



## Garden Accessibility

Sadly, the main body of the garden cannot be accessed safely by wheelchairs & regular mobility scooters and people with limited mobility, due to its steep valley sides and numerous steps. The nature of the gravel paths means it can also be difficult using children's pushchairs.

**We partner with the charity Outdoor Mobility who provide an all-terrain mobility scooter for visitors to hire and use at the garden. Click on this link to find out more and book: [www.outdoormobility.org/himalayan-garden](http://www.outdoormobility.org/himalayan-garden)**

If you, or a member of your group uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter or has mobility difficulties, they can enjoy the top of the park and access the Buddha Garden, Information Centre, and make use of the Tearoom and restroom facilities free of charge. A certified carer bringing a visitor to the garden will qualify for free entry, please bring evidence of need with either an Attendance Allowance letter (AA), Carers Allowance Letter of Award, Disability Living Allowance Letter (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

## Parking

There are 8 accessible parking spaces on the bottom right side of the main gravel car park. These are not marked out on the gravel but are signed and give a good amount of space around them. The car park is a few hundred yards from the garden entrance via a gravel path.





## Garden Entrance & Ticket Office / Information Centre with Shop

After leaving the car park, the Ticket Office is located a short distance along a gravel footpath from the garden entrance. Visitors have their tickets scanned from a window hatch from this building. There is a double ramp into this building which also acts as an Information Centre and small shop. There is plenty of seating inside this space if needed and also the First Aid station.





## Tearoom with Toilets

The Tearoom and main toilets are located a short distance from the Ticket Office on the left. The main entrance to the Tearoom has steps with handrail but there is also a step-free wide access door to the side of the building down a flat paved path. This is also the location for the main toilets including the accessible toilet. The Tearoom service counter is low and tables are set for 4 and 6 people with chairs that can easily be moved, staff can also help with this. Outside there are a number of picnic bench style tables, 3 on the grass and 3 on the flat paved area. These are not covered. The Tearoom offers vegetarian and vegan food options and staff will check with visitors for any allergy concerns.





## Accessible Toilet

The main toilets including the Accessible Toilet is located on the side of the Tearoom. There is also an accessible portaloo available in the lower garden between the Sunrise & Magnolia Lakes



## Access down to the garden via stepped sections

The topography of the garden dictates that in areas paths are steep, with sections of steps with handrails. Many of the steps are shallow and wide with a natural compact surface and non-slip wood nosing. Care should be taken when descending & ascending.





## Step-free paved descent into the garden via Coronation Drive



There is a paved but steep route into the garden which is marked on the garden map as Coronation Drive and is located in front of the main house from the main drive into the garden. The gradient is 12.9 degrees for a short section at the top & curves down in sections providing lovely views across the garden. There is a wooden rail on the slope side of the path. Accessible for the All Terrain Trampler but not suitable for wheelchair users.





## Footpaths

We advise visitors wear suitable robust outdoor footwear as many of the paths in the garden have rough gravel surfaces. Please also take extra care in wet condition as the woodland footpaths and bridges may be slippery and uneven in places.

The natural gravel paths can also cause difficulty for pushchairs. Our staff can advise you on the best route into the garden.

## Wide gravel paths some with inclines



## Flat main path around Magnolia Lake

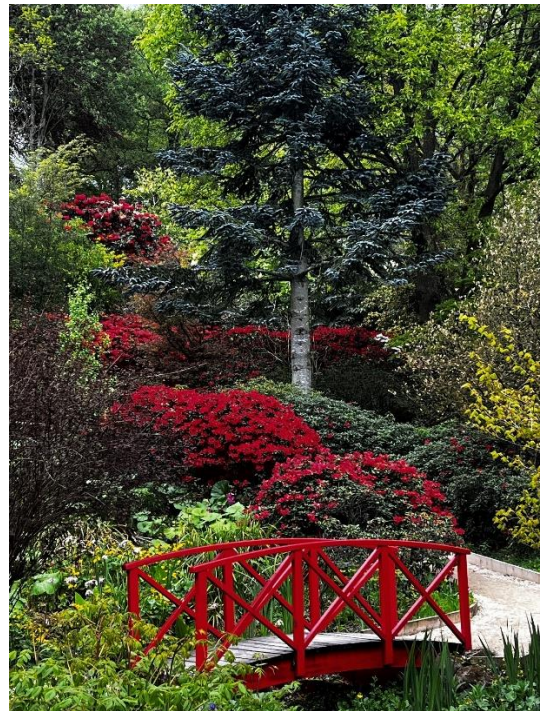




**Rougher surface but mostly flat track along the Woodland Walk**



**Some narrow bridges with steps**





## Wide Flat bridges



## Benches & Seating

There are plenty of benches dotted all around the garden to provide resting spots or picnic on the Main Lawn. There are also 6 picnic benches located just off the main lawn between the Contemplation Circle and the Sunrise Lake

