Group Visitors
Pack 2019

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How to Book

Group Rates
All the prices on the booking form are a reduced group rate. The minimum number required for a private group tour at the group rate is 10 people. Please note: all prices are per person except the tractor trailer that is a one off hire charge. Booking forms are available from brogdalecollections.org or by emailing bookings@brogdalecollections.org

Confirming Your Booking
To confirm your booking with us we require your booking form to be completed and returned with a non-refundable deposit of £50.00 made payable to Brogdale Collections.

Please return the booking form to: Bookings
Brogdale Collections, Brogdale Farm, Brogdale Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8XZ

How to Pay
Payment can be made by credit card over the phone on 01795 536250 or by cheque/cash. Please make cheques payable to Brogdale Collections. The remainder of your payment must be paid prior to or on the day of visit in the Brogdale Collections office.

Got a Question?
Should you require any further information or have any questions then please feel free to call one of our friendly team on 01795 536 250.

Practical Information

Parking
There is ample parking for cars and plenty of space for coaches to park and turn around. Should you bring a coach to a festival or event then a space will need to be pre-booked.

Wheelchairs
There are disabled facilities and access around most of the Brogdale site. For wheelchair user the tractor trailer tour is recommended (the trailer can accommodate 1 wheelchair) with seating available for those less able to walk.

Dogs
Dogs are allowed in the marketplace and to festivals/events but are not allowed at any time in the orchards or on any walks or tours.

Privacy Policy View the Brogdale Collections Privacy Policy at any time at brogdalecollections.org or by clicking HERE

*If you think there is any information missing from this pack then do let us know.
**Orchard Tours**
Brogdale Collections run tours of the National fruit Collection (see next page) 7 days a week from March - October. Group visitors are able to book a tour time that is convenient for them.

**Guided Walking Tours**
Time: 1hour 10min (approx.)
Group Size: 15 (larger groups will need to multiply and be led by different guides)
Terrain: The land around our orchards is flat however can become slightly muddy and awkward at times, if anyone is uncomfortable walking for prolonged periods of time or needs assistance then the walking tour may not be ideal.

**Tractor Trailer Tours**
Time: 45min (approx.)
Capacity: up to 30 people, 2 spaces available for wheelchairs (please note this will decrease the seating capacity).
Group Size: If your group is larger than 30 (without wheelchair users) then you will need to book two tractors (additional cost for second tractor applies) or split the group into two and go out one group after another (no additional cost).
About Brogdale Farm

The Marketplace
The marketplace at Brogdale is Open most of the year 7 days a week (some shops closed Monday). Each shop or business keeps their own opening hours and contact details.

The marketplace includes
• Shops & Restaurant
• Plant Centre - Grafting services & trees from the National Fruit Collection available
• Fruit Shop - Selling a range of produce & fresh fruit from the National Fruit Collection
• Award winning Butcher
• Tour & Event Reception (Brogdale Collections)
• Micro Brewery (not open every day)
• Cider Producer & Shop

Facilities
• Free Coach & Car Parking
• Shops & Cafe/Restaurant
• Outdoor Picnic Area & Play Park
• Meeting & Function Rooms with FREE WiFi
• Disabled and Limited Mobility Access
• Toilets
The National Fruit Collection & Seasons

**Blossom** - The Blossom display at Brogdale is like no other, with different varieties and fruits blooming between March and May with colours from bright white to fucsa pink, you won’t see anything like it anywhere else!

*Best Time to Visit – April*

**Currants & Soft Fruits** - The currant collection contains varieties of redcurrants, blackcurrants, pinkcurrants and whitecurrants, from Britain and continental Europe. Bush fruits originate from cool climates and are early Summer fruits.

*Varieties in Collection - 318*

*Best Time to Visit - June*

**Cherries** - The varieties in the cherry collection come from all over Europe. They have been loved since the Greeks and Romans. The collection was replanted in 1996.

*Varieties in Collection - 285*

*Best Time to Visit - Mid June - Early July (Depending on Variety)*

**Plums** - The plum collection has varieties from Europe, USA and Canada. Their juicy, succulent flavour made them very popular with the Victorians, who developed many varieties. The collection was replanted in 1995.

