

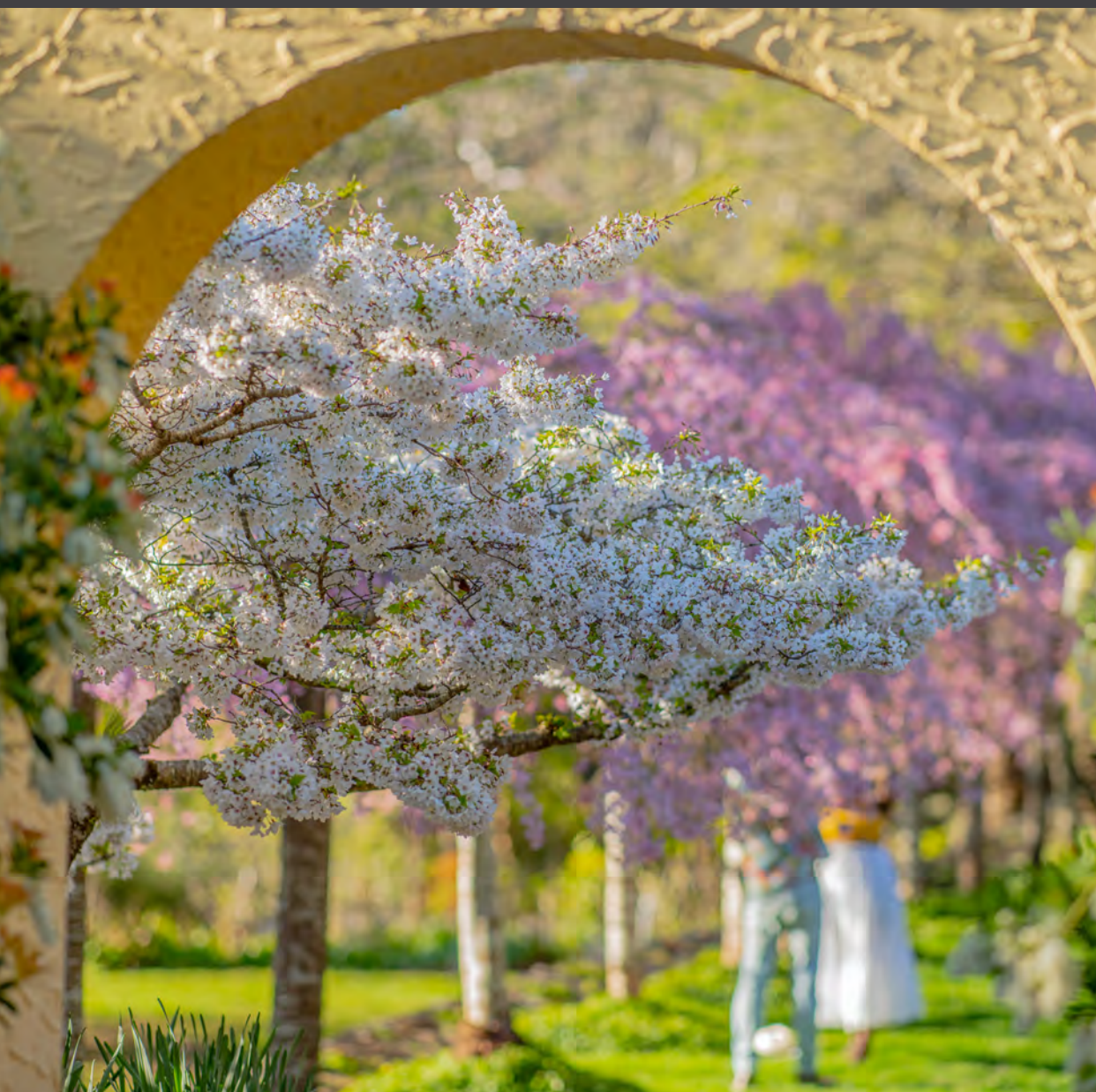
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# Group Visit Guide

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Everglades House & Gardens







Built in 1932, Everglades House & Gardens is a place of great heritage significance and natural beauty



Original Art Deco staircase in house (photography by SGR Photo). Cover: Spring glimpses of the Cherry Terrace (photography by SGR Photo)

## Everglades House & Gardens, Leura

A visit to the charming village of Leura in the Blue Mountains, won't be complete without seeing Everglades House & Gardens.

