changing palette through the seasons.

The lower path passes below the **Walled Garden Nursery** opening onto the tiered **Scree Beds (5)**, taking inspiration from alpine landscapes.

Returning to the **Wisteria Arbour (1)** there are two possible paths that lead down to the lakes, both have a slight incline.

1. The right-hand path, with an incline of 5:1, is lined with the **Hellebore Banks (5)** and leads to the middle lake. From here, following the path to the right you will have views of the **Bog Garden** leading to the lower lake and **The Folly** where there is shaded seating. On returning to the middle lake the path crosses over the lake with the dramatic *Gunnera* and *Eucalyptus* planting where you will find the sculpture of Dr Smart. A further view of the **Bog Garden** can be seen by following the path to the right. Alternatively, continue the path around the Middle Lake which showcases the **National Astilbe Collection (4)** and leads to the Upper Lake.
2. The left-hand path, with an incline of 4.5:1 runs through the **Mediterranean Borders (3)** housing plants from Australia, South Africa and Southern America and leads you towards the **Quarry Bed**, a secluded enclave and place of tranquillity. It finally leads down to the **Upper Lake** for a circular walk, with plantings of *Candelabra Primulas*, *Iris Ensata* (Japanese Water Iris), *Salix* (Willow) and *Cornus* 'Midwinter Fire' (Dogwood).

MARWOOD HILL GARDENS – easy access routes.

Our 20-acre garden is situated in a steep valley. The map overleaf shows the route we would suggest for people with limited mobility. The suggested accessible paths are highlighted in **red**.

We offer a concession price of 2 for 1 entry for people with limited mobility.

Please note disabled visitors travelling in cars can be dropped off and collected from our entrance. Our main car park is 500m from the garden entrance but the route from the carpark to entrance is flat and tarmacked.

There is disabled access to the toilets, Garden Tea Room and Walled Garden Nursery.

We provide many seating areas around the garden and tearoom for visitors to sit and enjoy the beautiful views (marked 'B' on the map)

Suggested route for limited mobility

On arriving at the entrance there is a short pathway to the **Admissions Office** where the path forks.

Taking the right-hand fork leads to the **Walled Garden Nursery**. As you enter you are surrounded by climbing roses and clematis interspersed with a variety of beautiful shrubs. The Walled Garden houses the nursery stock for plant sales, the **Tulbhagia collection (7)** and a large classical glasshouse dedicated to Camellia species.

Taking the left-hand fork, you will pass under the beautiful **Wisteria Arbour (1)**. Turning left here, takes you to the **Garden Tea Room** and **toilet facilities**.

On your right-hand side, you will see two paths that take in the **Herbaceous Borders (2)**. In these borders, shrubs including *Sambucus* (Elderberry),

