

# CORK OPEN GARDENS

## Location:

From Cork on the N25 take exit to Midleton. After 200 yards turn right overbridge. Take first left at roundabout and pass a group of caravans. After half mile take a narrow right turn and the garden is on your right.

From Youghal take the left exit after the fly-over bridge for Midleton. Take 2nd exit from roundabout and follow above directions.

## Open:

April to Sept by appointment for groups.

Admission. €6 pp Plants for Sale.

## Contact:

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## 9. The Old Deanery Garden



### Kilboe, Cloyne, Co. Cork

Mature 4 - acre garden set in parkland with woodland walks, walled kitchen garden, large wildlife pond and mixed borders.

## Location:

From Cloyne pass the round tower on right. Continue for about 1/4 mile until junction signposting Churchtown to the left. At this junction take a right, continue up hill, entrance to the garden is on the right and signposted.

## Open:

May/ June/ July by appointment only. Admission €6

Afternoon tea available by prior arrangement.

## Contact:

Martin and Janet Edwardes

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## 10. Ballymaloe Cookery School & Gardens



### Shanagarry, Midleton, Co. Cork

A series of new organic gardens created by renowned cook Darina Allen, several of these are appropriately on a culinary theme. A potager or vegetable garden laid out on a strict geometric pattern. A formal fruit garden with apples, pears, plums, peaches, almonds, figs, cherries and soft fruit.

A herb garden with great parterre of gravel and box edged beds enclosing an array of culinary and medicinal plants. In the old orchard, herbaceous borders have been planted leading up to the Shell House. It is also possible to take a short farm walk past our organic glass-houses, pigs and cows. Afternoon Cookery Demonstrations most afternoons. Booking essential.

## Location:

Shanagarry is signposted in Castlemartyr on the Cork / Waterford Road. N25

## Open:

Admission. €6 pp, Family €15, Toilets, Farm Shop, Guided Tours

## Contact:

For Garden Tours please contact Evelyn Ryan.

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## 11. Templebreedy Grounds



### The Old Rectory, Crosshaven, Co. Cork

Templebreedy Grounds was given a wonderful canvas set beneath the imposing Templebreedy Church and overlooking Cork Harbour and surrounding The Old Rectory in Crosshaven. With many beautiful old trees in place this 2 acre garden has been developed over the last 15 years. It features a variety of garden rooms which include a formal box garden to a small walled garden crammed full of herbaceous perennials. A must see for plant enthusiasts.

## Location:

From Cork, drive to Carrigaline (R609-R611). Take the R612 to Crosshaven. Turn right at the Royal Cork Yacht Club on the L2497 (R612) in direction Myrtleville. After 2.2km, at the T-junction "Goats Cross" take the L926122-1 into Fennels Bay. Straight up the approach road to Templebreedy Church. After walled entrance on left is a 120m avenue entrance to The Old Rectory and Templebreedy Grounds Experience.

## Open:

To groups only by appointments from May to September €5 pp. Gardening workshop by arrangement

## Contact:

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## 12. Ballyvolane House



### Castlelyons, Co. Cork

Extensive mature country house garden laid out in the early 18th century. Terraced lawns, walled kitchen garden, magnificent Bluebell woods and parkland leading down to three trout lakes restored in 1998. A large number of trees and shrubs have recently been planted and many parts of the garden have been reclaimed and restored. The large walled garden is planted with soft fruit and vegetables for the house. Jeremy Green (gardener-in-chief) is happy to give guided tours by appointment.

Enjoy home-grown vegetables. Lunch is available (minimum 10 people) but booking is essential.

## Location:

From Cork take the M8 towards Dublin, go through toll plaza and take the 1st exit for Rathcormac (R639). Before Rathcormac at River Bride turn right towards Midleton. After 2 miles take left towards Britway and Ballyvolane House is on your right.

## Open:

Admission. €6 pp

Lunch available by booking (min. 10 people)

## Contact:

Proprietors: Justin & Jenny Green

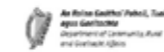
Tel: 025 36349 Fax: 025 36781

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East Cork Tourism would also like to thank Sonia Williams for collating Cork Open Gardens



## 1. Ringfield House



**Ballindenisk, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork**

This is a relatively new garden sensitively created over the past ten years. This garden is designed for all seasons with a huge collection of Conifers & Heathers for winter colour Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas for spring colour with extensive herbaceous borders and summer flowering shrubs. The garden is divided into a number of rooms from very formal areas such as the Victorian Garden to very natural areas such as the Fern Garden.

### Location:

From the Jack Lynch tunnel take the N8/M8 for Watergrasshill. Exit the M8 at junction 17 for Watergrasshill. On reaching the roundabout take an immediate left (R616) for Glanmire. Keep going for 2.5 km and take 2nd turn to the right, keep going for 200m and we are the third house on the right.

