



All you need to know about your Lilidorei visit



Information for all School Visits

Free Friday Booking

Free Fridays is on offer to all first, primary and years 5 and 6 in our county middle schools in Northumberland. At present, we want as many children as possible to visit Lilidorei therefore we ask that classes do not have multiple visits during an academic year. We will let you know if this changes in the future.

Please note, not every Friday is a Free Friday due to the closure of Alnwick Garden in January and availability only being during Northumberland Schools' term dates. So, book now to avoid disappointment. Please note that all bookings are subject to availability.

You should aim to arrive at Lilidorei for approximately 10.00am for your visit, with departure time being 12.00pm or before. Story telling on a Free Friday will be at 11.00am for all visiting schools.

Please book by filling in our Free Friday booking form. All groups will need to pre-book their visit beforehand. You can do so by completing the online form [here](#). Once you have completed the booking form, please send it back via email to groups@alnwickgarden.com or post it to Groups, The Alnwick Garden, Gardeners Cottage, Greenwell Road, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 1HB.

When we have received your form, we will contact you via email to confirm your booking.

Paid School Visit Booking

We welcome bookings from all schools (in and out of county) from Monday to Friday for paid visits. Costs of visiting Lilidorei for school visits are priced at a reduced educational rate, during Northumberland Schools' term dates.

Pupils are charged at a rate of £5.00 each, with accompanying adults free in a ratio of 1:5. Additional adult tickets are priced at £7.00 each.

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Lilidorei Learning Resources

There are several learning resources for both pre and post visit to Lilidorei, all linked with your Lilidorei visit. We have tried to ensure that the workload for delivery in school is minimum for teaching staff but fully immersive for the children. Click [here](#) for our educational resources and activities.

Northumberland County Council Provider Statement

For any Northumberland School, please request the pre-signed Northumberland County Council Provider Statement when you confirm your booking if required.

Pre-Visits & Risk Management

Please be aware that Lilidorei is a teacher led initiative built around the National Curriculum using Lilidorei's magical kingdom with the help of the Secret Keepers. We strongly recommend that school staff visit Lilidorei ahead of your school's trip. You will receive an invitation for up to two staff members to visit us when you confirm your booking.

This will help you to familiarise yourself with the environment and we can answer any questions personally. You know your own pupils better than us so you may want to look at the activities offered and how you think your children should be supervised throughout these activities. Additionally, it also helps to plan for pupils with specific needs or medical requirements.

It is advised that schools follow their own risk assessments for the Quest Challenge and playing on Elfwin Drin regarding organisation and supervising of the children whilst competing these. Secret Keepers will be there for guidance and safety only. Each child will be issued with a pencil for the Quest Challenge. We ask that the children do not play on Elfwin Drin with any pencils to avoid accidents. Please can these be collected in and returned to a member of staff.

We expect students to be supervised at all times around the site. Students are expected to not litter and not use inappropriate language. Smoking and vaping on site is prohibited and anyone found to contravene these rules may be asked to leave the premises.

If there are any adaptations that staff on site can help to provide, please make us aware via your booking form, during your pre-visit, by phone or via email.

Map of The Alnwick Garden

Below is a map of The Alnwick Garden that shows a full and accurate description of The Alnwick Garden Site, including all amenities, facilities, and services.

Click [here](#) to view the map of The Alnwick Garden.

On the day of you visit...

Arrival

Coach/Minibus

If arriving by coach or minibus, your coach or mini-bus should use the following postcode to navigate the drop off point – NE66 1FJ. This is the car park next to The Treehouse. Your coach/minibus will then be directed to park in the main car park during your visit.

Please make your way to the Lilidorei entrance. School Staff will be handed an on-site learning pack for all the children within your group. This will consist of pencils and our Lilidorei Quest Challenge for each child. These will need to be distributed to your children.

Foot

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Lilidorei Welcome

Children should be advised that when they see the gates into Lilidorei they should stay quiet as the gate keeper is listening!

When you arrive at The Village Green you will have a welcome talk from a Secret Keeper on the village green about your visit and will be advised where to put your belongings.

Times and Activities

The activities that are available to you whilst visiting Lilidorei to engage your children during their visit are:

1. Story Telling – a chance for your children to join in the story telling with the Storyteller. This is linked to the pre-visit and post visit educational activities. This will take place at **11.00am** on a Free Friday visit.
2. Quest Challenge – explore the Lilidorei village whilst completing the Quest Challenge. The children will have to explore the village to find the answers.
3. Make a wish – when the children (and the adults!) pass the wishing tree, they will be encouraged to place their wish in it by our Secret Keepers.
4. Playing on Elfwin Drin – the tallest play structure in the world.

Story time will take place at **11.00am** for all schools during a Free Friday visit. The other two activities can take place any time during your allocated visiting times. It is up to you! It is advised that schools should follow their own risk assessments for these activities (Quest Challenge and playing on Elfwin Drin) regarding the organisation and supervision of the children around the site. Secret Keepers will be there for guidance only. This is our suggested itinerary your Free Friday visit:

Time	Activity
9.50	Arrival at coach drop off
10.00	Arrival at Lilidorei Entrance where you will receive your pack for your visit
10.05	Arrival at Lilidorei Village Green where you will be greeted by a Secret Keeper
10.15	Quest Challenge or Play on Elfwin Drin
11.00	Storytime
11.30	Quest Challenge or Play on Elfwin Drin
12.00	Departure

Weather

Lilidorei is an outdoor magical village that has limited covered space. Visitors should come prepared for all weather – sun, wind, rain and snow! We try and remain open regardless of the weather. However, we do need to follow our risk assessments in certain types of weather. Please be assured your safety is our main concern. If we need to close Lilidorei or any part of Elfwin Drin on your visit day, you will be informed by one of our team.

First Aid

Lilidorei has its own First Aid House housing a fully equipped first aid kit. There are trained first aiders on site at all times. We would like to remind you that DfE guidelines do state that all visiting schools are responsible for providing a teacher or adult helper with good up to date knowledge of first aid and is in possession of an adequate first aid kit.

Personal Belongings

Each school will be allocated a storage place inside Lilidorei where pupils/staff can store belongings during your visit. You will be allocated a key for this storage area for the duration of your visit.

Photography

Photography is encouraged at Lilidorei, but not filming. However, if you do take photographs, you must ensure only children from your school are included and that you follow your own school's policies.

Shop

On exiting Lilidorei, there is a wonderful shop with a variety of gifts at a range of prices. The shop accepts cash, so your group is welcome to bring spending money to use when visiting. We would ask that the children enter the shop in small groups and are supervised at all times.

Evaluation Form

We are always looking at ways to improve. We want to ensure that our activities and programmes offered are current and relevant. Following your visit, we would ask if you could fill in our Evaluation Form [online](#).

Visiting Schools' Gallery

We have a special area on our website to display children's work that has been created from the Lilidorei resources. Please can you upload any work from your children that you would like to be displayed here. We would ask that you do name the child's work in a manner that you have permission for at school as this is how it will appear on the website. For every child who has their work displayed, they will receive a personalised Lilidorei certificate sent to school.

Additionally, if you have any school photographs that you would like us to display, please send them over to us where we can display them on our website. Again, we ask that you follow your own schools' policies for us to display these online.

Who to contact?

If you would like to speak to someone about a school visit, please call our designated Community and Education team on 01665 511350 or email info@alnwickgarden.com