

CHRISTMAS AT THE NEWT

2026

Festive gatherings, feasting and winter days in Somerset

GATHER TOGETHER THIS CHRISTMAS

As winter settles over the estate, The Newt becomes a place for gathering. Twinkling lights, crackling fires and seasonal food create a wonderfully atmospheric setting for Christmas lunches, team celebrations and private festive feasts.

Whether joining us for lunch in the Garden Café, gathering exclusively for an evening celebration or making a day of it with a private estate tour, our Christmas experiences bring together good food, beautiful surroundings and time well spent.



THE GARDEN CAFÉ

Overlooking the gardens and orchards, the Garden Café offers a light-filled setting by day and an atmospheric space for celebrations after dark.

Our festive menus celebrate the season with ingredients from the estate, bringing friends, family and colleagues together around the table.

DAYTIME

- Festive group dining
- Private lunches
- Tours & estate experiences

EVENING

- Exclusive private hire
- Festive dinners
- Christmas celebrations



A RELAXED FESTIVE LUNCH

Gather friends, family or colleagues for a seasonal lunch at the Garden Café, with dishes designed to share around the table.

Suited for groups of 8 to 30 guests

MENUS
Two Course Sharing Menu | £40 per person
Three Course Sharing Menu | £45 per person

AVAILABLITY
Daytime only

DINING OPTIONS
Non-private | Shared restaurant setting

TOURS
Available to add

ADMISSION
£25 per person

Your admission gives you access to the estate during your visit, so there is plenty of opportunity to explore the gardens before or after lunch - or add one of our private tours to make a day of it.



A CHRISTMAS FEAST

For larger gatherings and private celebrations, our three-course festive feasting menu brings everyone together for a generous Christmas feast.

Suited for groups of over 18 guests

MENU
Three Course Sharing Menu & Welcome Cocktail | £65 per person

AVAILABLITY
Daytime & Evening

CAPACITY
Up to 100 guests

DINING OPTIONS
Non-private | Shared restaurant setting
Private Hire | Minimum spend applies - POA

TOURS
Available to add | Daytime only

ADMISSION
£15 per person | Daytime only

**For groups of more than 30 guests, we highly recommend private hire of the Garden Café to ensure the best experience for your group.*



Christmas Feasting Menu

Welcome festive cocktail

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ON THE TABLE

Apple waste sourdough, Hangop

Brussels sprouts slaw, roasted chestnuts

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MAIN TO SHARE

Group to choose between

Roasted turkey crown or Top side of British White beef

Vegetarian Alternative

Estate squash, sage, apple

Served with

Rosemary & cranberry stuffing

Pigs in blankets

Roast potatoes, garden herb salt

Black bee honey roasted heritage carrots & parsnips

Babel braised red cabbage

Cauliflower, old Winchester

Bread sauce, cranberry sauce

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DESSERTS TO SHARE

Parsnip sticky toffee pudding, clotted cream, toffee sauce

Bottled plum, Eton mess, cinnamon cream, candied hazelnuts



EXPLORE THE ESTATE

Christmas lunch doesn't have to begin and end at the table. Add one of our private tours to your visit and discover more of the gardens, history, food and stories behind The Newt.

GARDEN TOUR
£150 | Up to 15 guests

CYDER TOUR
£150 | Up to 15 guests

ROMAN VILLA TOUR
£150 | Up to 15 guests

WOODLAND TOUR
£150 | Up to 15 guests

RED SQUIRREL CONSERVATION
Morning only | £150 | Up to 10

DEER TOUR
Afternoon only | £150 | Up to 10

ESTATE TOUR
Afternoon only | £150 | Up to 10



FAQs

WHAT GROUP SIZES CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE?
We welcome groups from a minimum of 8 guests, from smaller festive lunches through to larger celebrations and exclusive private hire. The package available will depend on your group size and whether you would like exclusive use of the Garden Café.

IS ESTATE ADMISSION INCLUDED?
For daytime groups of 8–18 guests dining from our December sharing menu, estate admission is charged at £25 per person in addition to the menu price.

For daytime groups of 18 and above enjoying our Feasting menu, admission is reduced to £15pp.

For evening celebrations, no admission fee applies, as these take place outside normal estate opening hours.

CAN WE ADD A PRIVATE TOUR TO OUR VISIT?
Absolutely. A selection of private estate tours can be added to daytime bookings, making it easy to turn your Christmas lunch into a full day at The Newt. Tours are subject to availability and additional charges.

CAN WE HIRE THE GARDEN CAFÉ EXCLUSIVELY?
Yes. The Garden Café is available for exclusive daytime and evening hire, subject to availability and a minimum spend - POA.

CAN YOU CATER FOR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?
Yes. We are happy to accommodate dietary requirements and allergies with advance notice, so that everyone in your group can enjoy the festive menu.

IS SERVICE CHARGE INCLUDED?
A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to food and drink.

CAN WE ADD DRINKS TO OUR PACKAGE?
Yes. Our team can help you select drinks to accompany your celebration, from arrival drinks to wines for the table.

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE SHOULD WE BOOK?
We recommend enquiring as early as possible, particularly for larger groups and exclusive hire dates during the festive period. All bookings are subject to availability.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

BOOKING AND CONFIRMATION

- A non-refundable deposit of 50% is required at the point of booking.
- A booking will only be confirmed upon receipt of a signed Booking Confirmation document and a deposit of 50% of the total cost.
- Final numbers and any specific arrangements must be confirmed no later than 30 calendar days prior to the event date.
- The minimum F&B spend excludes 12.5% service charge.

PAYMENT TERMS

- Full payment is due 30 calendar days before the event date unless otherwise agreed upon.
- Failure to make payments by the due date may result in cancellation of the booking.

CANCELLATION, REFUND & AMENDMENTS

- Where at least 30 days' notice is given, your non-refundable deposit may be transferred to one alternative booking date (subject to availability) or held as credit for up to 12 months from the original event date.
- Where at least 14 days' notice is given, but less than 30 days before the event, your 50% non-refundable deposit will be retained. Any payments received above the deposit will be refunded.
- Where less than 14 days' notice is given, full cancellation charges will apply, and all payments received will be retained.
- In the unlikely event of cancellation due to force majeure, bookings will be fully refunded or have the option to reschedule the booking date. No liability for additional costs will be accepted.

FOOD & DRINKS

- A 12.5% discretionary service charge will be added to all food and drink items across the estate.



The Newt
in Somerset

WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU

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