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An extraordinary experience

Througham Court Gardens in the Cotswolds are quite simply remarkable!

Originally developed by Norman Jewson in the 1930s as an Arts & Crafts garden, the property has been significantly developed since 2000 by the present owners Christine Facer Hoffman FLS a quite remarkable woman scientist, landscape architect, product designer, horticulturist, author and freelance lecturer. Christine previously had a career as world renowned haematologist before a career change to become landscape designer specialising in contemporary conceptual design.

It's no exaggeration to say you are unlikely to have ever visited a garden quite like this with sculptures, art work and landscaping themed around scientific principles and theories. Expect to have your brain stretched!

The gardens have featured in TV programmes and many magazines and newspapers. As we toured the 6 acre gardens led by the owner, Christine, it would not have surprised us to chance upon the Mad Hatters tea party or the Queen of Hearts on the croquet lawn! As it was we had to settle for refreshments in the glass walled barn at the end of the tour (homemade tea and cakes come as part of the entrance cost).

The gardens are not open to the general public but only to pre-booked groups and the tour takes around an hour and a half. At the time of our visit the cost was £18 per head for a group of between 20 and 35. Full details of how to contact the owners are given on their web site.

Top Tips – Pre-booking is essential and only open to groups.

There is no disabled access around the gardens and lots of steps and uneven paths so not suitable for persons with a disability.

Car parking is in a nearby field where parties are met.

Througham is hard to find! There is very little signage into the hamlet. Google maps is reasonably accurate, study it before setting out!

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