*Varieties in Collection - 337*

*Best Time to Visit - Late July - Late August (Depending on Variety)*

**Nuts** - The hazelnut & cobnut collection was replanted in 2002 and has varieties that come mainly from Europe. Nut trees can live for up to 100 years.

*Varieties in Collection - 42 (culinary)*

*Best Time to Visit - September*

**Apples** - The apple is the largest collection at Brogdale with varieties coming from all over the world and almost every county in Britain. Apples can be sweet, sharp, aromatic, crispy, juicy or soft & creamy.

*Varieties in Collection - 2200*

*Best Time to Visit - Late-September - Mid October*

**Pears** - The pear collection, like the apple, has varieties from all over the world. Their rich flavours and buttery or gritty texture has meant that pears have been popular for thousands of years.

*Varieties in Collection - 550*

*Best Time to Visit - September - Mid October*

**Quince** - The pale quince flesh has a rosy colour when cooked is traditionally stewed, poached or baked in desserts, often with other fruits.

*Varieties in Collection - 19 (Culinary)*

*Best Time to Visit - October*

**Medlars** - Medlars fruit is tart if eaten raw, but makes nicely flavoured jellies and chutneys or can be used in desserts. Left to soften or “bletted” the fruit mellows and the texture softens.

*Varieties in Collection - 4*

*Best Time to Visit - October*
Easter at Brogdale – 19, 20 & 21 April
Hop along to Easter at Brogdale for a weekend of family fun. Meet the baby animals in the barn including bouncy baby lambs and explore the orchards on Easter egg trail. Get creative with the kids craft making Easter bunny masks & Easter baskets. Don’t forget to take a ride on the magical miniature railway.

Hanami Picnics Experiences & Blossom tours – Selected Dates April 2019 (See page 8)
Celebrate the spring blossom Japanese style with a picnic under the blossom in April. Enjoy a special Hanami orchard tour plus Japanese exhibition, food tasters & have a go at origami or Japanese calligraphy before enjoying your picnic under the blossom.

Hanami Festival - 14 April 2019 (See page 8)
Hanami is the Japanese festival dedicated to cherry blossom (sakura) celebrated across Japan every year. Brogdale is one of the only places in the UK to celebrate Hanami and with the largest collection of fruit trees in the world, we really do have a sight to see! Enjoy the Japanese exhibition, Japanese performances & cultural demonstrations plus Japanese food, kids activities and more. Celebrate in Japanese style by enjoying a tour of the beautiful orchards before relaxing with a picnic under the blossoming trees.

Strawberry Fair – 16 June 2019
A real English country fair, celebrate some of the first fruits of summer at Brogdale with entertainment, live music, local producers, family fun, kids activities and plenty delicious local strawberries!

Cherry Fair - 21 July 2019
Cherries galore at Brogdale! Celebrate all things cherry, with over 400 varieties of Cherry in the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale you are sure to find something to delight. Cherry Fair is packed with cherry entertainment including messy cherry pie eating contest. Have a go at the cherry pip spit challenge, see if can you break the record. Enjoy live music, kids fun & craft, tour of the cherry filled orchards, local producers and a fascinating display of cherries like you’ve never seen before!

Plum Day - 11 August 2019
Enjoy a display of plums in all colours & sizes, take a tractor trailer ride around the orchards and talk to the guides who will tell you all you need to know about the fruit in season as well as their fascinating history’s, varieties and more.

Pear Day – 15 September 2019
Enjoy a display of pears in all colours & sizes, take a tractor trailer ride around the orchards and talk to the guides who will tell you all you need to know about the fruit in season as well as their fascinating history’s, varieties and more.
Festivals 2019
Prices may vary - See events booking form for details

Cider Festival
Date: 24 & 25 August 2019
Get in the Festival sprite with local Ciders and Live Music all weekend! Taste over 60 ciders and help crown the cider trail winner. Entertainment for the whole family with live music across 3 stages, a little festival goers fun area, talks, demonstrations and local shopping. Get stuck into the festival games made to bring out you competitive side, take a ride on the miniature railway or enjoy tractor trailer tour of the fruit filled orchards and much much more!

