

Great Cornish Gardens



The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Mevagissey

Heligan's award-winning historical restoration offers over 200 acres for exploration, including the Mud Maid (below), sub-tropical jungle with exciting rope swing bridge and a pioneering wildlife project. Several cafés serving great food, using much of Heligan's own produce. Open every day except Christmas Day. Open for charity on Boxing Day. Search our website for "Heligan" to find numerous blog posts about the events and activities at Heligan. Mevagissey, PL26 6EN

www.heligan.com 01726 845100



Caerhays Castle, St Austell

Magnificent camellias and rhododendrons transform the gardens in spring (home to the National Magnolia Collection). Tea rooms. Gardens open 10am-5pm every day mid Feb to mid June. Located as a backdrop to one of our favourite local beaches Porthluney Cove (see beaches) – why not take a picnic and make a day of it? Gorran, St Austell PL26 6LY. www.caerhays.co.uk 01872 501310

Trewithen Gardens, Probus

With its unique collection of tender and rare plants this garden is at its very best in spring and early summer. Includes a walled garden with a lily pond and summerhouse and a former quarry which is now a rock garden. Café on site. Open Mon - Sat (March to June). Grampound Road, Probus, TR2 4DD. www.trewithengardens.co.uk 01726 883647

Trebah Gardens, Falmouth

Delightful garden on the Helford river with its own private beach. Café at the beach during main season and year round at the Visitors' Centre. Open every day from 10am (last entry 3:00pm). Mawnan Smith, Falmouth, TR11 5JZ www.trebahgarden.co.uk 01326 252200

National Gardens Scheme www.ngs.org.uk Gardens open for charity in Cornwall include the delightful bluebell woods at Enys near Penryn (April/May) www.enysgardens.org.uk

For further information see **Great Gardens of Cornwall** www.greatgardensofcornwall.co.uk