



## HOLKER HALL & GARDENS

### GUIDED TOURS FOR GROUPS 2012

One of the beauties of a visit to Holker Hall is the freedom to explore the hall and gardens at your own pace without the restrictions of rope and barriers, with guides always on hand with assistance or information when desired.

However, for those groups who want more structure, have a particular interest or want to discover a different side to Holker, we offer a whole range of fascinating guided tours.

There is a small charge for a tour in addition to the admission rate and tours should be booked in advance. The minimum number on a tour is 10 and we recommend a maximum of 25.

#### HALL

##### **Tour 1: Special Hall Tour @ £2.50pp**

This fascinating tour focuses on the history of the Preston, Lowther & Cavendish families who have lived in, developed and cherished the Hall and Estate from the beginning of the 17th century to the present day.

**Duration approx. 1 hour**

##### **Tour 2: Fine Arts Tour @ £2.50pp**

This tour explores the history of the hall with particular emphasis on the many paintings, prints and *objets d'art* to be found within. Perfect for groups with a particular interest in, and love of, art & antiquities.

**Duration approx. 1 hour**

##### **Tour 3: Cavendish Ladies Tour @ £2.50pp**

Based on original research, this is a fascinating window into the lives of the ladies of the Cavendish Family who lived at Holker. This tour is also of interest in the wider context of the lives of aristocratic women in the 18th - 20th centuries.

**Duration approx. 1 hour**

#### GARDENS

##### **Tour 4: Garden Tour @ £2.50pp**

Discover the history and development of the gardens, learn about the wonderful trees plants and flowers. Your guide will adapt the tour according to season so that you experience the best seasonal colours, textures and scents.

**Duration approx. 1 hour**

##### **Tour 5: Extended Garden Tour @ £3.50pp**

Ideal for groups with special interest in gardens, this extended version of the garden tour and allows time to develop themes in more depth and explore the gardens further.

**Duration approx. 1 hour 30 minutes.**

#### PARKLAND

##### **Tour 6: NEW Discovery Tour @ £3.50pp**

This lively tour takes you back in time to learn about the history of the land from the 12th Century to the present. You will visit areas not normally accessible to the public, including the incredible Ice House.

**Duration approx. 1 hour 30 minutes**

##### **Tour 7: Woodland Tour @ £3.50pp**

This tour of the gardens & parkland explores the Estate's wonderful collection of rare and ancient trees. Discover the developing role of woodlands, identify different species & learn that many trees have a fascinating story to tell.

**Duration approx. 1 hour 30 minutes**

##### **Tour 8: Nature Tour @ £3.50pp**

Nature and conservation have a vital role in the life of the Holker Estate. This tour studies trees, habitats, wildlife and the enormous challenges posed by environmental issues both in the past and today.

**Duration approx. 1 hour 30 minutes**

#### SENSORY TOURS

We are happy to arrange sensory tours of the Hall or Gardens for groups with hearing or visual impairments.

#### BESPOKE TOURS

We would be delighted to adapt our tours for groups with special needs or special interests. Please contact us to enquire.

To book a tour or for further information please contact:

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