

MID SUMMER OUTING

On Wednesday 17TH July 2019 the Haslemere Gardening Society visited

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Waitrose Water Gardens at Longstock Park, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6EH

At Longstock Park, the Water Gardens cover around six acres and have been nurtured and developed to become *'The finest water garden in the world'*. The garden is a true spectacle, hosting an array of plants from around the world with over forty different waterlilies alone. Longstock Park, part of Hampshire's Leckford Estate, is best known for its celebrated six-acre Water Garden, featuring lakes, islands, woodland valleys, and over forty waterlily varieties alongside a rich array of wildlife.



Recognised internationally, the garden offers accessible paths, scenic wooden bridges, and vantage points, with the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society praising it as “the finest water garden in the world.”

Beyond the Water Garden, visitors can enjoy an arboretum with rare trees, shaded walks, and a nursery housing National Collections of Buddleja and Clematis viticella. The herbaceous border and historic walled garden are seasonal highlights. Created from a former gravel pit in 1870 and expanded by John Spedan Lewis after joining the estate in 1942, the gardens blend heritage with ongoing evolution to remain vibrant and tranquil.

The gardens are wheelchair- and family-friendly, though some paths may be slippery when wet. Its diverse plant life and picturesque landscapes attract visitors worldwide, making Longstock Park a renowned destination for plant lovers and garden enthusiasts.

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