Drawing from the great traditions of European landscape design and set against a backdrop of World Heritage-listed Australian wilderness, Everglades House & Gardens will charm with its grace and beauty.

Immerse yourself in this National Trust (NSW) treasure as you explore the Modern-style 1930s house complete with Art Deco features. Stroll along formal terraces and winding paths discovering the many moods of the property.

From the tranquil reflection pool set amongst the towering trees, through stands of weeping cherries down to the subtle charms of the lookout and contemplative grotto pool.

Enjoy the vistas across the Jamison Valley to Mt. Solitary as you descend into the wild and mystical glades.

### GETTING TO EVERGLADES HOUSE & GARDENS

#### Address

37 Everglades Avenue, Leura NSW.

#### By car

From the Great Western Highway, turn left into Scott Avenue and follow the signs to Everglades House & Gardens.

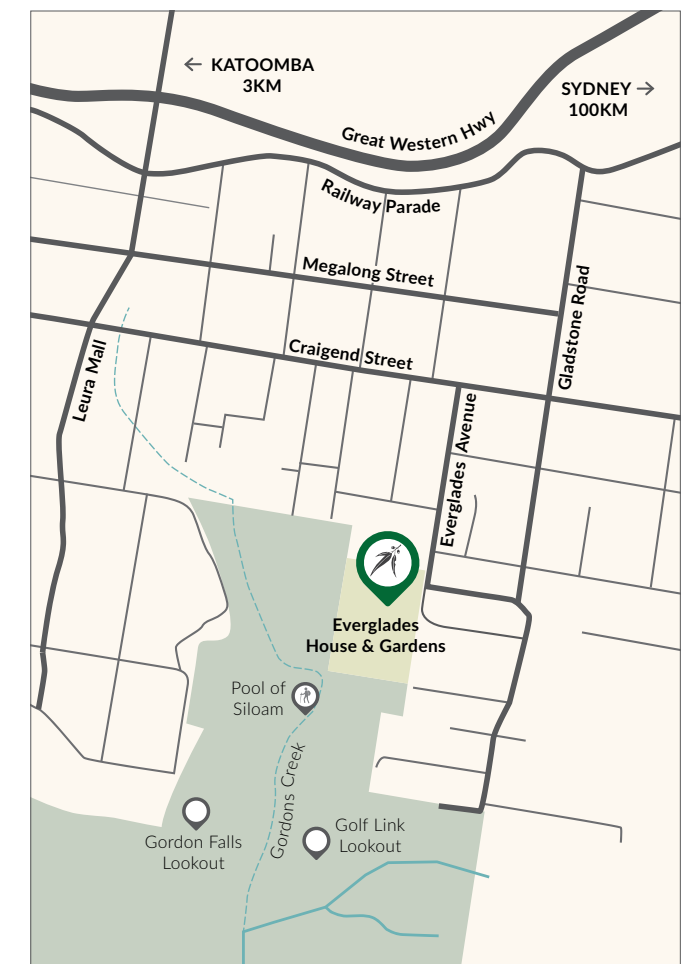
#### Coach Policy

Due to our location within a residential area:

- Coaches are welcome to use the Bus Stop outside Everglades. If occupied, the driver can proceed around the block until the space is free.
- The coach engine must be turned off while passengers both embark and disembark.
- The coach can then park at Leura and return at a designated time to pick up.



Over 2,000 tulips planted each year are a highlight of the floral displays in spring (National Trust image)







The exhibition space within the house. (All photography by SGR Photo).



## Group Visits

Everglades House & Gardens offers groups of 20 people or more a number of different options to suit your itinerary and budget.

### 1 HOUSE & GARDEN RAMBLE Self-led visit of house and gardens

**\$15 per person | Allow 60 minutes**

Welcome and overview of the property at the Visitor reception upon arrival. Using the Visitor Guide provided and following the signage throughout the gardens, explore at your own pace the beautiful formal gardens with its seasonal highlights, extraordinary plants and hidden focal points. Concludes with self-led exploration of the original 1930s Van de Velde house. Includes access to the Gallery with rotating exhibitions.

