

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 available from 9 am to dusk. In the interests of safety or for management reasons 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 aged 16 years and under and those visitors requiring additional supervision must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult/s.
8. Please observe all notices and signs during your visit which are there for your safety and follow any instructions or advice given to you by Trust staff.
9. Due to its rural nature there are a number of natural hazards at Marks Hall such as exposed tree roots, uneven ground and slippery surfaces. It is advisable to wear appropriate footwear and clothing.
10. The lakes, ponds and streams contain deep water. Please take extreme care around these and the weirs and cascades ensuring children and those requiring additional supervision are properly supervised at all times.
11. When using the way marked trails members and their guests should take special precautions for their own safety, particularly when the visitor centre is closed. It is advisable to carry a mobile phone or some other means of contact and a torch for low light times. A third party should also be informed where you are going. Please stay on the way marked trails and do not venture into the woods or across farmland.
12. Dogs, other than guide dogs, are not permitted in the gardens and arboretum and although welcome elsewhere must be kept under strict control to avoid disruption to wildlife and injury to others. Please clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste thoughtfully.
13. In order to protect the Estate and the gardens and arboretum, the Trust has a number of Bylaws. Briefly, these state: NO fires, dropping of litter, music, fishing, swimming, ball games, tree climbing or taking of plants, leaves or other wildlife specimens. A full copy is available on request.
14. Cycling is permitted around the outside of the arboretum (red route) only. Please dismount when in the vicinity of the Visitor Centre and car park and give way to pedestrians and horse riders.
15. No photographs are to be taken for commercial use without the Trust's prior consent.
16. Picnics are allowed on identified picnic areas only. Please take all litter home or dispose of it in the bins provided.
17. 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.
18. The Trust reserves the right to charge an admittance fee on special event days. Details of events and charges will be sent to members in advance.
19. The gardens and arboretum are open for quiet enjoyment and therefore any person not respecting this will be asked to leave.
20. 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.
21. 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.

