

The restored Victorian Gardens and Arboretum of Woodstock are one of Ireland's finest -located in picturesque Inistioge in South Kilkenny with great views over the River Nore Valley to Brandon Hill.

The gardens and arboretum were originally laid out in the Victorian period by Colonel William Tighe and his wife Lady Louisa Lennox; who gathered exotic trees and rare shrubs from around the world to introduce to the gardens and created picnic spots and features such as the Dovecote, Summer House and Conservatory to give added interest to the gardens. Also at Woodstock are the ruins of the imposing Woodstock house, built in 1745 but destroyed by fire in 1922.

Woodstock is steeped in history and a magical place to escape to; throughout the seasons. Whether it's a brisk walk with the dog along the woodland trails, a family adventure or a game of hide 'n seek among the amazing specimen trees in the woods, a gentle stroll to admire the borders in the walled garden or tea at the Tea Rooms in the wonderfully restored Turner conservatory.

On your return from the gardens, stop at Mount Snadford Castle for a wonderful view of the valley of the River Nore overlooking Inistioge and its 10 arch bridge.

### Opening Times

Gardens  
April to mid October:  
Daily 9am to 7pm  
Mid October to March:  
Daily 10am to 4.30pm

Tea Rooms  
Daily June to August  
Weekends Easter to May,  
September & October

Admission  
€4 per car payable  
on exiting car park

Tea Rooms  
The Tea Rooms in the Turner Conservatory above the walled garden, serve tea & coffee and homebaking daily during the summer and at weekends in spring and autumn, closed in January and February. The Tea Rooms are seasonal, please check in advance.

### Directions

From Dublin - Exit M9 at Junction 7  
From Waterford - Exit Junction 10 Knocktopher  
From New Ross - Follow R700 to Inistioge  
From Kilkenny - Follow R700 via Thomastown to Inistioge - its less than 15 miles (just over 20kms) from Kilkenny. Woodstock is signposted off the square in Inistioge

Grid reference  
S 634 370  
Lat 52.48108  
Long -7.06648



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### Facilities

Woodland and Tree Trails, Children's Explorer Pack, Tea Rooms, Picnic Area, Playground, Car Park and Toilets.  
Mobility buggy by arrangement.

### Events

Woodstock holds Events such as guided walks and trails, charity runs, orienteering, outdoor theatre, craft workshops and seasonal children's activities. Check out Upcoming Events on our website for details.

### Venue

Woodstock is available as a location for weddings and photo shoots by arrangement.

### Groups & Coaches

Groups are very welcome by appointment only and we can arrange guided garden tours and group rates.



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‘The turf is kept as smooth as a carpet and not a tree on it is not a picture of beauty’

The Gardener's Record: an Irish Fortnightly Journal Vol. 11869

The arboretum at Woodstock was the focus of a considerable amount of exotic tree planting during the 19th Century. The area which is located on gently rising ground was chosen to display the choice trees to their best advantage. Visitors to Woodstock in the 1860's and 1870's were very impressed with the exotic trees and their positioning.

## Some trees of interest in Woodstock

- 1 *Cedrus libani* (Cedar of Lebanon)
- 2 *Fagus sylvatica* 'Heterophylla' (Cut leaf beech)
- 3 *Larix decidua* (European larch)
- 4 *Cupressus Macrocarpa* (Monterey cypress)
- 5 *Thuja plicata* (Western red cedar)
- 6 *Luma apiculata* (Chilean myrtle)
- 7 *Chamaecyparis pisifera* (Sawara cypress)
- 8 *Tsuga dumosa* (Himalayan hemlock) \*Champion
- 9 *Cupressus macrocarpa* 'Lutea' (Golden monterey cypress)
- 10 *Pinus sylvestris* (Scots pine)
- 11 *Cedrus libani* (Cedar of Lebanon)
- 12 *Quercus ilex* (Holm oak)
- 13 *Cryptomeria Japonica* 'Elegans' (Japanese cedar)
- 14 *Thuja plicata* (Western red cedar)
- 15 *Pinus gordoniana* (White pine)
- 16 *Sequoia sempervirens* (Coast redwood) \*Champion
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- 19 *Pinus montezumae* 'hartwegii' (Mexican pine)
- 20 *Sequoiadendron giganteum* (Giant redwood)
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- 22 *Picea orientalis* (Oriental spruce)
- 23 *Fagus sylvatica* 'pendula' (Weeping Irish beech)
- 24 *Cupressus lusitanica bethamii* (Bentham cypress)

The trees listed \*Champion are considered to be among the finest of their species to be found in Europe

