



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

NATIONAL
REMEMBRANCE
GARDENS

Free
entry



Group visit guide

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Welcome to the Royal British Legion National Remembrance Gardens

The newly named National Remembrance Gardens is the nation's year-round place to Remember. A special place, founded to celebrate lives lived, and commemorate lives lost in service to our country.

Founded by Commander David Childs CBE over 25 years ago with a seed of an idea: to ensure we never forget to remember the immeasurable contribution of our Armed Forces, Emergency Services and civilian organisations.

Today the Gardens have flourished into a beautiful and ever-evolving living landscape, a peaceful haven for the flora and fauna that call it home. Explore to find over 25,000 trees that stand tall and proud in Remembrance and powerfully symbolic sculptures that reflect the people and organisations who supported our nation in times of need.

While many of the stories are thought-provoking, it's hard not to feel lifted. From heart-warming tales of humanity throughout history, to vibrant greenery alive with the sounds of joyful birdsong, there is something for everyone to explore and discover.

Alongside our daily programme of free talks, indoor exhibitions and activities, we welcome groups throughout the year for our annual calendar of events including Armed Forces Weekend, Remembrance Sunday and Illuminated.

Our award-winning team, look forward to welcoming you and your group, to this extraordinary place very soon, where together, we remember.

Great for groups

From service stops to day trips, a visit is not only a must, but also straightforward and budget-friendly with excellent facilities for groups including:

- Easy access from the A38 in South Staffordshire, with strong motorway links to the M6 (Toll), M42 and M1
- Generous coach, car and motorcycle parking with facilities for up to 1,000 vehicles
- Free admission, open 364 days of the year
- Meet and greet from our friendly team on arrival
- Land train tours – see the scale of the site from the comfort of the covered train
- 300 seat restaurant, serving a range of delicious food and drink
- Private dining options and restaurant vouchers
- Coach and minibus drivers receive a complimentary hot lunch voucher, when your visit is booked in advance



Land train tours



Armed Forces Memorial

Accessibility

Designed with accessibility in mind, our facilities are fantastic for groups and include:

- Accessible parking bays
- Level ground floor access throughout
- Mobility scooter hire
- Free wheelchair hire
- Five miles of hardstanding pathways
- Changing Places toilet
- Hearing loop**
- Wheelchair accessible land train tours

**Hearing loop at the Welcome Desk, gift shop, Millennium Chapel, land train and Aspects.



Daily activities

Our daily activities are a fantastic way to discover more of our inspirational living landscape.

Daily Act of Remembrance

The Daily Act of Remembrance includes a short service and Two-Minute Silence. This takes place in the Millennium Chapel at 10.50am every day.

Free

Guided walks

Be inspired by tales of camaraderie, heroism in astonishing circumstances, resilience in the darkest of moments and stories of strength, bravery and care. Join our knowledgeable guides for a 45-minute walk and discover why the memorials and trees are incredibly special.

£5.00pp*

Land train tours

The land train offers an accessible way to see the scale of the site within a short space of time, with a 50 minute recorded commentary on board.

Pre-book and save against our on the day prices with a special groups rate of £7.00 per person*.

Onsite daily talks

Talks take place at the Armed Forces Memorial, Far East Prisoners of War Memorial Building and the Shot at Dawn Memorial.

*Price for pre-booked groups of eight or more

Leisurely lunches

Two-course lunches

For an extra special lunch, book our two-course lunch package and enjoy reserved seating and dressed tables ready for your group's arrival.

Select one of our home cooked meat, fish or vegetarian options, with the addition of a homemade hot dessert or a slice of cake with tea and coffee.

Table service is included with this package and additional drinks can be purchased on the day.

