

BURGHLEY OFFERS
A UNIQUE GLIMPSE
OF THE WAY GREAT
HOUSES HAVE BEEN
INHABITED SINCE
THE TIME OF
QUEEN ELIZABETH
ORLANDO & MIRANDA ROCK



WELCOME

For as long as I can remember, Burghley has filled people with awe and inspiration. So much more than a house, Burghley offers a unique glimpse of the way great houses have been lived in from the time of Queen Elizabeth I to the present day. Earlier generations of my family have endowed this magical place with beautiful treasures and it is a privilege for all of us who live and work here to share them with you.

THE STATE ROOMS

Burghley was built between 1555 and 1587 by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Elizabeth I, and remains a Tudor house at heart. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the House was transformed by two great collecting Earls; travelling to the cultural centres of Europe they collected paintings, tapestries, sculptures, furniture and porcelain. John, 5th Earl of Exeter, transformed the Tudor long galleries into suites of rooms decorated with more than 400 works of art and Brownlow, the 9th Earl continued this transformation employing many of the foremost craftsmen of his day.

The original soaring Tudor kitchen provides a breathtaking start to your tour through eighteen State Rooms, you are welcome to look around at your leisure either with one of the fantastic new audio guides for adults and families or take your time and ask one of our knowledgeable room guides any questions you may have.

THE BREWHOUSE

The entrance to Burghley takes you into the old Brewhouse which has been transformed into a modern visitor interpretation centre where you can see 'Ancestors in the Attic', an audio visual introduction to the House and the family that still live here.

The Brewhouse is also home to the Treasury where the 2011 exhibition is 'European Ceramics' showing wonderful treasures collected by the Cecil family since the 16th century. 'European Ceramics at Burghley' will include ceramics from a wide range of British and European manufactories, including important majolica and fine examples from the Meissen factory. One of the 'signature' pieces for this exhibition is the London delftware dish, dated 1745 and painted with a view of 'Burleigh'. This dish is an extremely rare piece of which there is only one other known recorded example. Other highlights include remarkable examples of majolica, the bright, colourful Italian earthenware which takes its name from the island of Majorca, a major trading centre for these wares. Both the 5th Earl in the 17th century and the 9th Earl in the 18th century are known to have purchased examples produced in the factories at Castelli and Urbino.

THE GARDEN OF SURPRISES

In addition to his intelligent and astute statesmanship William Cecil was renowned as an avid creator of beautiful gardens. The garden he developed at Theobalds, his house in Hertfordshire, was particularly well known with walks, avenues and objects of interest which included fountains with concealed pipes to spray passers-by, a maze, statues, grottoes, a sundial and obelisks.

The Garden of Surprises uses classical design with a modern interpretation to replicate a style of garden found during William Cecil's lifetime.

THE CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE GARDEN

The Burghley Sculpture Garden was reclaimed from Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's lost lower gardens in 1994 and is dedicated to exhibiting innovative sculptures made using traditional and contemporary techniques. The unique landscape of the garden allows for an extensive range of pieces to be exhibited together; including figurative and abstract sculptures in diverse media.

EATING & SHOPPING

Throughout your day we can provide for your catering needs. This year we are delighted to welcome 'Absolute Taste' to Burghley; one of the countries leading caterers. They have taken over the management of the Orangerie Restaurant and Garden Café.

The Orangerie Restaurant with the attached Rose Garden provides a beautiful and relaxing location for morning tea, coffee, full lunches, sandwiches, soup or afternoon tea. Groups can reserve seating or prebook three course lunches in the Orangerie Restaurant. The Garden Café situated near the gardens entrance, can provide take away sandwiches, snacks and hot drinks, whilst the Burghley Gift Shop and Garden Shop provide gifts and souvenirs for all ages.



1-29 South Gardens open for the display of spring bulbs (weekdays only)

9-10 National Gardens Scheme - South Gardens

16-17 Burghley Fine Food Market - a celebration of local produce (free entry)

15 Cancer Research UK Race for Life in Burghley Park

29-30 Burghley Game & Country Fair

11 'Bjorn Again' are back at Burghley Concert in the Park

12 International Midget 50 Car Rally

9 Battle Proms Concert in the Park

30 July-12 August Festival of Surprises

28-29 Burghley Fine Food Market - a celebration of local produce (free entry)

