

# Gardens & Nurseries recommended for a visit by FPP

<p>The Alnwick Garden</p>	<p>Alnwick, Northumberland 01665 511350 www.alnwickgarden.com</p>	<p>A visitor attraction for all ages &amp; abilities. There is a Rose Garden, Poison Garden, ornamental Walled Garden with a riot of shrubs, herbaceous &amp; climbing plants, Cherry Orchard (Prunus Tai Haku, the Great White Cherry) under planted with tulips &amp; Allium Hollandicum 'Purple Sensation'. The design of this garden is modern &amp; inspirational, with strong structure.</p> <p>There are exciting water features, some interactive. The view of the Grand Cascade from the cafe is amazing. There is a Tree House accessible to all, a bamboo maze &amp; plant sales. Look out for 2 for 1 tickets in Gardeners' World magazine. There is something new to see at each visit.</p>	<p>Gill</p>
<p>Beningbrough Hall</p>	<p>Near York, just off the A19 north YO30 1DD 01904 472027 <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/beningbrough-hall-gallery-and-gardens">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/beningbrough-hall-gallery-and-gardens</a></p>	<p>National Trust property</p> <p>Beautifully restored and maintained walled gardens and a not to be missed potting shed.</p> <p>National Portrait Gallery partner, the Baroque mansion, celebrating 300 years in 2016, houses many portraits.</p> <p>Excellent café</p>	<p>Linda W</p>

<p>Breezy Knees</p>	<p>Warthill, York YO19 5XS</p> <p>01904 488800</p> <p><a href="http://www.breezyknees.co.uk">www.breezyknees.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Nursery &amp; gardens</p> <p>Breezy Knees has been developed across a 15 acre site consisting of a variety of 'themed' areas, opening in May with the May Blossom Walk in full fling and closing in September with the September Garden in all its glory. In between, a diversity of planting styles from formal to natural are showcased in the Cottage Garden, the June garden, the Rock Garden, the Shrub Garden, a Rogues Gallery of unruly plants, the 250 feet long double Herbacious Border and several others.</p> <p>A nursery sells solely perennials (1,500) guaranteed to survive the vagaries of the Yorkshire climate.</p> <p>The café (open Wednesdays to Sundays) provides food for coffee time, lunch and afternoon tea facilitating a whole day's visit at a leisurely pace with ample refreshment.</p>	<p>Linda S</p>
<p>Brodsworth Hall</p>	<p>Near Doncaster</p> <p>DN5 7XJ</p> <p>01302 722598</p> <p><a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Recently been renovated and reopened. Very interesting Hall of the Victorian age, with large range of kitchen offices. Gardens include some formal of an Italian influence, wild flower grove, grotto and fernery. Areas of open land as well. Very good café</p>	<p>Anne</p>

<p>Burnby Hall Gardens</p>	<p>Pocklington YO42 2QF 01759 307125 <a href="http://www.burnbyhallgardens.com">www.burnbyhallgardens.com</a></p>	<p>National water lily collection. Lakes, rockery, stumpery and some formal gardens. Very tranquil. Also includes the Stewart museum about the man who founded the gardens and went around the world to find many of the plants. Won 6 Yorkshire in Bloom golds. Good café.</p>	<p>Anne</p>
<p>Burton Agnes Hall</p>	<p>Near Driffield YO25 4NB <a href="http://www.burtonagnes.com">www.burtonagnes.com</a> 01262 490324</p>	<p>The beautiful, award winning gardens offer something for everyone, from the walled garden containing over four thousand different plant species, herbaceous borders, a jungle garden and national collection of campanulas, to the woodland walk with creepy crawlies to spot, as well as the maze and giant games for children and adults alike.</p> <p>Garden Tours of the walled garden available, with the Head Gardener</p> <p>Courtyard shops &amp; cafe</p>	<p>Bob</p>
<p>Castle Howard Gardens</p>	<p>Near Malton YO60 7DA 01653 648333 <a href="http://www.castlehoward.co.uk">www.castlehoward.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Large area of formal, walled, informal and wooded areas. Walled gardens include rose beds. Good shop and farm shop. Good café/restaurant. Large Garden shop and plants. House beautifully decorated for Christmas</p>	<p>Anne</p>

<p>RHS Harlow Carr</p>	<p>Near Harrogate  HG3 1QB  0845 265 8070  <a href="http://www.rhs.org.uk/harlowcarr">www.rhs.org.uk/harlowcarr</a></p>	<p>Set in a valley and very much a part of the Yorkshire countryside, the garden has a wide variety of growing landscapes, from running and still water to woodland and wildflower meadows.</p> <p>Acidic soil affords a fabulous environment for rhododendrons and Himalayan blue poppies.</p> <p>Families can visit the brand new hedgehog-friendly garden, which features a 'hedgehog highway'.</p> <p>One of the longest streamside gardens in the country, the jewel of the garden, and an Alpine House.</p> <p>The Kitchen Garden includes raised beds for vegetables, a fruit and herb garden, willow beds, and plenty of flowers for cutting.</p> <p>Last but not least an excellent Betty's café.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Helmsley Walled Garden</p>	<p>Helmsley, behind the Castle street car park  YO62 5AH  <a href="http://www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk">www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Apple tree collection. Very quiet walled garden with a wide range of plants both flowers and fruit. Great for sitting and contemplating!  Excellent (largely vegetarian) café, using a lot of the produce from the garden.</p>	<p>Anne</p>