National Apple Festival
Date: 19 & 20 October 2019
Visit Brogdale for a breath-taking display of apple varieties like you’ve never seen before. Discover ancient apples, heritage apples and everything in between with apples of every size, colour and flavour! Celebrate over 2200 different varieties in the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale. Discover something new and tasty with ‘try before you buy’ rare and heritage apple varieties, fill a bag with your favourites to take home! Discover the fruit filled orchards on guided tour and get your mystery apple tree identified with Brogdale’s fruit experts. Learn with horticultural talks, demonstrations and a programme of cooking demonstrations running all weekend. Enjoy local food, browse and buy the craft and discover every apply delight there is to offer.
Hanami 2019

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What is Hanami?
Hanami is a festival dedicated to celebrating cherry blossom (sakura) and traditionally celebrated by the Japanese every year. The word Hanami elegantly captures the reflexive happiness and enjoyment of seeing blossom in full bloom. It is believed the custom of Hanami dates to the Nara (710-794) and Heian (794-1185) periods, when specific rituals began to fabricate and formalize with the annual blossom bloom.

For generations, families and friends in many Japanese towns and cities have gathered together in the fresh spring air to enjoy an afternoon or evening under the Cherry Blossom trees; to celebrate and marvel in their beauty. People enjoy drinks and a picnic or a meal together as they sit under and around the beautiful trees covered in blossom, making it a unique and ‘not to miss’ event.

Hanami at Brogdale
We are taking part in this wonderful tradition for the fifth year in a row and are offering you unique blossom walks and Hanami tours around our beautiful orchards in April.

What to Expect…
As a Hanami group, you will be treated to a taste of Japanese food and an exclusive Japanese exhibition of cultural artifacts, tea ceremony demonstration film, have-a-go origami & Japanese calligraphy and try on a kimono. You will then be guided around the beautiful blossom filled orchards before enjoying your picnic under the stunning blossom. (pre-booking is essential).

Please be mindful the tours are dependent on the blossom being available. Brogdale cannot guarantee the blossom will be out in flower until much nearer the time. Blossom is dependant to weather & seasonal conditions.
Bespoke Group Tour Days

Brogdale Collections can develop a bespoke day out for your group. We can incorporate additional elements to your day which will perfectly complement your walking or tractor trailer tour. Why not add a specialist talk or demonstration to your day or get stuck into sampling fresh fruit, fruit juices form the National Fruit Collection.

Please contact office@brogdalecollection.org for details

What Can You Add

• Fruit Tastings (*In Season*)
• Fruit Juice Tastings
• Cider Tasting
• Specialist Subject Talks
• Rural Demonstrations
• Cream Tea

Prices and availability may vary. Contact office@brogdalecollections.org for further details, prices and information.
Refreshments & Cream Teas

Finish your day at Brogdale with a delicious cream tea for your group. Enjoy your cream tea in the Brogdale rustic rooms or al fresco outside the rustic rooms or festival field (weather permitting)

Available May - September

Cream Tea
1 scone, jam and cream & tea/filter coffee/hot chocolate - £4.50 (per person)

Please contact office@brogdalecollection.org for details

More Options

For further lunch, hot food or afternoon tea options please contact the onsite Courtyard Café directly.

All Courtyard Café bookings must be ordered and paid for through the Courtyard Café separate to any bookings made with Brogdale Collections.

Courtyard Café
Tel: 01795 530013
courtyardbrogdale@outlook.com
Directions

By Car/Coach: Brogdale is situated just outside of Faversham in Kent. 1 mile from the M2 at Junction 6. We have plenty of free car and coach parking on site.

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Brogdale Farm
Brogdale Road
Faversham
Kent
ME13 8XZ

Google Map: www.google.co.uk
Route Planner: www.theaa.co.uk

Parking: We have plenty of FREE car and coach parking all year round.

By Train: It takes just over 1 hour to get to Faversham from London. Faversham railway station is approximately 1 mile away, taxis usually cost about £4.50 each way. If you prefer walking the walk is flat with footpaths all the way.

Call or Email
Call the Brodalle Collections office on 01795 536 250 or email office@brogdalecollections.org
**Directions:** Brogdale is just off the M2 outside of Faversham, Kent. For SatNav use postcode ME13 8XZ.

**On Arrival:** Head to the Brogdale Collections reception in the top right hand corner of the Marketplace and someone will direct you to your room.

**Help & Information:** Should you need any help finding us, please feel free to call the office on 01795 536 250.