

GROUP VISIT INFORMATION 2026



Thank you for your interest in bringing a group to York Gate Garden. You are supporting Perennial, the UK charity that builds better futures for the UK's horticulturists and their families.

Opening Times

- 1st April – 31st October – Wednesday to Sunday (groups welcome on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). **Maximum group size of 24 people if refreshments required.**
- We open for Groups at 10am and close at 4.30pm (last admission 3pm)

Prices

- Entry costs £10 per person, plus catering on top.
- We can provide a Head Gardeners tour for £125 which takes around one hour but this must be pre-booked.
**UK tax paying visitors that would like to donate an extra 70p on top of the entry fee, enables the charity to claim gift aid back on the payment of £7.70 which makes a big difference to our charity income.*

Catering

- **Groups must book refreshments in advance. Unfortunately, we can't admit individuals from groups into the cafe.**
- **Full payment for both catering and admission must be received 28 days prior to arrival and any specific dietary requirements. Entry cancellation costs may be refunded after this date but not catering costs.**
- **We have two different rooms for groups to pre-book. One is upstairs, the Spencer Suite, so if any of the group have mobility issues, Sybil's room downstairs is available. Sybil's room can accommodate up to 20 and the Spencer Suite 24.**

Parking

- Coaches must drop visitors off at the gate just past the car park entrance as the layout of the car park does not offer a turning point for larger vehicles. Once visitors have embarked, I will give directions to the turning circle which is a short drive from York Gate.
- Coaches will need to park in the laybys on Church Lane. If the layby is full the driver must take responsibility for finding somewhere suitable to wait for the group during their visit to York Gate.
- If groups are coming by car, please can they park in the laybys on Church Lane and avoid parking across this space to allow more vehicles to park. Our visitor car park can be very busy, with people visiting just for the cafe or plant sales so we would like group visitors who do arrive by car to use the space offered in the laybys if

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possible. Visitors can then take the pleasant walk through the Church Yard of the historic Adel Church and straight on to our garden entrance. Please avoid walking down on the roadside as there is no footpath.

- We ask that groups arrive no more than 20 minutes before the time that they are booked into the garden.
- For a map of our location and parking details, please click on the **Getting Here** section of our website **yorkgate.org.uk**

Enjoying the Garden

- I will provide a quick introductory talk once your group has gathered in the Sand Garden near Admissions, and then you are free to peruse the garden at your leisure. We would allow about an hour to an hour and a half for the garden. It is one acre in size, with a lot of detail. There is a further 1.5-acre meadow to enjoy behind the garden, accessible through the White Garden which is currently in development.
- We have a gift shop and a popular plant nursery too.
- **I must point out that unfortunately the garden is not suitable for wheelchair users due to narrow gravel paths.**
- The cafe and toilets are fully accessible and there are baby changing facilities available.
- It probably goes without saying these days – but we do not permit smoking or vaping in, or immediately outside the garden.
- We only allow guide dog access to the gardens.
- Please do not take plants, cuttings or seeds from the garden – if there is something that you want, please speak to one of the garden team who can help you.

Once again, thank you very much for supporting York Gate Garden, we look forward to welcoming you and your group to York Gate Garden. If you have any queries, please do give us a call on 01372 230784 or email on yorkgate@perennial.org.uk

Thank you
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