

BROGDALE COLLECTIONS

The Home of the National Fruit Collection



Group Visitors Pack 2016

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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.

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 be bringing a coach to a festival or event then a space will need to be pre-booked.

Wheelchairs

There is disabled facilities and access around most of the Brogdale site.

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.

If you think there is any information missing from this pack then do let us know
as we always want to offer the best for our visitors.

About Brogdale Farm

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).

The Marketplace

The marketplace at Brogdale is Open most of the year 7 days a week (some shops closed Monday). The marketplace includes:

- Shops
- Plant Centre
- Award winning Butcher
- Tour & Event Reception (Brogdale Collections)
- Micro Brewery (*not open every day*)

The Courtyard Restaurant

The courtyard offers a range of food and refreshments from coffee to cream tea or hot lunches and salads. We also have two set lunches (menus included in this pack) that you can pre-order with us to compliment your walk or guided tour. **Please Note: Lunch must be pre-booked on booking and all final food orders need to be received by us no later than one week prior to your visit.** If not pre-ordered then we cannot guarantee that you will be able to be served in the restaurant.

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 fuschia 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

Varieties in Collection - 4

Best Time to Visit - October

Events 2016

Prices Vary

Hanami - Cherry Blossom Walks & Picnics (April/May)

See Separate Sheet

Hanami Festival (16 April) Details can be found online.

Easter (Easter Friday, Saturday & Sunday - March 2016)

Pet **animals**, explore the beautiful orchards for the hidden eggs on the **Easter Trail**, learn about amazing and unusual **chickens** with the Kent Poultry Club, get creative with **Easter Crafts** and have your photo taken with our fantastic **Easter Characters**. Take a **tractor trailer ride** around the orchard and get your Face Painted as your favourite animal! Just make sure you leave enough time for a cup of tea and piece of cake. A great day out for the whole family!

Strawberry Fair (Sunday 12 June 2016)

The strawberry fair is the perfect day to enjoy the **first fruits** of the year at Brogdale! **Bring a picnic, play giant garden games** and enjoy a freshly baked scone and a cup of tea from the **strawberry tea café**. If you love baking then you can take home recipes from the insightful demonstrations with **talented chefs** who will be baking **wonderful summer foods** throughout the whole day. **Get creative** with strawberry themed crafts and take a ride on the **miniature railway** around the beautiful orchards! **Tractor trailer and walking tours** will be running all day and the 'grow' team will be on hand to give **advice** on how to care for your strawberry plants at home!

Cherry Fair (Sunday 17 July 2015)

The Cherry Day will be celebrating everything cherry! There will be around 80 varieties of cherry on display as well as the chance to try before you buy in the festival fruit shop. The SPITACULAR will also return for you to test your lungs at the longest cherry pip spit! Tractor trailer and walking tours of the orchards will be running all weekend and miniature train rides offer a great extra for your day. Browse the craft and produce village for cherry pies, cherry wines and crafty gifts and enjoy live music as you tantalize your taste buds with lunch from one of our local food producers.

Christmas at Brogdale (4 December 2016)

Shop, relax and sing at our Christmas event. Enjoy mince pie and a glass of mulled wine or cider before enjoying carols in the marketplace and a craft and produce village so that you can find a perfect gift for everyone this Christmas. **FREE ENTRY**, no tours available.

Festivals 2016
£8.00 per person

Artisan Cider Festival

Date: 27 & 28 August

Time: 10 - 5

An amazing range of the best local artisan ciders and more music than ever before! A NEW Cider trail will take place where visitors will be encouraged to taste the range of wonderful local ciders and give us your opinion on which deserves Festival Cider 2015.

Enjoy local food and entertainment over the whole weekend.

Tours of the orchards will be running all weekend and the craft and produce village will be full of fantastic local products. There is something for the whole family with plenty of activities for little festival goers too!

National Apple Festival

Date: 15 & 16 October

Time: 10 - 5

2016 will see a record breaking display of 1000 apple varieties! Discover something new and tasty with 'try before you buy' from around 70 apple varieties, fill a bag with your favourites to take home!

Tractor trailer and walking tours of the orchards will be running and the craft and produce village returns to offer you some unique gift ideas.

Enjoy live music, local food and entertainment over the whole weekend. Take a miniature train ride to see the farm from a whole new view and children can get crafty and have their face painted in the little festival goer's area.

Hanami 2016
£11.50 per person



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 third year in a row and are offering you unique blossom walks and Hanami tours around our beautiful orchards in April and May (seasons depending).

What to Expect...

As a Hanami group, you will be treated to a taste of traditional Japanese refreshments and an exclusive Japanese exhibition. You will then be guided around the blossom filled orchards before enjoying your picnic under the beautiful cherry blossom. (pre-booking is essential).

Hot Lunch - £12

Main

Brogdale Sausage & Mash

Served with Peas

Cheese & Ham Ploughman's

Seafood Ploughman's

Ham & Eggs

*Thick hand cut Ham, served with 2 Fried Eggs,
Pan Fried Potatoes with Red Onion Salad garnish*

Prawn Salad

Served with Seafood Sauce, Potatoes & Rustic Bread

Cheese Salad

Served with Salad, Potatoes & Rustic Bread

Fish Pie

Served with Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Brogdale Fruit Crumble & Custard

Homemade Cake of the Day

Chocolate Brownie & Ice Cream

Drinks

Tea, Coffee or Bottled Water

or Cappuccino, Latte or Mocha – extra 40p

Light lunch - £7

Homemade Soup of the Day

Served with crusty bread and butter

Sandwiches – Brown Multi Bread or White Farmhouse

Cheddar & Homemade Apple Chutney

Cheddar & Homemade Piccalli

Tuna Mayonnaise & Sweetcorn

Ham & Homemade Coleslaw

Baguette with Brogdale Sausage & Caramelised Onion

Jacket Potato

Cheddar Cheese and Baked Beans

Tuna Mayonnaise & Sweetcorn

Bacon & Mushroom

Tuna Melt

Bacon & Brie Melt

Served on toasted ciabatta with caramelised onion chutney & salad.

