

- ◆ **The Walled Garden**

There are three **entrances**.

As you stand facing the noticeboard there is a door on the right leading to the Walled Garden up a short but steep slope. Alternatives are:

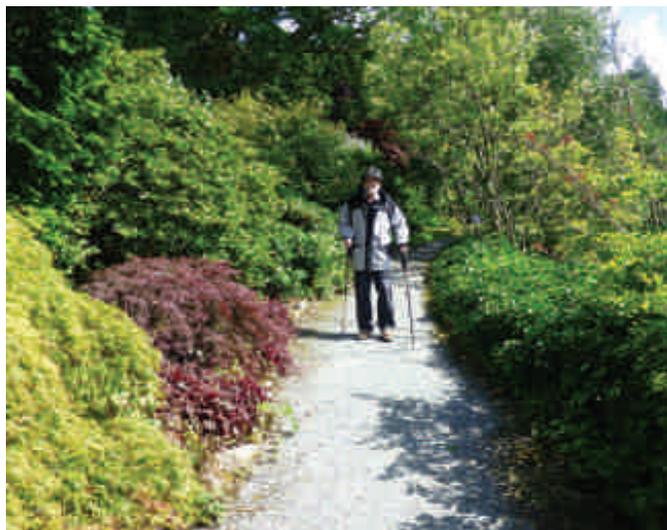
(a) from the top of the car park go through the gate to the greenhouses, turn immediately left through the metal gates. There is a short steep slope down.

(b) from the noticeboard go to your left and turn right onto the Upper Drive. Turn right again into the Courtyard. A metal gate on the right leads into the Walled Garden. This is the easiest route.

There is **wheelchair** access along the path around the centre lawn except for the steps in the left-hand corner. There is a **handrail** for people who can walk down these steps. A flat paved path leads along the **Patio** to the **Herb and Mediterranean Beds**. Several **seats** are placed around the Walled Garden.

- ◆ **Reception**

There is **wheelchair** access into the Reception which is open 10am to 5pm, April to October. Drinks are available and the Wardens on duty would be glad to help with operating the machine. There is a wheelchair in Reception which can be borrowed.



- ◆ **The Upper Drive**

This tarmaced drive is suitable for **wheelchairs** but beware of cars driving into and out of the Gardens. There is a steep slope going from the left of the car park and no easier way back again. However at the bottom is the **Hydrangea Bed** and a gravel path to **picnic tables**.

The top part of the drive goes up a moderately steep slope to the Gardens' boundary, passing **Grasses, Astilbe and Rose Beds** on the left. Before these, on the right, is the Courtyard with **disabled toilets**. **Seats** are situated at the **Panorama** opposite the car park and the **Flagpole**.

- ◆ **The Mansion Drive**

The drive starts at the bottom of the steep slope from the car park and leads to the Leonard Cheshire Home. Visitors can use this drive although the home itself is private. The drive will take you to the bottom of the **Cascade**. For anyone who can manage steps there are ones up to the **Panorama** but there is no handrail and you shouldn't attempt these without assistance.

- ◆ **The Lower Terrace**

To the left at the start of the Mansion Drive is a gravel path which leads along the **Lower Terrace** via the **Arbour** to the **Victorian Fountain**. The path is fairly level and could be accessed by some **wheelchair** users. There are **seats** along the terrace. There are steep steps from the fountain to join the **Middle Lawn Path** but these are not recommended for anyone with limited mobility.