### Open:

May to September by appointment for groups.

Admission. €6 pp

### Contact:

Anne & Liam Griffin

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## 2. Beechwood



**Templeisque, Glanmire, Co. Cork**

An N.G.A. award winning "garden for all seasons" set on a sloping one acre site with panoramic views. This garden has been developed over the past 20 years and features large natural water features, scree beds, interesting use of herbaceous / grasses in planting scheme and imaginative use of old stone. Featured on R.T.E. garden show.

### Location:

From Cork: Drive through Glanmire village on to Sallybrook. Just past Grandon's Garage, take the roadway to left for Sarsfield's Court, passing Hospital entrance on left.

Straight through crossroads, take first roadway on left, 4th house on left. Park on left.

**Open:** Groups only by appointment. May to September €6 pp

### Contact:

Ned & Liz Kirby

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## 3. Lakemount Garden



**Barnavara Hill, Glanmire, Co. Cork**

Lakemount is regarded by RHS as the flagship of Irish gardens, 2 acres of exciting design with a wide collection of rare and colourful plants. Plant House, Cottage Garden, Ponds, Gravel Garden, Old Orchard, lots of Spring and Summer colour.

### Location:

From Cork on R639, through Glanmire Village to Riverstown Cross, turn left at traffic lights up Barnavara Hill, pass 50km sign at top of hill, black gates on left beyond white entrance.

### Open:

Open by appointment. Admission. €7 pp

Toilet facilities. Part disabled access.

### Contact:

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www.lakemountgarden.com

## 4. Dunsland Gardens

**Dunsland, Glanmire, Co. Cork**

18th century woodland garden currently being restored. Features include: natural rockery, stream, pond and extensive Camellia collection. The herb garden featured on R.T.E. in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

### Location:

Take the Glounthaune exit from Dunkettle roundabout.

Dunsland is situated opposite the IBIS Hotel.

### Open:

Mon - Sat: 9.30am - 6.00pm Sun: 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Admission free - Donations to appointed charity.

Plants for Sale.

### Contact:

Proprietor: Peter Dowdall.

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## 5. Hillside



**Annmount, Glounthaune, Co. Cork**

This mature garden won the top National Award in 1996 and again in 2000. A large sloping Plantsman's garden featuring Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Magnolias, Woodland Plants and Grasses. A large rockery and waterfall, scree beds and gravel areas & new tropical bed.

### Location:

From Cork take the M25 Waterford Road and follow the signs for Glounthaune, turn left at Glounthaune Church, up hill under bridge 100 yards from bridge Annmount on pillar.

Please park outside this entrance.

### Open:

April to Sept by appointment

Admission. €6 pp

Plants for Sale. Disabled Access: No

### Contact:

Proprietor: Mrs Mary Byrne Tel: 021 4353119

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## 6. Coosheen



**Coosheen, 15 Johnstown, Glounthaune, Co. Cork**

1/3 acre garden creatively landscaped with raised beds and troughs of rare and unusual smaller perennials, alpines and bulbs. A circular lawn creates an illusion of space enhanced by a clever choice of trees for the smaller garden. Woodland areas house some of the more fashionable woodland plants. Coosheen is a must see for the plant enthusiast.

### Directions:

From Cork: Take N25 east follow the signs for Glounthaune. Pass Glounthaune church and shops, pass train station on the right, park on the left opposite bungalow on right. Coosheen is second garden with high beech hedge.

### Open:

For groups by appointment, May- Sept €6 pp

Plants & plant supports for sale.

### Contact:

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## 7. Fota Arboretum & Gardens



**Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork**

The Arboretum has a renowned collection of trees and shrubs started in the early 19th century. Extensive labelling of plants is used throughout the Arboretum.

The Rose Garden was planted in 1997 and as well as roses contains many diverse and tender plants. The Orangery and Italian Gardens have been restored in recent years.

### Location:

From the N25 take the exit for Cobh (R624). The entrance to Fota Arboretum is approx. 3 kms from the turn off.

### Open:

Arboretum open daily:

April - October. 9am - 6pm

November - March. 9am - 5pm

Walled gardens: April - October. Monday - Friday.

Seasonal weekend openings. Phone for details.

No admission charge. Car parking €3

### Contact:

Head Gardener: David O'Regan Tel: 021 4812728

## 8. Cedar Lodge Garden



**Baneshane, Midleton, Co. Cork**

An award winning garden of 2 acres, specialising in rare and unusual plants in mixed borders of shrubs and herbaceous perennials. Special features include a large bed of exotic grasses, a 100ft pergola draped with climbers, patio and gravel areas and a pond with rockery and bog garden. A large collection of hellebores ensures that interest begins in early Spring, followed by a profusion of colourful shrubs and herbaceous. A real Plantsman's garden.