1-4 Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials

EVENTS 2011

19 HOUSE OPENS
MARCH

24 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
APRIL

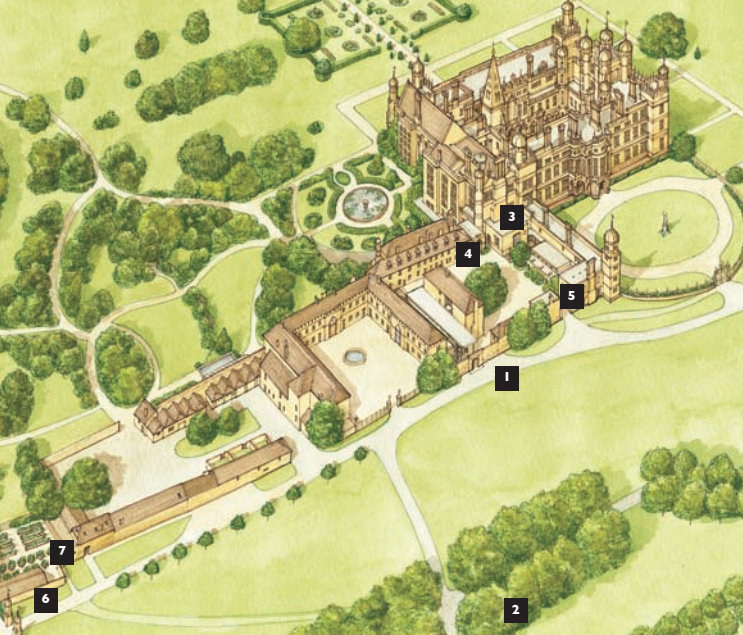
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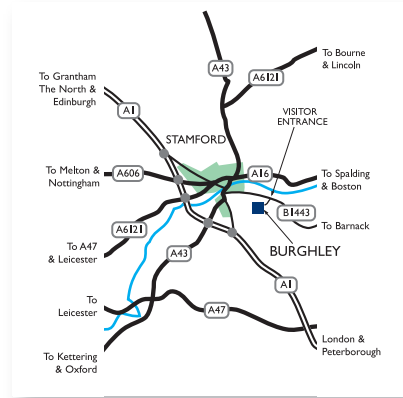
AUGUST

SEPTEMBER



AT A GLANCE GUIDE TO BURGHLEY

- 1: VISITOR ENTRANCE AND BREWHOUSE CENTRE
- 2: CAR AND COACH PARK
- 3: ENTRANCE TO STATE ROOMS
- 4: ORANGERY RESTAURANT
- 5: GIFT SHOP
- 6: GARDEN SHOP
- 7: GARDEN CAFE
- 8: ENTRANCE TO THE GARDENS



GUIDED TOURS

The House is shown with guides and stewards in the rooms. Guided tours are available to booked groups at 10.30am or 3.30pm daily and can be tailored to your individual requirements. Alternatively, you can make use of our new, informative audio guide, available at a special discounted rate when prebooked by groups.

CONSERVATION TOURS

The Stable Courtyard at Burghley, designed and built by Capability Brown, forms a centre of excellence for conservation and restoration that is second to none in this country. The presence of such talented workmanship allows Burghley to make significant improvements to the preservation of its fine art collection. These skilled conservators are available to take you on tours of the State Rooms with particular focus on the work they have done in the house.

Furniture – Anthony Beech, Furniture Conservator will take you on a tour of the house with focus on the furniture collection, current and past conservation projects and the challenges of caring for historic furniture.

Silver – Silversmith and Goldsmith Barry Witmond can give you an insight into how Burghley looks after its silver collection as well as the construction of the famous Burghley wine cistern.

Paintings – Mike Cowell of Burghley Fine Art Conservation has conserved and cleaned many of the paintings in the collection as well as undertaking the mammoth job of cleaning Verrio's masterpiece the Heaven Room.

Works of Art – Alexander Hammond has a very varied job dealing with many objet d'arts in the collections, from tortoiseshell and ivory to mother-of-pearl and coral.

Sculpture – our resident Sculptor and local artist Rob Fogell restores sculpture as well as making new pieces.

Textiles – Shelia Landi and Alison Fairhurst of the Landi Company Ltd are both textile conservators with wide experience of major projects at Burghley and other national institutions.

OPENING TIMES

The House is open daily (excluding Fridays, but including Good Friday) from **19th March to 30th October from 11am to 5pm**. The last admission is at 4.30pm. The house will be closed for four days from 1st-4th September during the Burghley Horse Trials.

DISABLED ACCESS

Parking is available near the House entrance and there are disabled toilet facilities. Access to the restaurant and State Rooms is via two chair lifts. Please telephone in advance so that we may assist you with your visit.

GROUP ADMISSION CHARGES

House & Gardens	£10.50
Gardens only	£5.70
House & Gardens including guided tour	£12.00
House & Gardens including prebooked audio guide*	£12.50
House & Gardens including conservation tour	£22.00

Please note that our group rate is the cheapest rate that we offer, and is discounted from our senior rate. All tours must be prebooked and are subject to availability.

*This is discounted from our normal audio guide rate and is subject to availability.

FRIENDS OF BURGHLEY

A contribution of £43 for individuals, £75 for couples and £88 for families entitles you to free access to the State Rooms and Gardens throughout the open season, 10% discount in our shops and restaurants plus invitations to exclusive events and a range of discounts to other Burghley events. For more information please visit www.burghley.co.uk

For more information about events at Burghley please call 01780 752451 or visit www.burghley.co.uk



2011 BURGHLEY GROUP VISITS



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EVENTS 2011 continued

8-16 Flower Festival - local flower societies (closed Friday)
15-16 Burghley Craft Fair
30 House Closes

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

1-4 Crafts for Christmas
3-4 Christmas Fine Food Market (free entry)

DECEMBER

ENGLAND'S GREATEST ELIZABETHAN HOUSE

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