



## Daily Opening Times

**April - September:** 10am - 6pm (last tickets 4.30pm)

**October - March :** 10am - 5pm (last tickets 3.30pm)

**Reception:** 9.30am - 6pm\* *i*

**Heligan Kitchen:** 9.30am - 5.30pm\*

**Steward's House Café:** 10.30am - 5pm\*

**Shop & Plant Sales:** 10.00am - 6pm\*

(Sundays 12 - 6pm)

\*Close 1 hour earlier October - March

Dogs on leads welcome all year round

## Your garden for a whole year!

Join as a Heligan Member to enjoy unlimited garden visits, exclusive onsite discounts, e-newsletters, events as well as some incredible additional benefits.

If you join as a Member today you will get your garden entry refunded. Simply pop in to Reception for more details.

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**Reception: 01726 845100**

**Emergency number: 01726 845102**

## The Heligan Story

The Tremayne Family have owned the 200-acre Heligan Estate for over 400 years. During the 18th and 19th centuries there was a thriving, almost self-sufficient community here. Heligan House was rented out after World War 1. In the 1970s it was converted to flats and sold off, separated from its surrounding Gardens and Estate. In 1990 this Sleeping Beauty was discovered and re-awakened, becoming Europe's largest garden restoration project. Heligan's story is unique. It is not the typical story of the family in the Big House, but of the land and its workforce; their knowledge and skills.

At least thirteen of Heligan's outdoor staff served in World War 1, nine tragically gave their lives. Soon afterwards, Jack Tremayne left Heligan and rented it out saying he 'could no longer live with the ghosts'. The Gardens became ... lost.

In 1990, John Willis (a descendant of the Tremaynes) introduced Tim Smit to the devastated Estate. Tim was an archaeologist by training and this experience prompted an all-consuming curiosity, to discover what had happened here.

Easier said than done; what followed was a mammoth task and, for many, a life's work: decades of overgrowth were cut back, priceless veteran plant specimens uncovered, buildings restored, greenhouses resurrected and the traditional horticultural practices and intriguing history meticulously researched. While excavating one collapsed building, a thunderbox room (gardeners' toilet) was discovered – and on its walls faint pencil signatures, dated August 1914. The team vowed that the restoration would be undertaken as a tribute to these working people. Some of these names were later discovered on the local parish war memorials. In 2013 the Imperial War Museum registered the Thunderbox Room as a "Living Memorial to the Gardeners of Heligan House".

Today life has been breathed into Heligan once more. Over 20 gardeners and estate workers practice the skills of those who worked the land a century ago, cultivating the walled gardens, growing heritage vegetables, farming traditional livestock breeds, re-creating a thriving community and once again re-connecting us all with the land throughout the seasons.



The full story can be found in our Heligan Centenary Guide Book...

The  
Lost Gardens  
of  
Heligan

Europe's largest garden  
restoration project



Maps and Essential  
Information



## Garden Map

plus Estate Map inside

To the Main  
Car Park

To the Field  
Car Park

### Features in The Gardens

#### Productive Gardens

**G1** Kitchen Garden

**G2** Melon Yard

*i* Thunderbox Room

*ii* The Pineapple Pit

**G3** Bee Bole Lawn

**G4** Head Gardener's Office

**G5** Flower Garden

*a* Citrus House

*b* The Vinery (Paxton House)

