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Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens, West Sussex

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Leonardslee is one of the finest Victorian woodland gardens in the country. Filled with rare and endangered species, the 95-hectare (240-acre) estate is especially magnificent in spring when the rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, magnolias and bluebells erupt in kaleidoscopic colour.

Look out for huge carp glinting in the seven ponds, deer roaming the estate – and the colony of wallabies that was first introduced by Sir Edmund Loder, a collector of rare wild animals who owned the estate from 1889 until 1920. The Dolls House Museum is a dizzyingly detailed miniature recreation of the Edwardian estate. For a truly English experience, take afternoon tea in the drawing room of the Italianate mansion as you admire views to the South Downs.



🌐 **Website:** www.leonardsleegardens.co.uk

📅 **Open:** Year-round excluding Christmas Day.

📍 **Getting there from Gatwick Airport:** Leonardslee Lakes and Garden is 10 miles (15km) southwest of Gatwick. Travel times are approximately 20 mins by road, or 20 mins by rail to Horsham station then a 10-min taxi.