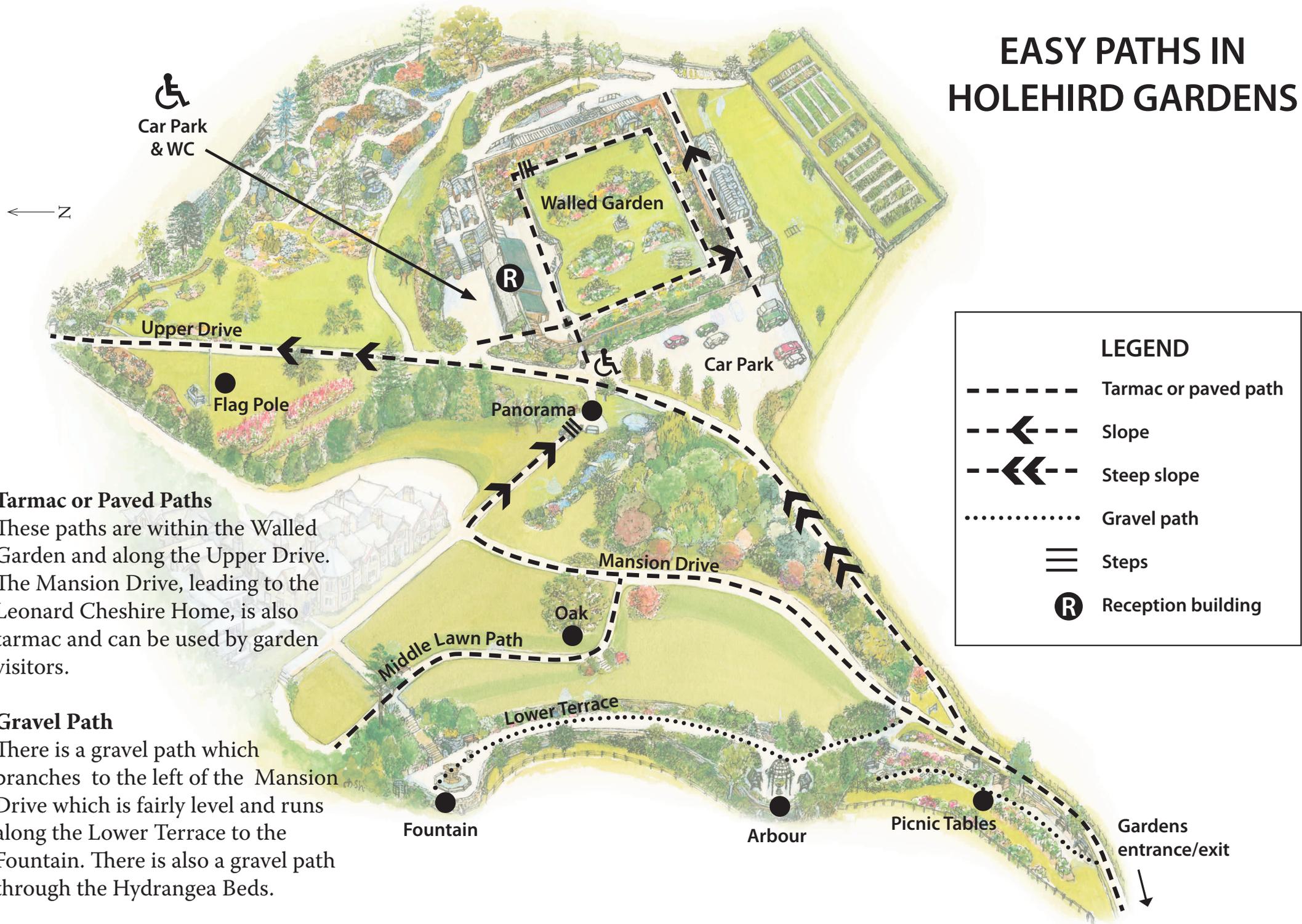
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# Guide for Visitors with Limited Mobility



**The easiest  
paths at  
Holehird  
Gardens**

# EASY PATHS IN HOLEHIRD GARDENS



## Tarmac or Paved Paths

These paths are within the Walled Garden and along the Upper Drive. The Mansion Drive, leading to the Leonard Cheshire Home, is also tarmac and can be used by garden visitors.

## Gravel Path

There is a gravel path which branches to the left of the Mansion Drive which is fairly level and runs along the Lower Terrace to the Fountain. There is also a gravel path through the Hydrangea Beds.