



EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PLEASE REPLY TO: 10 CRESCENT GARDENS, EASTCOTE, RUISLIP, HA4 8TA

Dear Member,

WAKEHURST PLACE COACH TRIP **SATURDAY 10th MAY**

The Society has booked a coach trip to Wakehurst Place on **Saturday 10th May**. We very much hope you'd like to join us. This location was suggested by one of our members. The trip is open to members, their families, friends, neighbours and members of other local societies. Please share this opportunity as we'd like to fill the coach.

What's there

Wakehurst Place is part of Royal Botanic Gardens Kew. It is known as the "wild botanic garden in the heart of Sussex". There are over 500 acres of diverse landscapes and plants from across the world. You'll receive a map to guide you and allow you to choose which areas to visit. Here are some examples :-

- Wakehurst is home to Kew's Millennium Seed Bank where over 2.4 billion seeds are kept underground. The exhibits explain the science behind it.
- Some of the plant collections at Wakehurst include Westwood Valley – a collection of Asiatic woodland plants; Horsebridge Wood – North American trees; Coates Wood – southern hemisphere trees and the national Betula collection – birch trees.
- There is an American prairie, a bog garden, a meadow of native flowers & grasses, a lake and several ponds.
- There are three different eateries around the grounds or you may choose to take a picnic.
- At the entrance there is a shop and plant centre. The coach has plenty of space for your purchases.

Accessibility

There are many gravel and hard surface paths around the grounds. The map will show the different type of paths; which paths are wheelchair friendly; which sections are rather steep or include steps. The coach will take wheelchairs or there are a limited number available to borrow at Wakehurst. The wheelchairs at Wakehurst cannot be booked in advance. Mobility scooters can be booked in advance so please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to do so.

Departure details

The meeting point will be near the Trading Hut on Southbourne Gardens and the coach will leave at 9 am. Please **arrive by 8.55 am**. We should return to Eastcote by 6 pm, traffic permitting.

Costs

If you are a **National Trust member** or **Kew member** you will not be required to pay an entrance fee and will only pay for the coach travel. You **will** be required to bring your National Trust or Kew membership card with you. If the membership card is forgotten you will need to pay the full entrance fee on the day.

- The cost for a person who is a National Trust or Kew member is **£44.**
- The cost for a person who does not have any either of these memberships is **£58.75.**

These costs include coach travel, the entrance fee and a tip for the driver.

How to sign up

If you would like to join the trip please complete the slip and send it to me with a cheque (payable to E.H.S.) for the total amount. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I would appreciate replies as soon as possible but before **7 April** as places need to be finalised and payment made in advance. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8866 1339.

Yours sincerely

Sue Alexander

Name:

Address:

Tel no:

Email:

Number of people in your party who are covered by **National Trust** membership
(£44 per person):-

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Number of people in your party who are covered by **Kew** membership
(£44 per person):-

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Number of people in the party who are **NOT** covered by either National Trust or Kew
membership
(£58.75 per person):-

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I enclose a cheque payable to E.H.S. for a total of £

Please return to Sue Alexander, 10 Crescent Gardens, Eastcote, Ruislip HA4 8TA
before 7 April