

MARKS HALL GARDENS AND ARBORETUM

MEMBERSHIP SCHEME RULES

1. The membership card (as your identity) must be carried at all times whilst on the Estate. During opening hours please show your card to staff in the ticket kiosk. When the visitor centre is closed, entry into the gardens and arboretum may be taken via the arboretum entrance gate using the pass code provided. 'Out of hours' access is also available to the way marked trails but please ensure you carry your card with you as staff may request to see it.
2. The membership card and the car sticker are not transferable to other persons and are for the named card holder only. If you also have a member's guest card this should always remain in the possession of the main card holder. Please note that admission for friends or family on a guest card is only permitted when accompanied by the main cardholder.
3. The membership car sticker must be displayed on the windscreen when your vehicle is on the Marks Hall Estate.
4. The Trust reserves the right to charge for replacement membership cards and car stickers.
5. The 'out of hours' car park is provided for members use when the visitor centre and the main car park are closed. At all other times cars must be parked in the main car park. Access onto the way marked trails from the 'out of hours' car park is via the small pedestrian gate.
6. Access to the gardens and arboretum is not available before 9 am for management reasons. In the interests of safety the Trust reserves the right to close the arboretum at short notice and without prior warning. It will normally be closed over the Christmas and New Year period.
7. Children 16 years and under must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.
8. Picnics are allowed on identified picnic areas only. Members are asked to take their litter home with them.
9. Dogs, other than guide dogs, are not permitted in the gardens and arboretum and although welcome elsewhere must be kept under strict control. Please clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste thoughtfully.
10. In order to protect the Estate and the gardens and arboretum, the Trust has a number of Bylaws. Briefly, these states: NO fires, dropping of litter, music, fishing, bathing, ball games, tree climbing or taking of plants, leaves or other wildlife specimens. Cycling is permitted around the outside of the arboretum (red route) only. No photographs are to be taken for commercial use without the Trust's prior consent. A full copy is available on request.
11. The gardens and arboretum are open for quiet enjoyment and therefore any person not respecting this will be asked to leave.
12. In the interests of health and safety please observe all notices and signs during your visit and follow any instructions or advice given to you by Trust staff. It is also advisable to wear appropriate footwear and clothing. The lakes, ponds and streams contain deep water. Although attractive visitors must take extreme care around these and the cascades ensuring children are properly supervised at all times.
13. All private buildings and their immediate surrounds are not accessible to visitors. At times certain buildings will be used for private functions which may result in areas of the gardens and arboretum being temporarily closed.
14. When using the walks outside the gardens and arboretum visitors must stay on the way marked trails and not venture into the woods or across farmland.
15. The Trustees of the Thomas Phillips Price Trust reserve the right to alter or add to any of the above terms and conditions at their discretion.
16. Members and their guests visiting the Marks Hall Estate do so at their own risk. The Thomas Phillips Price Trust shall not be held liable for any loss or damage howsoever caused to any persons or their belongings exercising the privileges conferred by the Membership Scheme.