*c* Peach House

#### Pleasure Grounds

**G6** Sundial Garden

**G7** Sikkim

**G8** Pencalenick Greenhouse

**G9** Italian Garden

**G10** The Ravine

**G11** The Mount

**G12** Northern Summerhouse

**G13** New Zealand

**G14** The Grotto

**G15** Wishing Well

**G16** Reserve Yards

#### Home Farm

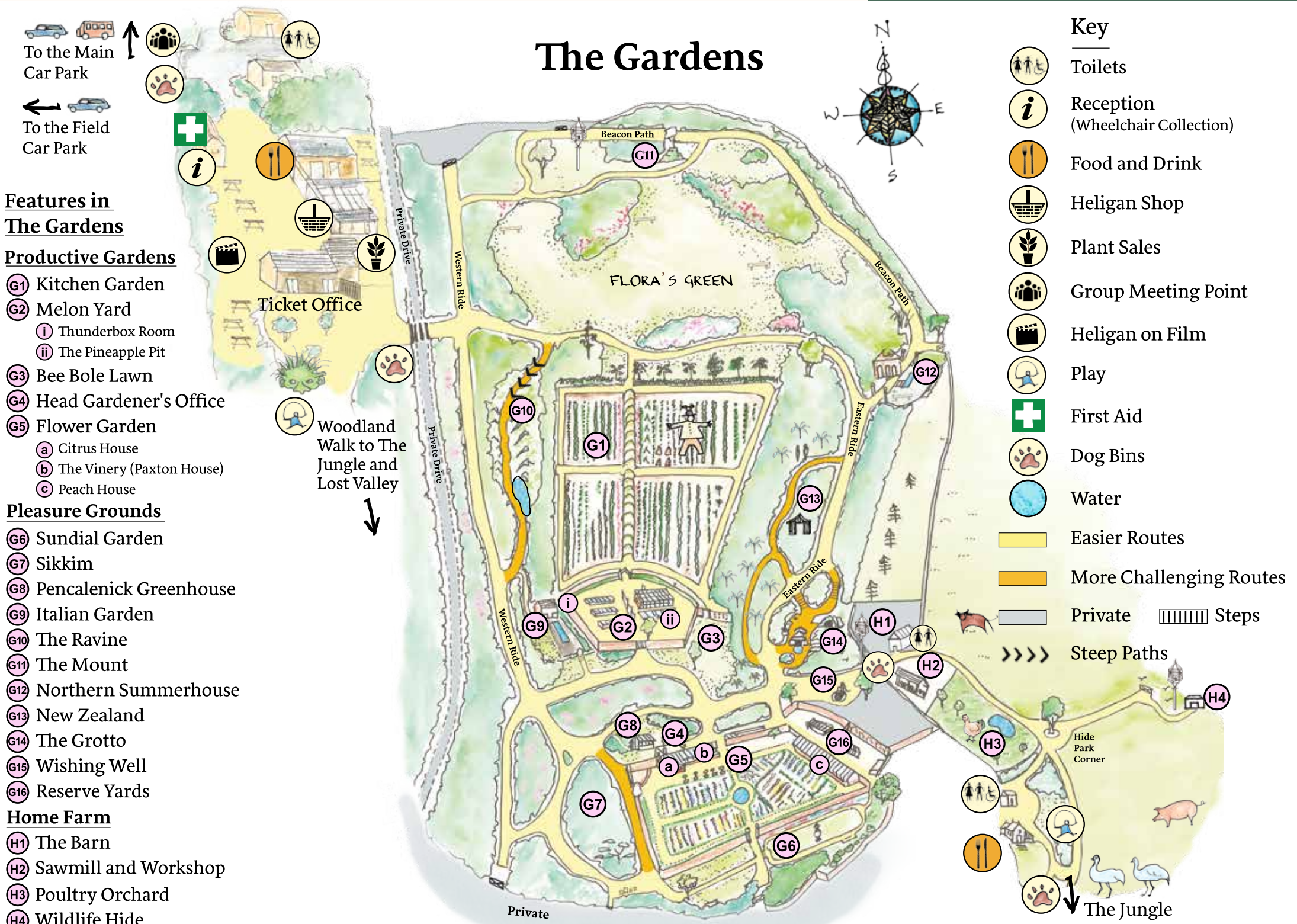
**H1** The Barn

**H2** Sawmill and Workshop

**H3** Poultry Orchard

**H4** Wildlife Hide

## The Gardens





# The Heligan Estate

As a general rule: Your outward route will be mainly southbound and downhill.

