

Rhododendrons at Ramster Gardens



Wednesday 8th May 2019

Arrival time from 10.30am for refreshments and 11.00am start

Anticipated finish time – about 1.30pm but flexible

Nestling in the south-west corner of the Surrey Hills, Ramster Gardens are truly a hidden gem. Opening their gates for a spring season (and again briefly to show their autumn colour) the owners welcome us to explore the grounds and enjoy the multitude of flowers, shrubs and trees.

Created early in the 20th century from oak woodland, the gardens include mature trees as well as wonderful rhododendron and azalea displays. Spring wouldn't be spring without carpets of bluebells and everything has that wonderful fresh green of newly opened leaves. Like all good gardens, this is still a work in progress so even if you have visited Ramster in the past there will be still be new experiences and colourful vistas for you to explore.

The visit will commence with tea/coffee, followed by a short introductory talk before we invite you to take your self-guided trail leaflets and set off to explore the grounds. The landscape is made up of wooded glades, more structured beds & borders plus valleys and water features – a very varied range of habitats and microclimates each lending themselves to different plants.

Your stroll around the gardens is, effectively, open ended. Most first time visitors typically take 2 – 2.5 hours to wander around but, being self-guided, you can take as long as you like. The Tea House sells sandwiches so you may wish to take a break for lunch and then continue to explore. Alternatively, to extend your day, why not spend the afternoon in Chiddingfold, Haslemere or Petworth – all of which are within easy reach.

The paths are a mixture of grass and hard surfaces but please ensure you wear shoes with grips as some paths can be slippery when wet. There are benches situated throughout the garden for you to rest or just enjoy the scenery.

This event is not suitable for children under 12. Dogs on leads are welcomed by Ramsters owners.

The cost of the event is £10 for members and £12 for non-members and includes tea / coffee on arrival.

Booking is essential. If you wish to join us, please book your spaces via our online booking system at the bottom of this page or alternatively please download and complete the booking form below in green letters and send it to arrive at Warren Farm Barns before **Thursday 2nd May 2019**. Please enclose your e-mail address **OR** a stamped addressed envelope for confirmation of your booking.

For further details and enquiries, contact us at info@surreyhillssociety.org or on mobile 07530-949302.

Please note that the Surrey Hills Society and its Event partners accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or personal injury during events. Participants are requested to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and take due care and attention. The Society uses members' photographs on social media and on our website. If you are not happy to have your photo taken during this event, please notify us in writing prior to the event and make the event organiser aware on the day.

Please complete and return this slip with your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope to:
SHS – Ramster Gardens, Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DG

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I wish to book _____ member places at £10 per person and/or _____ non-members at £12 per person

I enclose my cheque for £ payable to “Surrey Hills Society”.

Any mobility issues (*Disabled parking bays and toilet are available. Some paths are suitable for wheelchairs, especially motorised ones*) :

NAME MEMBERSHIP NO.....

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(if more than three applicants, please continue below)

Telephone E-mail

Signed: Date: