

From the egg to the apple

Ab ovo usque ad malus is Latin for 'From the egg to the apple' or 'From start to finish', as in *hors d'oeuvre* to dessert. The phrase inspired us to create an historical timeline for the Estate, with individual gardens and landscapes shaped by ideas, skills and traditions from past to present. Only plants and trees authentic to the period are grown in each garden – though sometimes with a modern twist. Roam the Estate, and you'll travel through two thousand years of history.

- 1** **GATEHOUSE**
Garden Memberships are sold here.
- 2** **THRASHING BARN**
Information, tour booking, first aid and Garden Membership details.
- 3** **COURTYARD**
Meet here for daily Garden Tour.
- 4** **CYDER BAR**
Seasonal apple pressing at the Cyder Press and meals served from the Bakery.
- 5** **CYDER CELLAR**
Home of our unique cyder-making process.
- 6** **HOUSE & GARDEN SHOP**
Celebrating the artisanal skills of our friends.
- 7** **BAKERY**
Expertly crafting light meals and all our bread and pastries from local ingredients.
- 8** **FARM SHOP**
Estate produce and the finest, traditionally made foods.
- 9** **MUSHROOM HOUSE**
Porcini and field mushrooms grown for our restaurants.
- 10** **COLLEGE ROOM**
Join our talks and workshops. Details from Threshing Barn.
- 11** **GREENHOUSE**
Evolving displays of exotica introduced by Victorian plant hunters and collectors: tropical fruit trees, succulents, ferns, orchids and lotus.
- 12** **GARDEN CAFÉ**
A perfect vantage point over the gardens that grow the food you will eat here.
- 13** **FOWL HOUSE**
Where our ducks and chickens lay their eggs.
- 14** **PARABOLA**
Nestled inside the egg-shaped Parabola you'll find a maze of apples. Inspired by gardens of the Baroque period, apple trees from across these isles are displayed by county. We celebrate every aspect of this miraculous fruit, from training saplings to making world-class cyder.
- 15** **LOWER EGG**
In contrast to the sensory stimulation of the Parabola, a serenely curved hornbeam hedge borders this simple lawn. Snuggle down with ducks and chickens.
- 16** **VICTORIAN FRAGRANCE GARDEN**
A passion for fragrant formal planting scented the air of Victorian gardens with violets, roses, box . . . Recalibrate your senses here.
- 17** **CASCADE**
From iris-edged ponds, rills cascade down the modern garden. Look out for our resident newts, but be careful not to approach the Giant Toad and her children: they have vile tempers!
- 18** **COTTAGE GARDEN**
Gertrude Jekyll-inspired drifts of colour symbolise the optimism and creative flowering of the Belle Epoque, before the First World War destroyed it all.
- 19** **COLOUR GARDENS**
Colour, form and texture are celebrated in these garden rooms, but beware: intense hues can spark emotions!
- 20** **LONG WALK**
You can detect the restrained hand of the Landscape Movement in this elegant avenue running East from the Georgian house.
- 21** **BATHING POND**
Imagine the bathing costumes this pond has witnessed over the centuries!
- 22** **KITCHEN GARDEN**
Ornamental kitchen gardens or *potagers* evolved through French style into a veg display to please the eye and feed the body. You can sample what we grow here in the Garden Café.
- 23** **MARL PIT**
Created by the ancient practice of 'marling', or digging out lime-rich deposits to improve agricultural soil. This tranquil place, with its island, evokes Avalon (the likely site of Camelot is close by), where our King Arthur went to die.
- 24** **MARL PIT COPSE**
Spring bluebells and a gentle woodland walk.

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Your **GARDEN MEMBERSHIP** allows you to visit as many times as you like within 12 months.

We've partnered with Candide for a membership that's interactive and paper free - ask at the Threshing Barn for details.

OUR **EATERIES** champion Somerset fare, using Estate meats and ingredients that we have grown or carefully sourced.

DAILY **GARDEN TOUR** starts in the Courtyard. Booking essential - speak to our hosts in the Threshing Barn.

OVER 250 VARIETIES of apple in the Parabola alone!

KINDLY **NOTE** that areas shaded grey are reserved for hotel guests.

FOR YOUR SAFETY CCTV cameras are located throughout the gardens and wider Estate. We also operate a weathercam, with images streamed live on our website, as shown by the icon on the map. If you have any questions regarding our use of CCTV or the weathercam please email preferences@thenewtinsomerset.com or speak to any member of our team.



Apples are to Somerset what oranges are to Seville and coals once were to Newcastle – and it has been this way for millennia. Each spring sees the fields erupt in a glorious froth of pink and white apple blossom. In autumn the air is drenched in the sweet-sharp, lemony scent of newly ripe apples. And if you visit at any time in between, you'll no doubt be offered a glass of something made from apples that'll put a twinkle in your eye – and a swerve in your gait.



ENTRANCE

EXIT

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- VISITOR CAR PARK
- THRESHING BARN
Information, tour booking, first aid and Garden Membership
- WCs
- THE STORY OF GARDENING
- PLAY AREA
- CENTIPEDE WALK (4 minutes)
- MARL PIT WALK (5 minutes)
- ROOKERY WALK (18 minutes)
- DEER PARK WALK (30 minutes)
- THE STORY OF GARDENING WALK (12 minutes)

We are proud to have been awarded 'Best Standard Cider Apple Orchards' at the Royal Bath & West Show 2019!



We'd like to give our guests access to as much of the Estate as possible, so that you can experience it for yourself; but please keep in mind that this is a working agricultural site with lots of risks.

CHILDREN and anyone who cannot swim must be supervised closely at all times, as we have lots of open water, as well as farming equipment, unprotected drops and steps. Please wear sturdy shoes (no high heels, please!) as some paths have gaps, are uneven and can become slippery in wet or frosty weather.

THE NEWT IN SOMERSET is a working farm. We cannot exclude liability for personal injury or death which occurs while visiting our site. However, we will not be responsible for any injury that the visitor could reasonably have avoided

by following advice which appears on our website, maps and signs around the Estate. As regards to property, we are only responsible for any loss or damage to such if caused by us whilst you are visiting the Estate.

REGRETTABLY, no dogs can be allowed (except for guide dogs), as we keep deer and fowl.

IF YOU LOSE any members of your party or items of property, kindly report to the Threshing Barn.