### 2 STEP INSIDE Guided house tour & visit of gardens

**\$25 per person | Allow 90 minutes**

Book a guided tour with one of our knowledgeable guides to unlock the secrets and history of this remarkable 1930s Van de Velde house. Highlights of the house include the enchanting sweeping stairway, the stunning Art Deco bathrooms and large curved window capturing the views of the Blue Mountains.

Allow time before or after your tour for a self-guided stroll through the gardens using the Visitor Guide provided. Includes access to the Gallery with rotating exhibitions.

### 3 DEVONSHIRE TEA In the tea rooms

**\$15 per person**

Devonshire Tea can be enjoyed in our stunning tea rooms which are located within Everglades House. Additional catering can also be tailored to your group at your request.

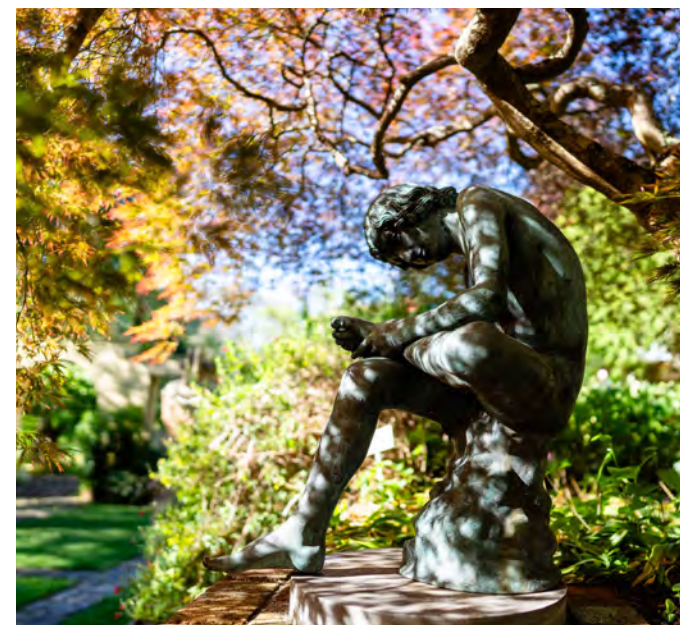
The Paul Sorenson designed gardens feature expansive garden terraces bordered by magnificent dry-stone walls.



Guest bedroom upstairs in the house



Archway from courtyard to Cherry Terrace



Bronze statue 'Il Spinario' or 'Boy with a thorn in his Foot'





# Facilities

More information to assist you plan an enjoyable outing for everyone in your group.

## Parking

Free parking for cars is available on site.

Coaches and buses can drop passengers off outside the property but must park elsewhere due to council restrictions. Engines must be turned off during passenger drop-off and pickup.

## Accessibility

We welcome visitors of all abilities; due to the natural terrain and unaltered design of the original 1930s house and gardens, many areas are unsuitable for those with restricted mobility and there is limited wheelchair access. This includes some of the stone pathways and access throughout the house due to flights of stairs.

## Bathrooms

There are three sets of toilets available. Please factor in enough time for your group to use these toilets before your tour, or make a convenience stop before arriving at Everglades House & Gardens.



Adventure through the gardens (photography by SGR Photo)

## Gallery

The Everglades Gallery features a changing program of exhibitions by local artists and is included in your visit.

## Gift Shop

Allow some time to browse the beautiful range of gifts, books and keepsakes at the shop. Many of these items are made by local makers and creators in the Blue Mountains community. All purchases support the conservation and care of National Trust (NSW) properties.

## CATERING OPTIONS

### Tea Rooms

Devonshire Tea can be enjoyed in the stunning tea rooms which are located within Everglades House. Additional catering can also be tailored to your group at your request. Must be booked in advance.



The restored original fountain in the dining room (photography by SGR Photo)

# Group Visit Terms and Conditions

All bookings are made with the National Trust of Australia (NSW) (ABN 82491 958 802). By booking a visit with us you are deemed to have agreed to these Group Visit Terms and Conditions (which constitutes the entire agreement between you and us) and your booking will be accepted by us on this basis. The services to be provided are those referred to in your booking confirmation email and invoice.