£20.50pp*

*Price for pre-booked groups of eight or more

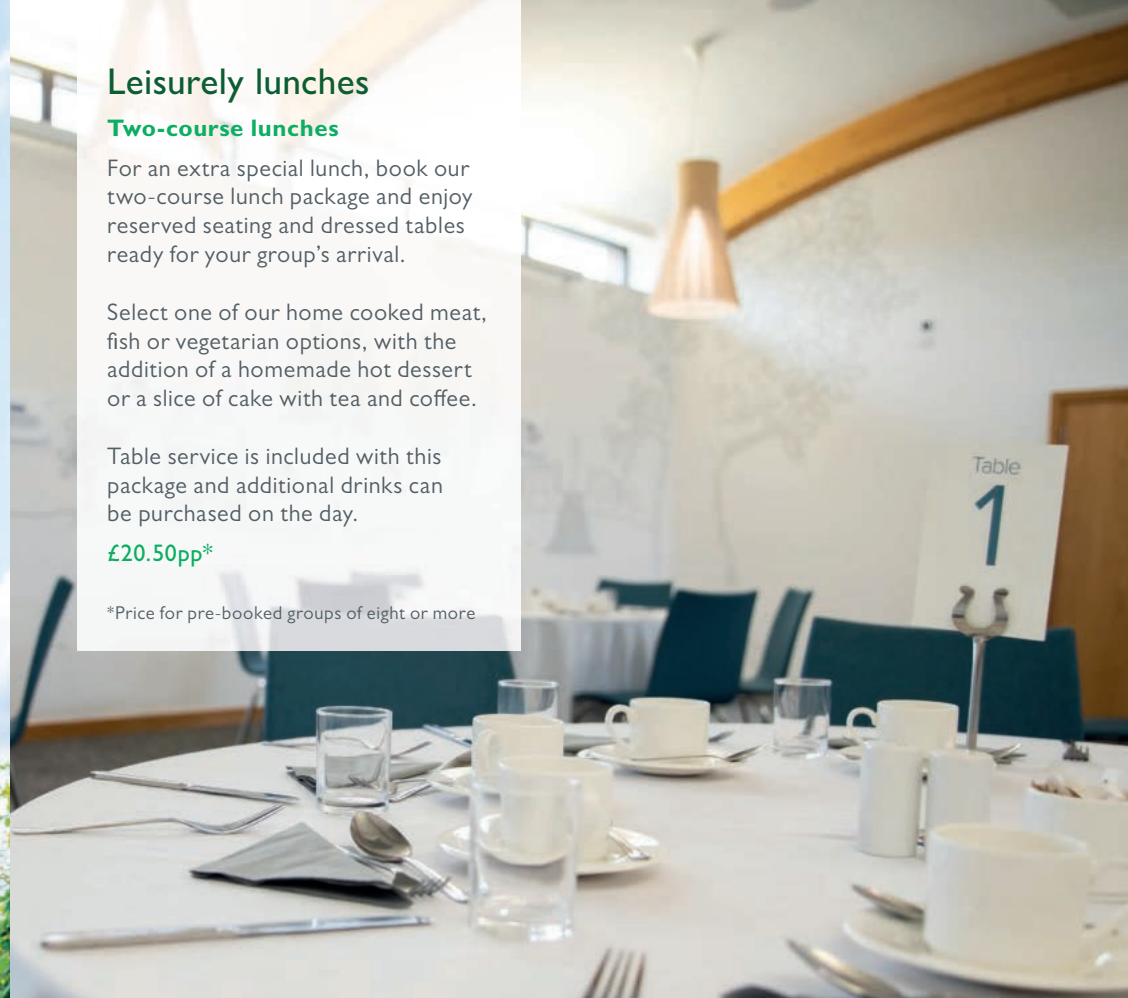
Restaurant vouchers

From delicious breakfast baps to quintessential cream teas, our restaurant vouchers offer a flexible way for groups to dine.

Pre-book your choices with our team, and they'll be ready for your group on arrival, without the need for rigid timings.

