

## Mount Usher Visitor Information

One of only 3 Irish gardens with a top rating from the UK's *The Good Gardens Guide*, Mount Usher is not simply one of Ireland's greatest gardens, but it's a world-class example of a so-called Robinsonian garden, with its relaxed informality and natural layout.

Monty Don has described it as one of his favourite gardens.

Run by Avoca since Spring 2007, a haven of rare beauty and tranquility, laid out across 22 acres along the banks of the easy-flowing River Vartry, here you'll find over 5,000 species of plant, all grown organically, giving the Gardens a cacophony of colour throughout the seasons.

*BBC's Gardeners' World* readers certainly agree, voting it the All-round Favourite Garden to Visit in Ireland and the Most Romantic.

Explore any of the many walks to reveal vistas of meadows and glades. Take time on one of the benches overlooking the river bends. Cross gently swaying suspension bridges over swooshing weirs and waterfalls. And finish up with afternoon tea in our Garden Café. Or simply drop in for a delicious lunch and a quick browse through the Courtyard shops or the The Garden Shop. Perhaps take away some delicious fresh food from The Bakery. Whether professional gardener, casual tourist or lover of the outdoors, you'll find Mount Usher Gardens are very, very special.

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Website	www.mountushergardens.ie
Opening Times:	Open all year round, 7 days a week  Daily from 10.00am to 6pm. Last Entry 5:20 pm.  Closed only on 25 & 26 December
Directions:	By Road: Mount Usher is situated in Ashford Co. Wicklow, off the main Dublin to Rosslare Road (M11/N11). The Gardens can be reached from Dublin (50 km) in under an hour (rather less from Dun Laoghaire) and in roughly two hours from Rosslare (115km).  By Bus: Bus Éireann No. 133 Dublin/Wicklow and Dublin/Rosslare stopping in Ashford Village. Bus Éireann No. 2 Dublin/Arklow/Gorey stopping in Ashford Village.

GPS Coordinates:	N5300.528 W606.466
Driving Times:	From Dublin Airport: 1.5 hours to the Gardens From Dublin City Centre: 1 hour to the Gardens
Admission Prices:	Adults: €7.50 Senior Citizens & Students: €6.50 Children (4-16 yrs): €3.50 Children (under 4 years): FREE Group rates (20 or more adults): €6.50 per person Group rates (20 or seniors): €5.50 per person Guided Tours (advance booking required): €55
Approximate Visit Length:	Allow a minimum of 60 minutes to visit the gardens and 45 minutes for refreshments in the Bakery. Visitors may also like some time to visit the shops within the Mount Usher Courtyard.
Bus Tour Operators:	Bus Tours From City Centre: Dowling Coach Drive Tour Phone: +353 (1) 451 7877 or +353 (0) 86 871 3588 Website: <a href="http://www.dowlingcoachdrive.com/">http://www.dowlingcoachdrive.com/</a>
Guided Tours:	Self- Guided Tree Trail Tour: available to all with entry ticket. A guided tour takes approximately 90 minutes and can easily be arranged at a cost of €55 per group.
Eating:	Table service dining, serving AVOCA food available in The Garden Café. Take away food with sheltered & outdoor seating, provided by AVOCA available in The Bakery at Mount Usher.
Shopping:	Enjoy a wide range of shopping at Mount Usher including; Strawbridge Furniture Rhinestones Country Clothing Oska Fashion Beatrix Portrait Photography The Avoca Bakery, Garden Shop and Visitor Shop
Parking:	The car park can become very busy especially in the summer months we recommend careful planning for arrival and departure from this area.
Dogs:	Unfortunately, no dogs permitted.