



10 Downing Street Garden opens for one unique weekend

The PM's private garden joins 100+ special 'secret' places for London Open Gardens weekend this 8-9 June

10 Downing Street will join over 100 unique places, not normally open to the public, taking part in [London Open Gardens](#) weekend on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June this year. This annual event, celebrating its Silver Jubilee in 2024, supports the charitable work of London Parks and Gardens to protect our city parks.

Tickets for two guided tours of the Downing Street gardens on Saturday 8th June will be issued through a random public ballot system. Lucky visitors will get the chance to explore the garden of the Prime Minister's official residence which has welcomed countless Premiers and Presidents for almost 300 years.

Constructed in 1736, the iconic No.10 garden is dominated by an open lawn, rose beds commissioned by the late Baroness Thatcher, and houses a bronze sculpture by Barbara Hepworth. Expert gardeners from the Royal Parks will be on hand to answer questions about the half-acre site and offer insights into how the garden is becoming both increasingly sustainable and a haven for wildlife.

Downing Street joins over 100 special green spaces, [across 12 London boroughs](#), which will open their gates for one unique weekend, in support of the London Parks and Gardens (LPG) charity. Also in central London, the serene **Barkston Gardens** joins a suite of stunning garden squares such as **Cleveland Square**, all uniquely un-locked for our event

Containing over 1,000 plant species with medicinal associations, **Royal College of Physicians' Medicinal Garden**, near Regent's Park is a treat for the curious and the contemporary **Aga Khan Centre's Islamic Gardens** showcases timeless Islamic Garden design. Roof gardens are a favourite for many visitors, and this year we're spoilt with 8 iconic high spaces showcasing our green capital from above. Next to St Paul's Cathedral, 25 Cannon Street's stylish 5,400 sq ft roof garden is a beautiful but recently created city jewel.

Nathan Oley, Chair, London Open Gardens, said: "This event has opened London's secret treasures, and enabled London Parks and Gardens to protect public green spaces for over 25 years.

We are thrilled that Number 10's iconic front door will again open as a highlight of London Open Gardens, giving everyone a unique chance to see where our leaders have found relaxation, or inspiration, for centuries. We are very grateful to the Prime Minister, his family and the No.10 team for this opportunity.

"City gardens are oases of pleasure and refreshment but are also crucial for tackling both the climate emergency and protecting wildlife, so this weekend has never been more important. With free access for children, we hope that visitors of all ages will enjoy a day out and be inspired to keep our city green!"



Caption: Number 10 Downing St Garden.

Each ticket sold supports the work of London Parks and Gardens (LPG), enabling the charity to protect London's historic green spaces throughout the year. Event proceeds are also shared with the capital's participating community gardens.

Weekend tickets give exclusive access to every open garden whilst historic-themed guided tours, suggested walking routes and ever-popular cycling tours, taking in a selection of the gardens, will also be on offer.

The event attracts up to 40,000 paid visits each year but [members of LPG](#) receive free or discounted tickets. As well as supporting LPG to protect our green capital, members also receive discounted access to lectures and a regular magazine to discover more about the rich history and future of London's gardens.

Weekend tickets and the ballot to apply for 10 Downing St tours are available at: <https://londongardenstrust.org/log2024>

The Downing St ballot will be open from 10am on 15th April until 23.59 on 7th May. ENDS

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Arrangements for No. 10: There will be two No.10 tours on Saturday 8th June 2024 at 11:30am and 1:30pm, each taking up to 24 adults (we regret that this tour is **not** suitable for those aged under 12, but all other gardens welcome children free) throughout the weekend).

Due to high demand, 10 Downing St is one of very few gardens amongst the 100+ opening which **will require a pre-event ballot entry for a tour**. The Number 10 tour is for adults only. The ballot opens at **10am on 15th April and closes at 11.59pm on 7th May**. In the following weeks, participants will be drawn at random and contacted by the LPG Office. Weekend tickets are not required to apply for the Downing Street public ballot.

10 Downing St and LPG reserve the right to cancel the tour due to unforeseen circumstances. In such a situation every effort will be made to contact those booked on a tour as soon as possible.

London Open Gardens:

- **Event photographs are free to use (with credit).** A selection to download from: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Eoiw7wdT2GKqpoPBm9GrN0TUGPqgUfc1?usp=sharing>
If you need something not shown, please email us: office@londongardenstrust.org
- **117 gardens in 12 London Boroughs** across London Transport zones 1 and 2 have confirmed to event organisers, London Parks and Gardens, LPG, that they will open during one unique weekend, 8-9 June 2024.
- **The full list of confirmed gardens opening on either one of the two days**, or both, is available on the LPG website: <https://londongardenstrust.org/log2024>
- **Weekend tickets for over 25-year-olds** cost £22 (+booking fee); those aged 12-25 pay just £11 and under 12s are welcomed free. Full details of ticket prices and terms are available at <https://londongardenstrust.org/>
- **Details of walks, cycle tours and activities** for all ages in gardens will be added to our website in the coming weeks
- Further details and updates are also available on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)
- **For press and partnership opportunities please contact** office@londongardenstrust.org or nathan.oley@londongardenstrust.org

Event organiser, London Parks & Gardens (the trading name of London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust) is a registered charity (*n^o1042337*) which protects our green capital, and a company limited by guarantee (*n^o 2935176*). We help everyone to appreciate and access historic green spaces from our home - the iconic Duck Island Cottage, St James's Park, SW1. LPG is affiliated to *the Gardens Trust*.