

Greenbank Garden for schools

Greenbank Garden comprises a two-and-half acre walled garden, surrounded by fine woodland and shrubberies. Beside the walled garden stands an elegant Georgian house, built in 1764 for the Glasgow merchant, Robert Allason. The gardens are open to schools all year round. There are over 3,000 species of trees and plants within Greenbank Garden.

● education programme

Greenbank Garden is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- walled garden walk } guided walks can be adapted for all age groups
- woodland area walk } and to suit the requirements of your class
- schools also may be able to use the Coachhouse as a classroom or workshop base

classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook
- *Robert Allason and Greenbank* by Samuel M Nisbet

● practical information

planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- access: the gardens are fully accessible for wheelchair users
- maximum class size: 33 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 pupils
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we encourage teachers to make a free preparatory visit

during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- getting there: Greenbank Garden is off Mearns Road, Clarkston, 6 miles south of Glasgow city centre, signposted from the A77 (Newton Mearns area) and from Clarkston
- parking: small coaches and minibuses may use the car park – there is a save dropping off area for pupils using large coaches – phone the property manager for advice
- on arrival: please report to the Property Manager (in the courtyard through the gate) a few minutes before your programme is due to begin
- picnic facilities: pupils may picnic in the grounds (or coach-house when wet)
- refreshments: restricted fare for sale in cafe during season only – not suitable for schools
- shop: open all year for school visits
- toilets: available in grounds/access for wheelchair users

● for more information contact

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