



Top Tips:
10 Gardens to Visit
in the North West

So many gardens, so little time! If you need some garden inspiration, here are some great garden, all within day-trip distance of the North West.



Gresgarth Hall
Caton,
Lancashire, LA2 9NB

Features: Collection of Cornus, wildflower meadow, kitchen garden, romantic herbaceous borders, bog garden and lake. Home of the international landscape architect Arabella Lennox-Boyd; only open one Sunday a month.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.arabellalennoxboyd.com/gresgarth/public.html>



Arley Hall
Northwich
Cheshire
CW9 6NA

Features: This privately-owned garden is famous for its longstanding and very long herbaceous border, there're a selection of plant fairs and events held there during the year. In addition, there is a great plant nursery selling many of the plants on show.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.arleyhallandgardens.com/the-gardens/>



Dunham Massey,
Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4SJ

Features: This National Trust property has a large winter garden, herbaceous borders, canal-side garden and new rose garden.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey/opening-times/>



RHS Harlow Carr Gardens,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 1QB
Sat Nav setting HG3 1UE

Features: Large site featuring many areas of borders, grasses, woodland. There are frequent special events and workshops at the new Education centre. Betty's Tearooms also has a café on site.

Website for prices and opening times:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr>



Parcevall Hall Gardens,
Skyreholme, near Appletreewick, North Yorkshire
Sat Nav setting BD23 6DE.

Features: 24 acres of woodland and formal gardens; a real hidden gem with interesting features in the spring through to the winter months.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.parcevallhallgardens.co.uk/>



Newby Hall and Gardens,

Ripon, North Yorkshire,
HG4 5AE

Features: Large gardens with a wide range of features including a long herbaceous border and garden 'rooms' with different colour themes and planting styles. Interest all year round.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.newbyhall.com/the-gardens/>



Trentham Gardens,

Stone Road Trentham
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 8AX

Features: A large estate with areas designed by Piet Oudolf and Tom Stuart-Smith providing plenty of new design ideas and a new wildflower woodland garden under development by Nigel Dunnett. Also plenty of children's activities, a large garden centre and shopping units.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.trentham.co.uk/trentham-gardens>



Biddulph Grange,
Grange Rd, Biddulph,
Stoke-on-Trent ST8 7SD

Features: A National Trust garden with an eclectic approach to gardening resulting in a collection styles packed into a small area. Here you'll see a Chinese Bridge and Indian temple with a carp pond, topiary and kitchen garden.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/biddulph-grange-garden/>



Levens Hall,
Kendal
Cumbria
LA8 0PD

Features: Famous for its surreal topiary dating back to the 17th century; these small garden also includes a Herb Garden, Rose Garden, Orchard and Herbaceous Borders.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://www.levenshall.co.uk/>



Wollerton Old Hall,
Wollerton, Market Drayton,
Shropshire TF9 3NA

Features: A newly developed garden with an inspiring collection of 16 garden 'rooms' divided by evergreen hedges of Yew and Box. You'll see interesting planting designs and colour schemes that can be translated into a small space.

Website for prices and opening times:

<http://wollertonoldhallgarden.com/>

For gardens further afield on a county/regional basis see
<http://www.greatbritishgardens.co.uk/>