From £3.15pp*

*Price for pre-booked groups of eight or more





Special events

Armed Forces Weekend

26 & 27 June 2027

Armed Forces Weekend is an opportunity to give thanks to the brave work of our Armed Forces community. Join us for live performances and family-friendly activities.

Free

Armistice Day

11 November 2027

Our annual ticketed service of Remembrance takes place on top of the Armed Forces Memorial. Groups and coach parties without service tickets are welcome to book in for arrival from 9am to join other visitors watching the live service on a large screen in Heroes' Square.

Free

Remembrance Sunday

14 November 2027

This poignant Service of Remembrance that honours and remembers the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces community, and takes place at the base of the Armed Forces Memorial.

Free

Remembrance Sunday Group Package

14 November 2027

Commemorate Remembrance Sunday with this special package exclusively for groups. Choose to stay inside and observe the Remembrance Sunday service on our large screens from the comfort of your seat in Aspects, or join the crowds outside. After the commemorations have drawn to a close, reflect with friends over a two-course homemade lunch.

£39.50pp*

*Price for pre-booked groups of eight or more

Find out more

Join our group travel mailing list to be amongst the first to hear about our exciting programme of exhibitions and events.

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Heroes' Square

Winter wanders

While the Gardens look glorious in summer, there's plenty to see and do during the winter months.

Heroes' Square

As we approach Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, the leaves of the trees in Heroes' Square turn a vibrant red, symbolic of Remembrance.

Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness

The chapel welcomes people of all faiths and none, and aims to provide a space for contemplation and reflection. It is the only place in the country where an Act of Remembrance is observed every day.

In the chapel you'll find Threads of Remembrance, created in partnership with the British Association for Modern Mosaic. This mass artwork, installed on the wall of the chapel, brings together over 270 individual mosaics created by artists from across the world. Each mosaic has been inspired by memories of a time shared with a loved one.

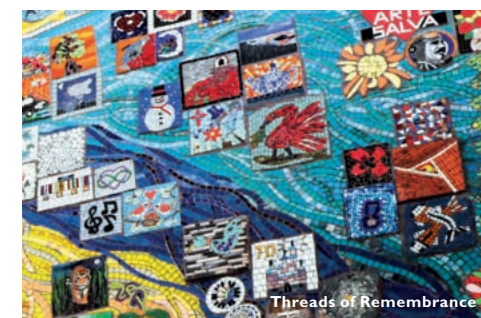
Hamamelis National Plant Collection

Over 170 varieties of 'Hamamelis' (witch hazel) inject stunning winter colour into the grounds. Vibrant yellow, red and orange blossoms provide a spectacular display from December through to February.

Inspiring exhibitions

At the heart of the Remembrance Centre is Landscapes of Life, which introduces the concept of Remembrance and why it is an important human need spanning thousands of years.

Across the year, we create an exciting and thought-provoking programme of temporary exhibitions that explore themes of Remembrance, natural landscape and hidden histories. Visit our website to find out what's on when you're visiting.



Threads of Remembrance

Ways to explore

From a gentle amble through the landscaped gardens near the Remembrance Centre, to a longer stroll along the river path, there are many ways to explore this extraordinary place at your own pace. Our suggested itineraries overleaf will help bring your visit to life.

Map key

- 1 **Armed Forces Memorial**
- 2 **Polish Forces War Memorial**
- 3 **Shot at Dawn Memorial**
- 4 **Household Division Memorial**
- 5 **Christmas Truce Memorial**
- 6 **The Allied Special Forces Memorial Grove**
- 7 **UK Police Memorial**
- 8 **Gulf War 1990–1991 Memorial**
- 9 **South Atlantic Medal Association Memorial**
- 10 **Burma Railway**

The memorials indicated on this map are for illustrative purposes only. Features are not drawn to scale and have been rotated on this map to support visitor orientation.

