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# *The Easton Walled Garden Bucket List*

**Open Sunday 1st March - Sunday 1st November**  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays

It's the ultimate seasonal bucket list to tick off during 2020. See the gardens from a different perspective and discover things you didn't even know were there...

**Spot a rare snowdrop** - Easton Walled Gardens is well known as a snowdrop garden in Lincolnshire and we open especially for visitors to enjoy them. Snowdrop Week runs from 15th - 23rd February. The snowdrop walk begins under the old gatehouse and the top half of the garden with its drifts of snowdrops, aconites and hellebores in the woodland walk. As you make your way around the 12-acre gardens, you'll see wild violets, cyclamen, pulmonarias, aconites, crocuses, early daffodils and irises in carefully considered colourways. See if you can spot rare and unusual snowdrops, found near the tearoom. For an extra special experience, visitors can book onto one of our Exclusive Snowdrop Tours or send a bunch of Easton Snowdrops by post to a loved one. <https://www.visiteaston.co.uk/gardens/snowdrops>



**Escape for the day** - The Meadow Retreat is a rural 'beach hut' set in the beautiful, 400 year old 'lost gardens' of Lincolnshire. The luxury cedar escape is available to hire for the day, for any special occasion. Maybe somewhere special to pop the question, escape for the day with the family or just for some peace and tranquillity to read a good book and enjoy a delicious cream tea from the tea room. Whatever the occasion, for unrivalled rest and relaxation, spend the day at The Meadow Retreat with access to the beautiful surroundings of Easton Walled Gardens at your fingertips. <https://www.visiteaston.co.uk/venue-hire/celebrations>

**Learn a new skill** - Workshops at Easton Walled Gardens are a great opportunity to learn new skills, exercise your creativity and meet new people. We have a workshop for everyone from Botanical Art, Gardening and Crafts. They are great to enjoy with friends and make the perfect gift for a special occasion. <https://www.visiteaston.co.uk/shop/workshops>

**Shop Local** - Not only do we have our very own gift shop, both in the gardens and online, we are also pleased to offer the finest seed from our garden to create a collection of the best heritage, scented and modern sweet peas. Every variety in The Easton Collection is trialed and assessed for its vigour and beauty before we offer it to you. The seeds come beautifully packaged in a fully recyclable keepsake tin and make the perfect gift.



<https://www.visiteaston.co.uk/shop>

**Book a short break**- how about a cosy, luxurious, dog-friendly break on a traditional rural estate? Come and stay for a few days in one of our lovely holiday cottages or loft apartments. Guests have full access to Easton Walled Gardens during their stay. Grimsthorpe Castle and Burghley House are a short drive away as are the beautiful market towns of Stamford and Oakham. After a day of exploring, why not book yourself into the Beauty retreat; Revive Holistic & Beauty, conveniently situated in the courtyard in the gardens. <https://www.eastonholidaycottages.co.uk/>

**Smell a Sweet Pea**- We are very well known for our sweet peas and have been experimenting and growing 50 varieties for nearly 20 years. We grow highly scented sweet peas, heritage or antique sweet peas, modern varieties and everything in between! Nothing is more glorious than standing amongst thousands of sweet pea flowers while a symphony of beautiful aromas drift under your nose. Sweet pea Week runs from **5th - 12th July**. <https://www.visiteaston.co.uk/gardens/sweet-peas>

**Pack a Picnic**- Love the great outdoors? Well, so do we. That's why we invite families to join us for not one but two picnic days. Bring a picnic along with all your family and friends and celebrate the great outdoors, nature, space, meadows, plants and wildlife. Join us **2nd August for Picnic Day** or on **12th August for a special Teddy Bears Picnic** with storytelling. If you don't fancy making up your own picnic, the tearoom will be open selling delicious light lunches, homemade cakes and cream teas. All you'll need is a blanket! <https://www.visiteaston.co.uk/whats-on>

**Enjoy local arts, crafts and produce** - We're lucky to be surrounded by so many award-winning artists and food and drink producers. To celebrate what our region has to offer, we'll be hosting two popular events; The **Autumn Country Market on 6th September**, now in its 15th year and **The Artisan Food Fair on 15th November**. Both are popular events and it's an opportunity to make a start on your Christmas shopping! <https://www.visiteaston.co.uk/whats-on/event-calendar>