<p>Howick Hall Gardens &amp; Arboretum</p>	<p>Situated near Craster, Northumberland  <a href="http://www.howickhallgardens.org">www.howickhallgardens.org</a></p>	<p>This is the home of the Grey family. The gardens are for plant lovers &amp; there are areas of interest throughout the year: bulb displays, camellias &amp; rhododendrons, stunning herbaceous borders, Bog Garden, Wild Origins Garden &amp; an arboretum which is breath-taking in autumn. Look out for the many <i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>, you will smell their burnt sugar scent before you see them! Mature trees from around the world are planted in geographical zones. The wild flower areas, formerly lawns, are a testament to the use of yellow rattle to control more vigorous grasses. New projects are always being carried out.</p> <p>The visitor centre is very informative, filled with stunning displays.</p> <p>The Tea Rooms are a delight (don't forget to try the Earl Grey tea) with Chippendale chairs, &amp; vast paintings of Samson &amp; Delilah, &amp; Daniel in the Lions' Den on the walls.</p>	<p>Gill</p>
<p>Nunnington Hall</p>	<p>Near Helmsley  YO62 5UY  01439 748283  <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nunnington">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nunnington</a></p>	<p>National Trust property.</p> <p>A Yorkshire manor house on the banks of the River Rye. Picturesque location, organic walled garden, spring-flowering meadows, apple orchard and resident peacocks. Tea room, often featuring produce from gardens. Dogs welcome in gardens.</p>	<p>Linda W</p>

<p>Parcevall Hall</p>	<p>Appletreewick Wharfedale</p> <p>BD23 6DE</p> <p>Parcevallhallgardens.co.uk</p> <p>01756 720213</p>	<p>An Arts and Craft style garden tucked away on a sheltered hillside within the Yorkshire Dales. It is worth the effort to explore all areas of this garden as there are some stunning views and plenty of hidden gems. The main garden is terraced with various ponds and the garden makes use of the natural streams that run off the surrounding countryside. The garden surrounds Parcevall Hall which is now a Church of England retreat house. The Hall is private but I would recommend arranging to have morning coffee or lunch there if possible as some parts date back to the sixteenth century. The Hall does take private guests and is an excellent base for those with a keen interest in walking or those just looking to escape the hustle and bustle.</p>	<p>Sorrel</p>
<p>Scampston Walled Gardens</p>	<p>Near Malton</p> <p>YO17 8NG</p> <p>01944 759111</p> <p><a href="http://www.scampston.co.uk/gardens">www.scampston.co.uk/gardens</a></p>	<p>The current layout of the Walled Garden was designed by Piet Oudulf in 1999 and consists of a variety of different areas, herbaceous borders, drifts of grasses, vegetable garden to name a few. There is also a beautiful cascade circuit walk which takes you through the Capability Brown parkland. The estate is still privately owned and at certain times of the year the Hall is open to the public. I would advise checking the website before a visit, as occasionally the cascade walk is closed due to private functions. There is a small plant sale area and a very good cafe (allow about 15 mins after opening for the scones to come out of the oven). DO CHECK WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS AS NOT WELL SIGNPOSTED</p>	<p>Sorrel</p>

<p>Sledmere House &amp; gardens</p>	<p>Near Driffield YO25 3XG  01377 236637  www.sledmerehouse.com</p>	<p>A programme of re-development started five years ago has seen many changes particularly in the walled garden. Each area created has a different feel from the last and each element begs to be explored drawing you through the garden losing sense of time in the process. As the garden changes with the seasons you are offered an extensive collection of daffodils and other spring bulbs, vibrant tulips, wonderful scented roses and a stunning late summer display of tender perennials and annuals in the acclaimed double 'exotic' borders.</p> <p>Visitors are encouraged to explore the garden at their leisure and dogs on leads are also very welcome.</p> <p>For those wishing to learn more about the history of the gardens, how they are maintained and what further developments are planned join one of our Garden Tours led by the Head Gardener. Andrew is available to visit groups and give talks in the evening. Please contact 01377 236637.</p> <p>Farm shop &amp; café</p>	<p>Linda W</p>
<p>Tatton Park</p>	<p>Near Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN  www.tattonpark.org.uk</p>	<p>Close to Manchester airport so a useful place to visit if out that way. Also on the way to North Wales / Chester. 1,000acre deer park. Old Hall and farm. Gardens include formal ones and some less so. Glass houses, 2 lakes and orchards.</p> <p>Good café and shop</p>	<p>Anne</p>

Vertigrow	Malton Road, York <a href="http://www.vertigrow.co.uk">www.vertigrow.co.uk</a>	Nursery Mainly trees & shrubs Small selection of plants in greenhouses Café	Bob
The Yorkshire Arboretum	Castle Howard, near Malton YO60 7BY 01653 648598 <a href="http://www.yorkshirearboretum.org">www.yorkshirearboretum.org</a>	Separate entrance to main house & gardens, turn opposite house entrance on main drive at obelisk. Wide range of trees, many named. Many acres to just wander, also lake area and many wide' rides' Good cafe	Anne