

# Explore The Secret Gardens, Wild Meadows, and Kitchen Garden Cafes Of Britain



Britain is famously known for its picturesque landscapes and beautiful gardens. From well-manicured gardens filled with vibrant flowerbeds to wild meadows bursting with color, the country offers a plethora of natural treasures waiting to be explored. Beyond the visual delight, many of these gardens house charming

cafes that serve delicious food made from fresh produce grown on-site. Join us on a journey through the secret gardens, wild meadows, and kitchen garden cafes of Britain.

## Discovering The Secret Gardens

Hidden away from the bustling cities, secret gardens offer a serene escape into a world of tranquility. These gardens often feature carefully designed layouts, stunning water features, and rare plant specimens. Whether you are a nature enthusiast, a history buff, or simply seeking a peaceful retreat, these hidden gems will take your breath away.



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**1. The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Cornwall:** This enchanting garden was lost for decades, only to be rediscovered and restored to its former glory. As you meander through its mystical paths, you will come across tropical jungles, giant

rhubarb forests, and even the chance to walk through a beautiful flower-filled jungle rope bridge.

**2. Bodnant Garden, Conwy, Wales:** Situated above the River Conwy, Bodnant Garden is a hidden gem that boasts breathtaking views of Snowdonia. Famous for its Laburnum Arch, which blooms in a cascade of yellow flowers, this garden will transport you into a fairytale-like setting.

**3. Hidcote Manor Garden, Gloucestershire:** Created by horticulturist Lawrence Johnston, this garden is known for its intricate outdoor "rooms" and perfectly manicured hedges. Its vibrant colors and unique plant combinations will leave you in awe.

## **Wild Meadows: Nature's Masterpieces**

For those who prefer a more naturalistic approach, wild meadows provide a wilderness experience dotted with an abundance of wildflowers and native grasses. These meadows not only support a diverse range of animal and insect species but also create a visually stunning landscape. Here are three wild meadows that are sure to captivate your senses:

**1. Burren National Park, County Clare, Ireland:** This unique meadow showcases an otherworldly landscape, complete with limestone pavements and rare plant species. Take a leisurely walk or hike through this magical place, and you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean.

**2. The Machair of South Uist, Scotland:** The machair is a coastal meadow found in the Hebrides. It features a patchwork of colorful displays, combining vibrant flowers with coastal grasses. This mesmerizing sight will leave you feeling connected to nature.

**3. The Ouse Washes, Cambridgeshire:** Home to a multitude of birds and wildlife, the Ouse Washes is a wetland meadow offering a haven for nature enthusiasts. Witness the spectacle of thousands of wading birds in winter or enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the river.

## **Kitchen Garden Cafes: Farm-to-Table Experience**

In recent years, the farm-to-table movement has gained popularity, and many gardens now incorporate kitchen garden cafes that offer visitors fresh, organic food prepared from ingredients grown on-site. Indulge your taste buds while enjoying the peaceful ambiance of these delightful cafes in the heart of nature:

**1. The Ethicurean, Somerset:** Set within the beautiful walled garden of Barley Wood, The Ethicurean sources most of its ingredients from its own garden or within a 15-mile radius. Taste their creative dishes made with seasonal produce while admiring the surrounding patchwork of flower beds.

**2. The Violet Barn, Isle of Wight:** Nestled within a fragrant garden, The Violet Barn specializes in homemade cakes, delicious soups, and fresh salads, all made with ingredients sourced from their kitchen garden. Don't forget to try their signature violet-flavored treats.

**3. Petersham Nurseries, Richmond, London:** This elegant nursery offers both an immersive shopping experience and a delightful café set within its picturesque Victorian glasshouse. Savor their freshly prepared meals made from local, biodynamic produce while being surrounded by lush greenery.

## **In**

The secret gardens, wild meadows, and kitchen garden cafes of Britain are truly a feast for the senses. Whether you find solace in exploring the carefully curated



gardens, immersing yourself in the untamed beauty of wild meadows, or enjoying a farm-to-table experience in a charming café, these hidden treasures offer an escape from the ordinary and a chance to reconnect with nature. So, embark on an adventure and let Britain's natural wonders enchant you.



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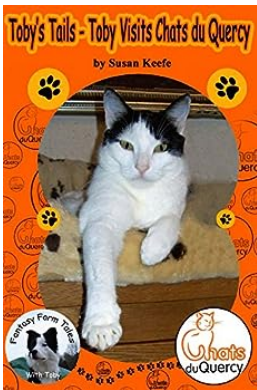
This stunning and original British travel guide charts lesser known gardens, spectacular meadows, the best kitchen garden food, plus wild places to camp and stay. From traditional cottage gardens and walled-gardens, to newly designed gardens planted for bees and nature, this is a timely book which will appeal to garden-lovers, foodies and nature-lovers of all ages. Includes Best For: Organic & Foraged Food; Wildflowers; Glamping Meadows; Kitchen Gardens, Birds, Bees & Butterflies; Ancient Orchards; Cottage Garden Classics; Rose Garden B Secret Gardens; Urban Escapes; Naturalistic & Prairie Planting. \* The Wild Garden movement is one of Britain's fastest growing garden trends \* First

guide of its kind guide, including food and accommodation, meadows and nature-friendly gardens, \* Stunning photography, illustrated maps, \* Wide family appeal - cuts across generations and brings food, adventure and the 'wild' into garden tourism. \* Foreword by Chelsea Gold winner, Sarah Price.



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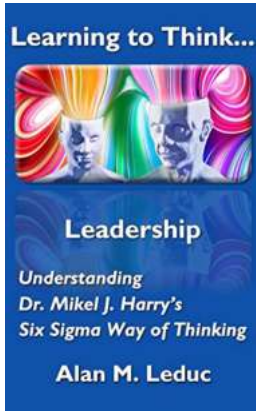
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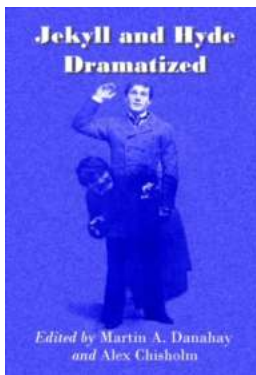
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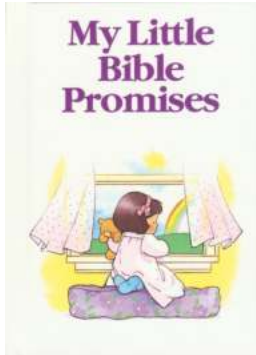
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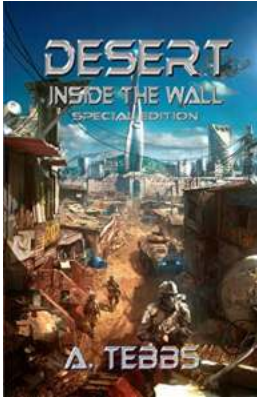
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