## Payment

1. Invoices will be issued for all payments and payments must be made by direct transfer or by debit/credit card. American Express is not accepted. Only a single payment as per invoice will be accepted.
2. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to confirm your booking.
3. Final numbers for your group required at least 10 days prior to the date of visit. The balance of payment will be confirmed and invoiced based on these final numbers.
4. Full payment is required before your visit.
5. Group tour leaders, coach drivers and carers acting in that capacity during a group visit are entitled to free admission to the property on the day of the group's visit.
6. National Trust Membership discounts will be applied subject to Members showing proof of Membership upon arrival. Please advise when confirming final numbers if any of your group are National Trust Members.

## Group sizes

7. Minimum group size of 20 people applies. When available, guided tours of the house have a maximum capacity of 30 people at one time. Groups of 30+ may need to factor in time to allow for two or more consecutive house tours.

## Amendments to bookings

8. Any request to change your booking must be made in writing, by emailing [everglades@nationaltrust.com.au](mailto:everglades@nationaltrust.com.au)
9. Changes to dates and session times are subject to availability.
10. On the day of the visit, should the number of visitors be less than the minimum number required, the cost will remain at minimum number. Should the number of visitors be greater than the number booked you will be invoiced for the additional visitors.

## Cancellation and refund policy

11. Cancellations must be made in writing to [everglades@nationaltrust.com.au](mailto:everglades@nationaltrust.com.au)
12. If you cancel your booking within 10 days of your visit, or if you fail to arrive on the scheduled day, no refunds apply.
13. The National Trust of Australia (NSW) reserves the right to cancel your visit should the need arise. If we cancel your trip, payments made may be applied to a mutually agreed alternative date or you may request a refund. In circumstances where the cancellation is due to external events outside our reasonable control, refunds will be less any unrecoverable costs.

## Arrival times

14. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled booking time to allow for check-in. In the event of late arrival, please contact Everglades House & Gardens on (02) 4784 1938. We cannot guarantee availability if groups arrive later than the booked time.

## Weather impacts

15. For the safety and comfort of our visitors, it may be necessary to close the property in the event of extreme weather conditions. If this should happen your booking will be rescheduled or fully refunded.

## Protecting the collection and property

16. For the protection of our historic collections and properties, large bags and backpacks are not permitted inside our buildings. The National Trust of Australia (NSW) takes no responsibility for stored belongings.

## Video, sound and photography

17. Photography is permitted. Video or sound recording is not permitted inside the house or on guided tours.

## Insurance

18. Group visitors are covered by National Trust (NSW) Public Liability Insurance. In case of specific concern on the day, please immediately contact the manager or tour leader.

## Catering

19. All catering must be arranged in advance of your visit. We endeavour to cater for visitors with allergies or food intolerances, however there may be traces of gluten or nuts in any food or beverages. Please confirm all dietary requirements at the time of booking. Contact us for more information..

## Trading terms

20. Group visits are not available on NSW public holidays and not all tour options are available every day the property is open.
21. Confirmation of a booking request is subject to property, staff and volunteer availability and payment of a non-refundable deposit.

## Safety

22. Please take care when exploring the gardens. Some paths have uneven steps and slopes which may become slippery in wet weather. There are many stairs throughout the gardens.
23. Please take extra care with children when visiting areas of the gardens that contain lookouts, bridges and water features, such as streams, ponds and the grotto pool. All children under 15 years must be supervised by an adult at all times.





Norman Lindsay Gallery (photography by SGR Photo)



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Woodford Academy (National Trust image)



Still Life 17th century attributed to Gerrit Willemz. Heda

## Make a day of it

Plan your trip to include a visit to the nearby Norman Lindsay Gallery or historic Woodford Academy.

### NORMAN LINDSAY GALLERY, FAULCONBRIDGE

Explore the former home of prolific and controversial artist Norman Lindsay – just a 28 minute drive away.

Nestled in the heart of Falconbridge, Dharug and Gundungurra Country, is a beautiful sandstone cottage that was once the home of the Australian artist and writer Norman Lindsay, his wife Rose and their daughters.

Visitors can discover Norman Lindsay's paintings and illustrations, then step into the original painting studio where he created his much-loved children's book *The Magic Pudding*.