Light Bites *(for one)*

Morning Tea – Tea/Filter Coffee & Biscuit - £2.50

Afternoon Tea – Filter Coffee/Tea & Cake - £3.95

Cream Tea 1 – 1 Scone, Jam & Clotted Cream, Tea/Filter Coffee - £5.45

Cream Tea 2 – 2 Scones, Jam & Clotted Cream, Tea/Filter Coffee - £5.45

Cream Tea & Cake – 1 Scone, Jam & Clotted Cream, Homemade Cake,
Tea/Filter Coffee - £6.25

Cream tea sold after 2pm only

Directions to Brogdale



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By Car/Coach: Brogdale is situated just outside of Faversham in Kent.
1 mile from the M2 at Junction 6.

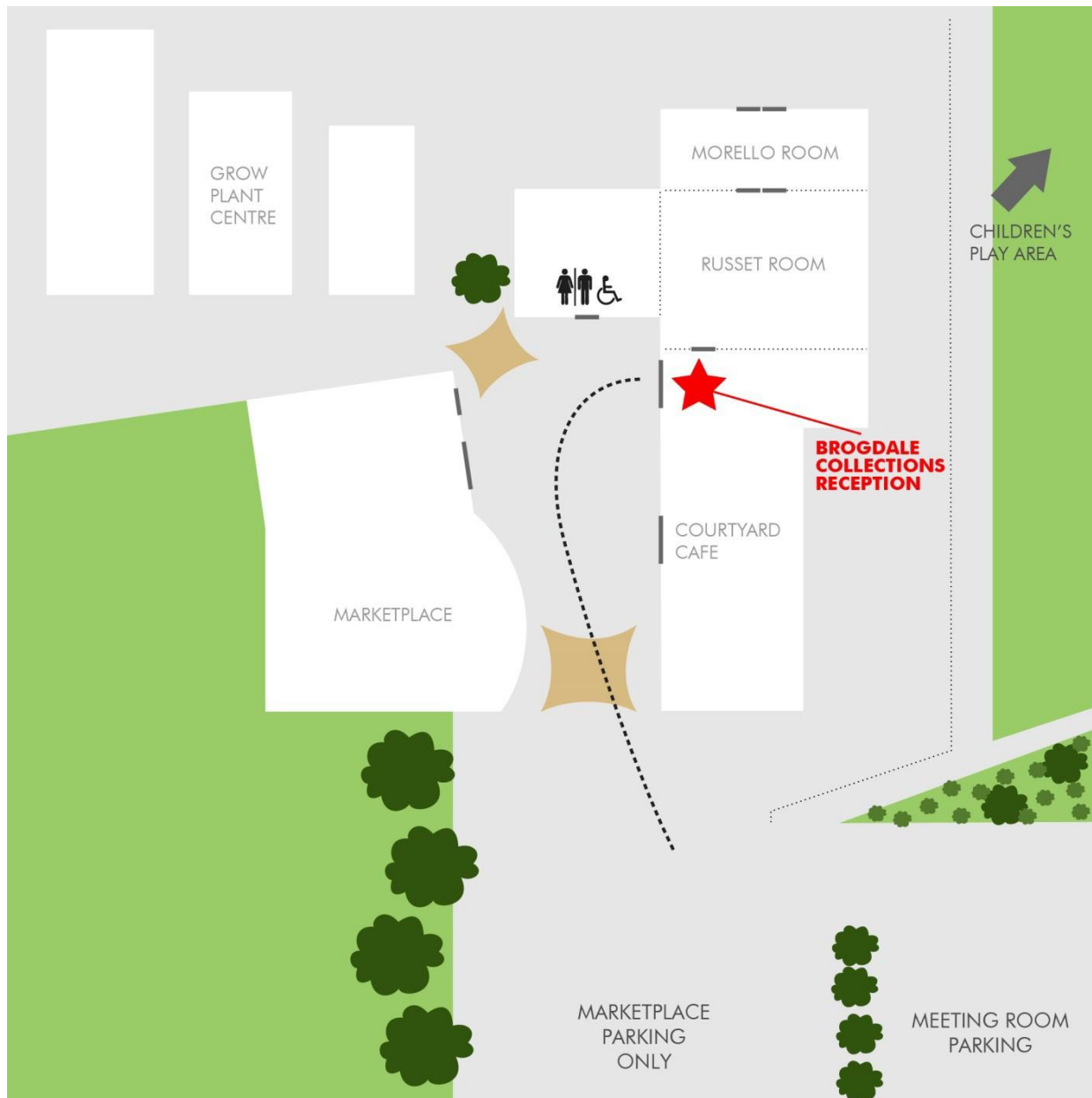
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Google Map: www.google.co.uk
Route Planner: www.theaa.co.uk

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.

Brogdale Marketplace Map



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.