Your return route will be mainly northbound and uphill.



The Gardens: Please turn over for a close up garden map

## Key

- Toilets
- Reception (wheelchair collection)
- Food and Drink
- Heligan Shop
- Plant Sales
- Group Meeting Point
- Heligan on Film
- Play
- First Aid
- Dog Bins
- Water
- Buggy Park
- Raised Boardwalk
- Grass Field Paths
- Easier Routes
- More Challenging Main Routes
- Steep Paths
- Private
- Steps

## Planning your day

The Heligan Estate covers over 200 acres with some areas of steep terrain so we recommend that you plan your journey carefully allowing for plenty of resting and refreshment stops.

There are lots of water features and areas of deep water. Please take care, especially if you have young children.

### Estimated walking times:

To see everything would take a couple of days. We suggest a minimum of 4 hours to get a taste of The Gardens, The Jungle and The Estate.

**Ticket Office to Mud Maid** approx. 10 mins (slightly downhill)

**Ticket Office to Steward's House** approx. 20mins (slightly downhill)

**Ticket Office to top of The Jungle** (via Woodland Walk) approx. 30 mins (very steep)

**Top of The Jungle to Lost Valley and return** approx. 30 mins (very steep)

### The Gardens

Key features in the Productive Gardens include historic glasshouses, heritage fruit and vegetables and the Melon Yard with its Pineapple Pit and Thunderbox Room. The surrounding Pleasure Grounds include Flora's Green, the Northern Summerhouse, New Zealand and the Italian and Sundial Gardens.

## The Estate

### The Jungle

Trek through Heligan's outdoor Jungle on raised boardwalks through exotic plantings and then continue down to enjoy our native woodland in Lost Valley. Access The Jungle via Woodland Walk, past the Giant's Adventure Trail, Woodland Sculptures and West Lawn. Or take the slightly longer route via the Sawmill and Workshop, Poultry Orchard, Home Farm and Steward's Garden.

\*Please note the Burma Rope Bridge in The Jungle is not suitable for children under 5 or dogs and operates a one way system.

### Home Farm Animals

Heligan's Home Farm has rare and heritage breeds of sheep, pigs, poultry and cattle.

Visit The Barn to discover more about the animals we have at Heligan.

### Wildlife Hide

From the hide, peek out at the resident wildlife. Discover more about Heligan's wildlife and the traditional practices used to manage the land.

## Features on The Estate

### Woodland Walk

- W1 Giant's Head
- W2 Giant's Adventure Trail
- W3 Mud Maid
- W4 Grey Lady

### Georgian Ride

- E1 Bee Observation Hive
- E2 Insect Hotel

### Home Farm

- H1 The Barn
- H2 Sawmill and Workshop
- H3 Poultry Orchard
- H4 Wildlife Hide

### Steward's Garden Area

- S1 Steward's Garden
- S2 Steward's House

### The Jungle

- J1 Fern Gulley
- J2 Burma Rope Bridge

Operates a one way system

### Lost Valley

- L1 Charcoal Sculpture
- L2 Charcoal Kilns

## Heligan Food

Produce from the Kitchen Garden and Estate-reared meat is used in the Heligan Kitchen where possible and we also have our own on-site Bakery.

### Near Ticket Office

**Heligan Kitchen:** Delicious hearty breakfasts, daily lunchtime specials and tasty refreshments.

**Coffee Bar:** Take away drinks, pasties, sandwiches and cakes.

**Ice-cream Hut:** Selection of local ice-creams.

### Near Steward's Garden

**The Steward's House Café:** Take-away refreshments, sandwiches and cakes.

**BBQ Hut:** Burgers, Hot Dogs and refreshments.

**Ice-cream Hut:** Selection of local ice-creams.

Opening times subject to change during quieter periods.