



Water

Water gardens of the world



Many British gardens have beautiful water features including lakes, streams, ponds, pools, fountains and cascades. Follow the links below and complete the puzzles to discover some of our favourites!



Alnwick Castle Gardens

The stunning **Grand Cascade** at Alnwick is said to be the largest of its kind in Britain, with thousands of gallons of water creating a sculptural wave as they rush down a curvilinear staircase and spraying out through 120 water jets. The cascade was built in 2001 as part of a redevelopment of the castle gardens by the current Duchess of Northumberland.

Biddulph Grange Gardens

Perhaps the most dazzling part of the 19th century roomed garden at Biddulph Grange is the **China Garden**. This small Chinese Landscape Garden has a lake at its centre which is surrounded by rocky planting to imitate a natural landscape. Throughout the garden there are bright and bold features including a pagoda, a bridge, a Chinese temple, a 'Great Wall' and a tower – all in the chinoiserie style popular in Victorian England.





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Blenheim Palace Gardens

The Water Terrace at Blenheim Palace was built in the late 1920s and features a scale model of Bernini's Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (Fountain of the Four Rivers) in Rome. The design of the water terrace was in part inspired by Louis XIV's Parterre d'Eau (water parterre) in the royal gardens of Versailles in France.

Castle Howard Gardens

Castle Howard's **Atlas Fountain** is part of a Victorian parterre - a collaboration between the 7th Earl of Carlisle, landscape gardener William Andrews Nesfield, sculptor John Thomas, and engineer James Easton. At the centre is a sculpture of Atlas, the Greek Titan who was condemned by the Olympian Gods to hold up the sky for eternity. Surrounding the fountain four sea gods blow water jets over Atlas through conch shells.



Chatsworth Gardens

Monsieur Grillet, a hydraulics engineer from the court of the French King Louis XIV, designed the original **Grand Cascade** at Chatsworth in 1696. While already impressive, the cascade was extended to nearly twice its length just a few years later, and the beautiful Cascade House was built at the top.



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Cressing Temple Gardens

Set within a Tudor-style knot garden at Cressing Temple lies a red-brick **Tudor fountain** with four sprouts of water representing the four rivers of paradise which, according to the book of Genesis, are the source of all the water in the world! This reflects the understanding in both Islam and Christianity of the garden as a representation of Paradise and the Garden of Eden.

Hever Castle Gardens

While the castle itself was formerly the home of the Tudor Queen Anne Boleyn, the vast gardens were in fact laid out in the early 20th century and include many different garden areas. Leading out from the formal Italian garden is a beautiful **Loggia Terrace** with breathtaking views over a 38-acre lake. In the middle of the Loggia area is the magnificent Nymph's Fountain, inspired by the famous Trevi Fountain in Rome in Italy.



Hidcote Manor Gardens

Hidcote is laid out as a series of 'outdoor rooms', each with a different character and planting style. One of the most tranquil and beautiful rooms is the **Bathing Pool Garden**, which features a circular pool with a boy fountain at its centre. Enclosing the pool are tightly-clipped yew hedges, topiary birds and a topiary entrance in the shape of a house. The gardens were created in the early 20th century by the owner, Lawrence Johnson.



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Kiftsgate Court Gardens

The gardens at Kiftsgate Court were originally laid out in an Arts and Crafts style in the 1920s but they have been added to over the years. A recent addition is the **Water Garden**, created on the site of an old tennis court. Here, a long, rectangular black and white pool sits in an immaculate green lawn surrounded by tightly-clipped hedges. A bronze leaf sculpture sits at one end, providing the sound of water.

Stourhead Gardens

Stourhead is a famous English Landscape Garden from the 18th century. Its centrepiece is a showstopping **Lake** speckled with classical temples. Meandering paths around the lake provide stunning vistas of the lake and its features through trees.



Stowe Gardens

Originally an early-Baroque garden, in the 18th century Stowe was transformed into an English Landscape Garden by a succession of famous garden designers including Charles Bridgeman, William Kent and Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. The gardens encompass lakes, pools, rivers and over 30 neoclassical and Palladian structures including James' Gibbs' **Palladian Bridge**, which arches across the Octagon Lake.



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Studley Royal Gardens

In the formal gardens at Studley Royal a semi-circular grassed terrace hosts a beautiful trio of ponds - a circular **Moon Pond** flanked by two Crescent Ponds. A neo-classical Temple of Piety overlooks the Moon Pond, which itself features a number of neo-classical statues.