- A Aspects
- MC Millennium Chapel
- F Far East Prisoner of War Memorial Building
- 🚐 Buggy tour meeting point
- 🧭 Guided walk meeting point
- 🚶 Land train waiting area
- 🚶 Land train route
- 🍴 Picnic area
- 🎡 Children's play area
- SM Stick Man trail starting point
- 🚻 Toilet
- 🚻 Chemical toilet
- 🚻 Changing Places toilet
- 🐕 Dog waste point



Gentle walks

Explore the areas closest to the Remembrance Centre

A refreshing welcome; start your day with a tea, coffee and biscuit voucher on arrival.

£3.15pp*

Join the Daily Act of Remembrance; head to the Millennium Chapel at 10.45am for a short service and Two-Minute Silence.

Free

Take a trip on the land train; see many of the highlights of the site from the comfort of our covered land train with an accompanying 50 minute pre recorded commentary.

£7.00pp*

Take a seat in the Royal Artillery Garden's old gun carriages and enjoy the beautifully planted garden. See the alder tree planted in its centre, chosen because alder charcoal was once used in the production of gunpowder.

Adjoining this is the National Miners' Memorial, illustrated with a bronze frieze depicting coal miners. The frieze descends diagonally in the style of an early drift mine, while the panels recessed into the stone represent a seam of coal cut into the earth.

Follow the path to the Far East Prisoner of War Memorial Building, which features a permanent exhibition telling the story of those taken prisoner during the conflict in the Far East in the Second World War, their treatment, and remembers the thousands that died as a result.

Finish your visit in Heroes' Square; take a moment to explore the crests, badges or cyphers elegantly carved into the York Stone paving. The pin oaks '*Quercus palustris*', provide a natural canopy above them and were selected for their beautiful red foliage during the autumn, the season of Remembrance.

*Price for pre-booked groups of eight or more



Walking stories

Venture deeper into the site with a guided walk highlighting the hidden stories behind the many trees and memorials within our grounds.

A refreshing welcome; fuel your visit with a tea, coffee and breakfast bap voucher on arrival.

£7.45pp*

Join the Daily Act of Remembrance; head to the Millennium Chapel at 10.45am for a short service and Two-Minute Silence.

Free

Join one of our expert guides on a guided walk as they lead your group around the site for 45 minutes, sharing the extraordinary stories that the trees and memorials represent.

£5.00pp* | 11.30am and 2.30pm

Take a break in the Remembrance Centre to explore our exhibitions or enjoy a delicious lunch within our 300 seat restaurant with a range of locally sourced and lovingly prepared hot food, snacks and cakes.

Explore at your own pace; visit the **Gulf War 1990-1991 Memorial**, dedicated to honouring the 47 British personnel who died in the liberation of Kuwait and all those who fought in the Gulf War.

Nearby, within the woodlands, a magnificent four metre high sculpture cast in bronze creates a magical Remembrance space for all. **The Tree of Cherished Memories** is inspired by hawthorns found in our grounds and features personal dedications to individuals on its leaves.

As you head back towards the Remembrance Centre you will see **The National Memorial to the Evacuation (The British Evacuees Association)**.

The memorial, entitled 'Every Which Way' symbolises the bewilderment and anxiety many evacuees experienced as they were torn from their homes and sent to live in the country during the Second World War.

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Leisurely lunch

For a leisurely day out with friends, explore the site and many memorials together and socialise over a delicious, homemade two-course lunch.

Begin your visit at the heart of the Remembrance Centre in **Landscapes of Life**. This permanent exhibition introduces the concept of Remembrance and why it is an important human need spanning thousands of years.

Free

Get together over lunch; gather your group in our Founders Room set with round tables. Choose from a selection of main courses including meat and vegetarian options with tasty hot puddings or a slice of cake served with tea and coffee. All served to you at your seat by our friendly team.

£20.50pp*

Starting close to the Remembrance Centre, the **Women's Land Army and Timber Corps Memorial** is dedicated to over 240,000 Land Girls and Lumber Jills who provided food and timber during the First and Second World Wars.