## The Main Lawn at the heart of the garden





## Aerial View of the Garden

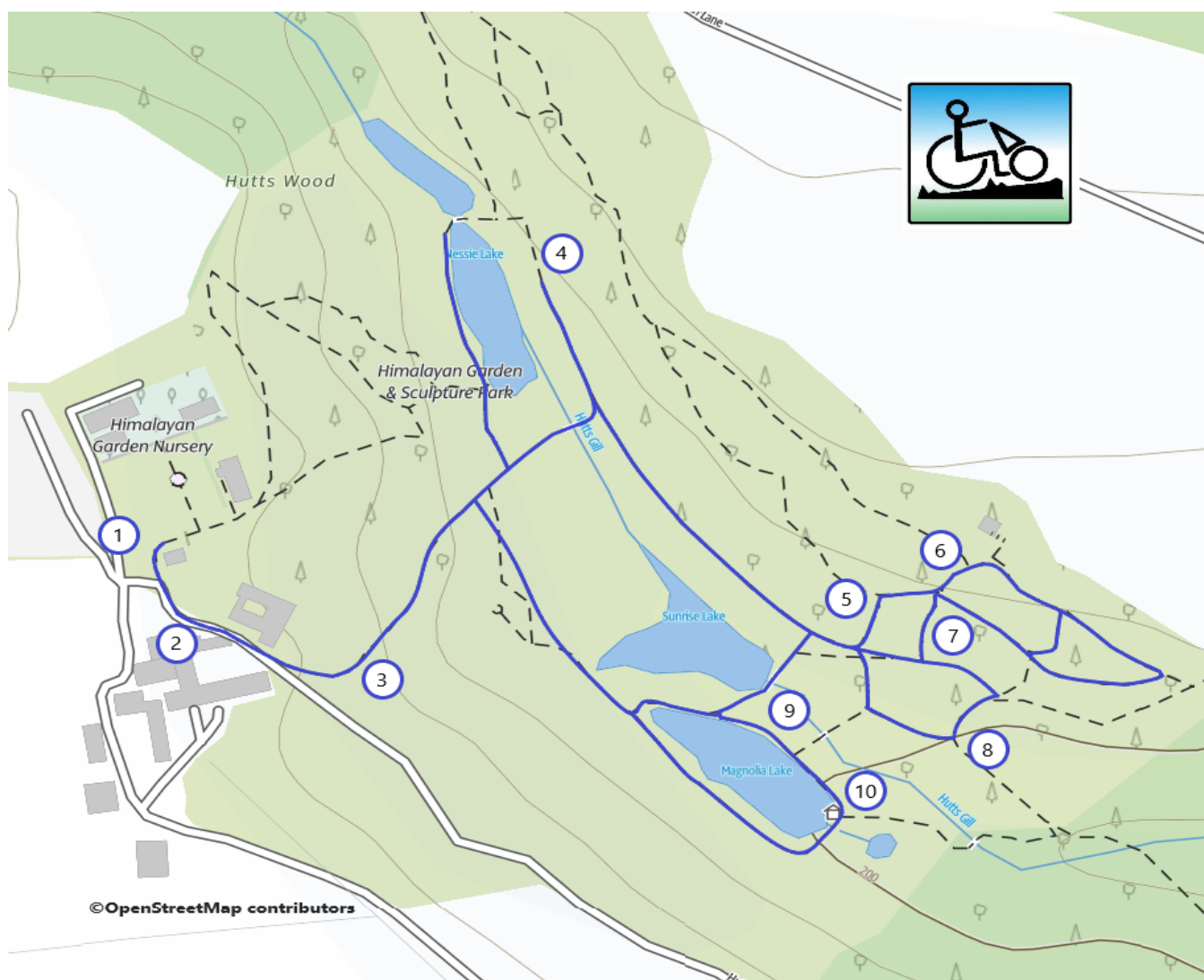


## Map of Garden





## All Terrain Tramper Mobility Scooter Map



1. **Start/End** – Pick up and drop off of the Tramper near the Ticket Office
2. **Shared road** – Please be aware of other road users and stay to the left of the road.
3. **Steep Path** – Use 'Tortoise' mode and stay on the left side while descending. When ascending stay to the right and if stopped on a slope turn the twist grip briskly to begin.
4. **Turning Points** – Currently you cannot get round the lake as the bridge has steps. Please turn at the sculpture at point 4. On the other side of the lake please turn before the bridge.
5. **Steep Gravel Path** - Use 'Tortoise' mode while descending. When ascending, if stopped on a slope turn the twist grip briskly to begin.
6. **Steep Gravel Path** – As point 5.
7. **Steep Gravel Path** – As point 5.
8. **Right turn from main path to smaller path** – Turn right at point 8 ensuring you don't descend to the bottom of the garden as this is not suitable for the Tramper.
9. **Magnolia Lake Path** – Keep Tramper on the path away from the verge.
10. **Pergola** – Tramper not to be taken into the Pergola or any other enclosed space. Keep Tramper away from the top of the stairs.



## **Emergencies**

In an emergency call the garden on 01765 658 009 for assistance.

Other options to raise help :

Go to the refreshment Horsebox on the main lawn if open

Send someone in your party or ask another visitor to raise the alarm with staff in the Ticket Office or Tearoom.

Ask a gardener if in the vicinity (available on weekdays only)