

Heligan Membership

Your garden for a whole year!

Join as a Heligan Member to enjoy unlimited garden visits, exclusive onsite discounts, e-newsletters, events as well as some incredible additional benefits.

If you join as a Member today you will get your garden entry refunded. Simply pop in to Reception for more details.

Heligan Events

There maybe no Wi-Fi during your visit, but we promise you a better connection with our exciting calendar of seasonal activities, garden and estate experiences and simply the best outdoor adventure play in Cornwall.

See our website for the full programme and how to book your tickets



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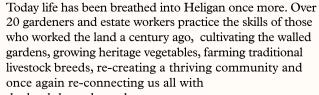
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Dogs on short leads with well behaved 🥻







The Heligan Story Past, Present and Future

The Tremayne Family have owned the 200-acre Heligan Estate for over 400 years. During the 18th and 19th centuries there was a thriving, almost self-sufficient community here. Heligan House was rented out after World War 1. In the 1970s it was converted to flats and sold off, separated from its surrounding Gardens and Estate. In 1990 this Sleeping Beauty was discovered and re-awakened, becoming Europe's largest garden restoration project. Heligan's story is unique. It is not the typical story of the family in the Big House, but of the land and its workforce; their knowledge and skills.

At least thirteen of Heligan's outdoor staff served in World War 1, nine tragically gave their lives. Soon afterwards, Jack Tremayne left Heligan and rented it out saying he could 'no longer live with the ghosts'. The Gardens became ... lost.

In 1990, John Willis (a descendant of the Tremaynes) introduced Tim Smit to the devastated Estate. Tim was an archaeologist by training and this experience prompted an all-consuming curiosity, to discover what had happened here.

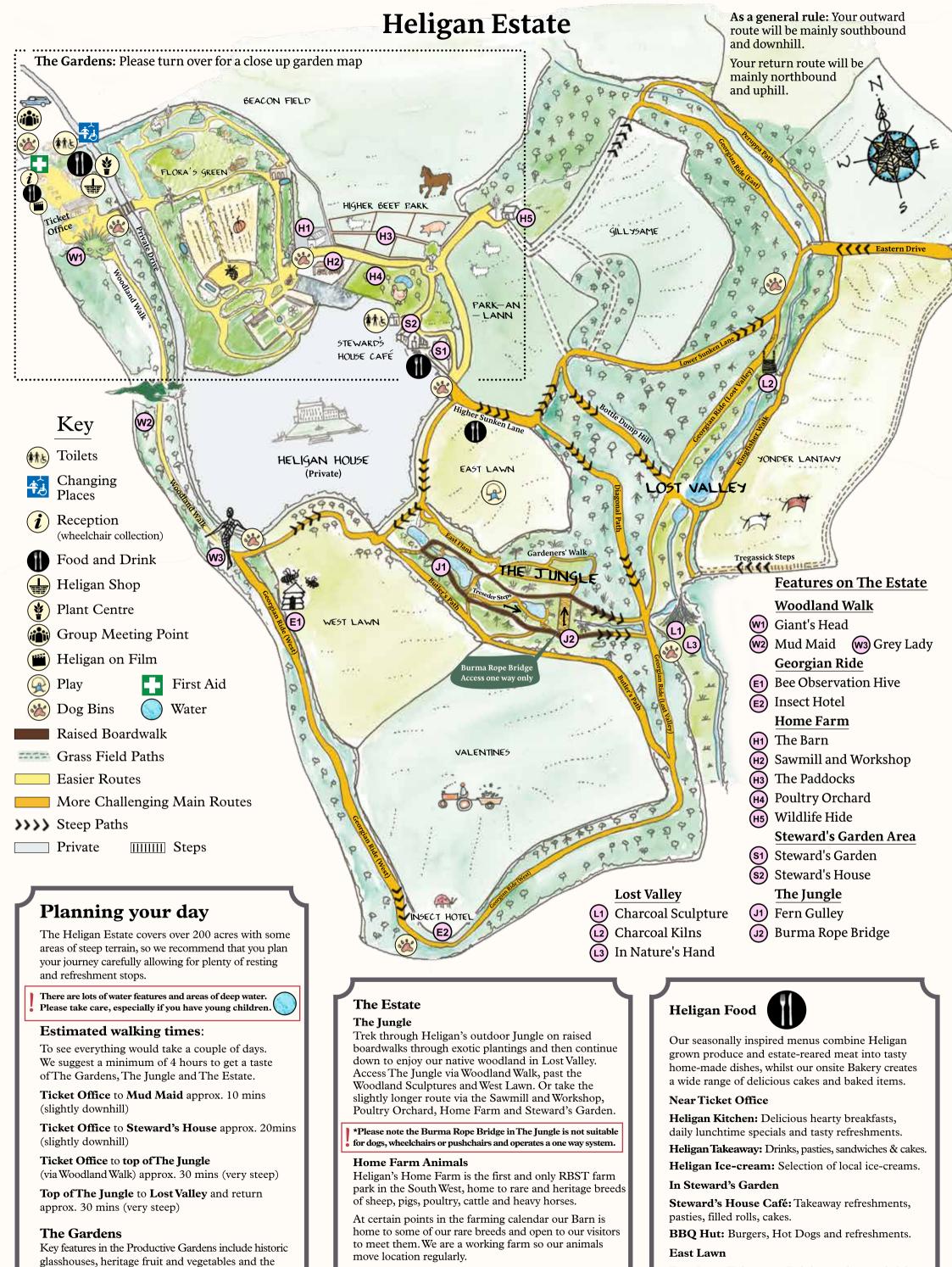
Easier said than done; what followed was a mammoth task and, for some, a life's work: decades of overgrowth were cut back, priceless veteran plant specimens uncovered, buildings restored, greenhouses resurrected and the traditional horticultural practices and intriguing history meticulously researched. While excavating one collapsed building, a thunderbox room (gardeners' toilet) was discovered - and on its walls feint pencil signatures, dated August 1914. The team vowed that the restoration would be undertaken as a tribute to these working people. Some of these names were later discovered on the local parish war memorials. In 2013 the Imperial War Museum registered the Thunderbox Room as a "Living Memorial to the Gardeners of Heligan House".

20 gardeners and estate workers practice the skills of those who worked the land a century ago, cultivating the walled the land throughout the seasons.



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Wildlife Hide

From The Hide, peek out at the resident wildlife. Discover more about Heligan's wildlife and

the traditional practices used to manage the land.

Melon Yard with its Pineapple Pit and Thunderbox

Room. The surrounding Pleasure Grounds include

Flora's Green, the Northern Summerhouse, New

Zealand and the Italian and Sundial Gardens.

Opening times subject to change during quieter periods.

cakes and ice cream.

East Lawn Takeaway: Drinks, pasties, sandwiches,