**Norman Lindsay Gallery**  
(02) 4751 1067  
[nlg@nationaltrust.com.au](mailto:nlg@nationaltrust.com.au)  
[nationaltrust.org.au/places/norman-lindsay-gallery](http://nationaltrust.org.au/places/norman-lindsay-gallery)

### WOODFORD ACADEMY, WOODFORD

A former inn and boarding school with an intriguing past, Woodford Academy is the oldest complex of colonial buildings in the Blue Mountains with a multi-layered history stretching back to the 1830s.

Visitors can enjoy the spectacular sandstone buildings and delight at the rare 17th century Dutch Master painting discovered in the artwork collection.

**Woodford Academy**  
(02) 9258 0123  
[woodfordacademy@gmail.com](mailto:woodfordacademy@gmail.com)  
[nationaltrust.org.au/places/woodford-academy](http://nationaltrust.org.au/places/woodford-academy)





# Group Visit Booking Request

## EVERGLADES HOUSE & GARDENS

To request a group booking please complete this form and email to everglades@nationaltrust.com.au

VISITOR INFORMATION			
Group name:		Group size (minimum 20):	
Contact name:			
Contact email:			
Contact phone:			
Contact name and phone details on the day (if different from above):			

BOOKING DETAILS			
Day:		Date:     /     /	
Estimated arrival time:		Everglades House & Gardens is open 10am–4pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Last entry 3pm	
Estimated departure time:			

GROUP VISIT OPTIONS (please select one)	Price per person	Number of people (minimum 20)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>HOUSE &amp; GARDEN RAMBLE: Self-led visit of house and gardens (allow 60 minutes)</b> Experienced guides will give you an introduction and then you are free to discover the house and gardens on a self-guided visit using the Visitor Guide provided. Includes access to the Gallery.	\$15	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>STEP INSIDE: Guided house tour and self-led visit of gardens (allow 45 minutes)</b> Explore this remarkable house on a guided tour with one of our knowledgeable guides, then allow time for a self-guided stroll through the gardens using the Visitor Guide provided. Includes access to the Gallery.  House Tour bookings are at set times and days which are subject to change. Current times can be found on our website or by phone enquiry.	\$25	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DEVONSHIRE TEA: In the tea rooms</b> Devonshire Tea can be enjoyed in our stunning tea rooms which are located within Everglades House. Enquire with us about catering. Must be booked in advance. Maximum group size is 30.	\$15	

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS		
As representative of the above group, I confirm that I have read and accept the terms and conditions outlined in the Group Visit Guide.		
Print Name:		Signature:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
Booking confirmation	Not all tour options are available every day the property is open. Your booking and a schedule for your visit will be confirmed in writing.
Payment	Invoices will be issued for all payments. Final numbers are required at least 10 days prior to the date of the visit. Full payment is required before you visit. Please see full terms and conditions in the Group Visit Guide.
Group size	Minimum group booking number is 20. When available, guided tours of the house have a maximum capacity of 30 people at one time. Groups of 30+ may need to factor in time to allow for two or more consecutive house tours.
Arrival times	We cannot guarantee guide availability if your group arrives later than the confirmed time.
Opening hours	Everglades House & Gardens is open 10am–4pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Car/coach parking	Free car parking and a coach drop-off and pick-up zone is available on site.
Accessibility	We welcome visitors of all abilities; due to the natural terrain and unaltered design of the original 1930s house and gardens, many areas are unsuitable for those with restricted mobility and have limited wheelchair access. This includes some of the stone pathways and access to and throughout the house due to the flights of stairs.
Wet weather	There are limited undercover areas in the grounds. Visitors should be prepared for all weather events.
Directions	From the Great Western Highway, turn left into Scott Avenue and follow the signs to Everglades House & Gardens.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Booking taken by:	Date taken:	Confirmation date:
Program confirmed:	Invoiced:	Payment received:



Looking towards the Jamieson Valley (photography by SGR Photo)


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## Contact us

37 Everglades Avenue, Leura NSW  
everglades@nationaltrust.com.au  
(02) 4784 1938

For information about our opening times and special events,  
visit [nationaltrust.org.au/places/everglades-house-gardens](https://nationaltrust.org.au/places/everglades-house-gardens)

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