Continuing down the avenue, you will see the **UK Police Memorial** dedicated to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have given their lives to UK policing. The 12 metre high brass structure represents the threshold to dangerous places the police must go, but sadly, from which some will never return.

As you follow the river, you will come across **The Women's Institute Memorial Seat; WI Wall**, designed and built by one of Derbyshire's only registered female dry stonewallers, Sally Hodgson.

*Price for pre-booked groups of eight or more



Women's Land Army and Timber Corps Memorial



UK Police Memorial

Flying visits

Centrally located in the heart of the country, the National Remembrance Gardens is an ideal place for a service stop.

Refuel and Refresh; start your visit in our 300 seat restaurant serving a range of hot food, sandwiches and cakes prepared by our in-house chefs.

Just outside the restaurant you'll see the stunning **Blown Away** sculpture which is on permanent loan to the Gardens from Peter and Carole Wilcock.

Across the avenue you will see the **Polar Bear Memorial**. The first memorial to be unveiled here in 1998, the Polar Bear Memorial

remembers the 49th West Riding Division. The division earned their famous 'Polar Bears' nickname during their time serving in Norway and Iceland during the Second World War, where much of the campaign was compounded with heavy snow.

Finish your exploration with the iconic **Armed Forces Memorial**, dedicated in the presence of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 12 October 2007.

This memorial remembers the names of over 16,000 Armed Forces personnel who have died on duty, in operational theatre or were targeted by terrorists since the end of the Second World War.



Blown Away



Tailored to you

Discover more of the Gardens with our Tailor Made Tours.

Aboard our electric buggies, your personal guide and driver will take you to the memorials you'd love to see. Whether you've a keen interest in specific military campaigns or would like to see more without the walk. Coupled with full or half day catering options, they're an incredible way to make new memories with friends and family.

Tailor Made Tours For small groups of up to seven people		2027 price per person*
Half day		
1 – 5 people		£175.00
6 – 7 people		£215.00
Full day		
1 – 5 people		£250.00
6 – 7 people		£315.00

*Tailor Made Tour prices valid until 31 December 2027

Gulf War 1990-1991 Memorial



Polar Bear Memorial: 49th West Riding Division



Group visit pricing

Activities For groups of 8 or more	2027 price per person
Guided walk	£5.00
Land train with running commentary Operates every 30 minutes between March and November. Please contact us for our winter timetable	£7.00
Lunch packages For groups of 8 or more	2027 price per person
Two-course lunch in the Founders Room Includes main course and dessert with tea and coffee	£20.50
Restaurant vouchers For groups of 8 or more	2027 price per person
Tea, coffee and biscuits	£3.15
Tea, coffee and breakfast bap Includes a choice of bacon or sausage or vegetarian bap. Redeemable until 11.30am	£7.45
Cream tea Includes homemade scone, clotted cream, jam and tea or coffee. Redeemable 11.30am - one hour before closing**	£7.50
Light lunch voucher Jacket potato with one filling served with salad garnish and coleslaw and your choice of tea or coffee. Redeemable from 11.30am – one hour before closing**	£12.00

**The Gardens close at 5pm in summer and 4pm in winter



National Miners' Memorial



Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Memorial

How to book

Pay as you go visits

We ask groups with no pre-ordered packages or activities to book in with our team to ensure we give you a warm welcome and the best experience on the day.

- Send a booking request through our website form or contact our groups team on 01283 244 896 or nrggroups@britishlegion.org.uk.
- If we can accommodate your booking, we'll send you a confirmation by email.

Package bookings

- Send a booking request through our online form or contact our groups team on 01283 244 896 or nrggroups@britishlegion.org.uk.
- If we can accommodate your booking, our team will send a deposit request by email which includes information on how to pay.
- 14 days prior to your visit our team will contact you for your final numbers for all pre-booked items.
- A final balance request will be sent which includes information on how to pay. Final balances should be paid prior to your arrival. Numbers cannot be decreased once we have received your final payment.

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