

Group Information Pack 2018

House | Museum | Garden | Gift Shop | Café



Welcome to Gilbert White & The Oates Collections

Be inspired by Gilbert White, Frank Oates and Lawrence Oates to take a journey into the Natural World. The beautiful historic house that was once the home to Gilbert White is now home to an eclectic museum, gardens and visitor centre.

Explore the museum that commemorates Gilbert White, pioneering 18th Century naturalist, Frank Oates Victorian explorer and Lawrence Oates, member of the tragic Terra Nova expedition to the South Pole. We are lucky to be situated in one of the most beautiful areas of the South Downs, and have 25 acres of garden for our visitors to enjoy. The garden is beautiful all year round, and a fascinating mixture of restored heritage garden and natural conservation.

In 2018 we are unveiling a new visitor centre with a new café perfect for groups that can sit up to 50. The centre situated in Gilbert's historic stable yard will also have direct access to the garden, a shop and a chance to see White's brew-house, and a fantastic shop.

How to Book

Simply contact us via e-mail or telephone, once a date has been agreed, please complete and return the attached form to confirm your booking. Please do not wait until the last minute send in the form, even if you are unsure of the details. Our opening times are listed on our website, however special arrangements can be made out of hours.

Packages

Peak Package The standard admission price for a pre-booked, pre-paid group is £7.50 per head. This includes a introductory talk and admission to the museum and gardens. Tours and catering options can be added. (Valid March–October)

Winter Package During the winter months (November, December, January and February) admission is £6.00 per head. This includes a introductory talk and admission to the museum and gardens. Tours and catering options can be added

Cream Tea Package Enjoy the museum and garden with the added treat of a locally sourced Cream Tea. Includes admission to the museum, with a reservation booking for a Cream Tea, a homemade plain scone, with jam and Cornish clotted cream with Tea. The package is £14 per person

Early Risers Package Arrive just as the Museum opens, with a coffee and shortbread biscuit whilst enjoying a private introductory talk in the café, before exploring the museum. The package is £12 per person.

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Introductory Talk

An introductory talk is offered to all groups at no extra cost, and will give a further insight into the history of the house and the three explorers of the natural world that we celebrate.

Tours

Garden Tour With over twenty acres of ancient parkland and some five acres of restored gardens with a focus on 18th century planting, a garden tour is a fascinating way to learn about Gilbert White the Gardener and the plants and features described in his writings.

House Tour Get a special insight into the house and galleries, with an guided tour. Only available to groups under 15 people due to size of the rooms.

All Tours are by prior arrangement only. We charge £2 per person.

Catering

Our café will be launched in April 2018 and will specialise in locally sourced food made on site. We can offer pre-booked catering arrangements . Please book and pay for this no later than **14 days** before your visit. For options and prices see the attached booking form. All members of the group must be served the same option. Depending on availability larger groups may have to be divided into two sittings. Your group can also visit the café without a prior booking, however please note that at times the café can become busy, and it may not possible to seat all members simultaneously.

Parking

The village car park is a 3 minute walk from the House. It is situated just off the main road behind the Selborne Arms. The car park can take cars and coaches; when it's busy visitors can be dropped outside the House and coaches parked in lay-bys approximately a mile distant either North or South of the village.

Selborne Village

On arrival at reception members of your group will be given stickers which allow them to come and go as often as they please on the day of their visit. The pretty historic village of Selborne is located within the South Downs National Park. There are superb walks, including up Gilbert White's ZigZag path on to the Selborne Hanger. There is a pottery, a selection of village shops, and a café on the high street, and The Selborne Arms Pub. The village church, where Gilbert White is buried, has two stained glass windows commemorating him, is directly opposite the Museum, and well worth a visit.

Payment

We require payment in full for group admission, tours and catering a minimum of fourteen days prior to your visit. Please send a cheque payable to '**Gilbert White & The Oates Collections**' or telephone 01420 511275 to pay by debit or credit card.

Queries

Please contact us if you have any queries or wish to make a booking. Our aim is to make your day out as enjoyable and stress-free as possible. Let us know if your group have any specific interests as we aim to be flexible and for you to get the most out of your visit.

Drivers and Group Organisers

Drivers and group Organisers can enjoy free admission. Drivers can also collect a voucher to allow them 20% discount in our café.

Stop & Refresh

Gilbert White & The Oates Collections is a great place to rest on a long journey situated between the A3 & The M3. We have a café, toilets and shops available to use free of charge.

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Group Catering Order Form

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These options are offered on the understanding that ALL members of the group requiring catering are served the same option. All options come with tea, coffee and water included.

Date of Visit
Name of Group / Society

Lunch Options

Lunch Options	Cost per person	No. Required	Total
Homemade Soup with a Granary Roll and Butter (V)	£7.00		
Sandwich Platter Options, served with crisps and fruit.			
<i>1) Mixed Platter: Includes Ham & Mustard, Beef & Horseradish, Cheese & Pickle, Egg & Cress.</i>	£9.00		
<i>2) Meat Platter: Includes Ham & Mustard, Beef & Horseradish, Chicken Mayo</i>	£9.00		
<i>3) Vegetarian Platter: Includes Egg & Cress, Cheese & Tomato, Brie and Chutney</i>	£9.00		
Quiche served (warm or cold) with crisps and a salad garnish, and fruit	£9.50		

Afternoon Tea Option

Cake Platter: A platter of small tray bake cakes	£2.00		
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TOTAL to add to Group Visit Booking Form

Signed	Date
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You can fill out this form using the 'PDF Sign' facility and email it to info@gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk or print and post to Gilbert White's House & Garden, High Street, Selborne, Hampshire GU34 3JH

Payment is required in full at least 14 days prior to your visit.
 Please send a cheque payable to 'Gilbert White & The Oates Collections' or telephone to pay by credit/debit card.
 Refunds cannot be made for cancellations made after this time. Thank you.

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Name of Group / Society				
Name & Address of Organiser (for correspondence)				
Telephone Number				
Email				
Date of Visit			Number in Group (minimum of 10)	
Arrival Time			Departure Time	
How did you hear about us?				
Package (Please Tick)	Peak (£7.50)	Winter (£6)	Cream Tea (£14)	Early Riser (£12)
Please Select Group Add-Ons	Introductory Talk (Free)		Garden Tour (£2)	House Tour (£2)

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Payment is required in full at least 14 days prior to your visit at the prevailing rate.

We are always happy to accommodate additional numbers after the 14 days advance payment deadline, however these will be charged our standard admission and catering rates.

Please send a cheque payable to 'Gilbert White & The Oates Collections' or telephone to pay by credit/debit card.

Refunds cannot be made for cancellations made after this time. Thank you.

Total Package charge (package x group no.)	
Total Tour charge (tour x group no.)	
Total Catering charge (as per order completed)	
GRAND TOTAL TO PAY	

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