


THE 1620s

HOUSE & GARDEN
at Donington le Heath



The 1620s House at Donington le Heath is a rare example of a family home built around 700 years ago and modernised in 1618 with the addition of new windows, roof and fireplaces.



Visitors can explore the furnished rooms, handle the objects and talk to our team of volunteers to discover what life was like in the 1620s.



The house is surrounded by period gardens and an area of woodland planted as part of the development of the National Forest. The gardens, re-created in a 17th century style, include flower and herb gardens, an ornamental maze and an orchard, with informative and entertaining labels on all the plants and trees.

Step back in time to explore our early 17th century house and its gardens and see how people lived 400 years ago

www.doningtonleheath.org.uk

The barn is available for hire and the house and garden tours can be organised for groups outside normal hours. The site also makes an excellent learning venue for all ages. Contact us through the website or by phone for further details.

Old Barn Tea Room

The Old Barn Tea Room is open from 11am - 4pm during the open season, and on some Thursdays outside the season, serving home-baked cakes, soup and sandwiches and a range of hot and cold drinks.



Richard III's Bed

One of the prize exhibits at the house is a large four-poster bed, said to be the bed in which Richard III slept at the White Boar Inn, Leicester, on his way to the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485. Most of the upper part of the bed is actually Jacobean and fits well in the 1620s House.



Additional Events

Visitors can enjoy a series of events throughout the year, including costumed living history, outdoor theatre, early music, plant fairs and family fun days, as well as workshops, talks and house tours. Visit the website events page for more details of this year's events.

www.doningtonleheath.org.uk/whats-on

Get Involved and Volunteer

Would you like to spend some time engaging with visitors in the house or garden? Please go to www.doningtonleheath.org.uk/getting-involved to find out more.



Opening hours

The site will be open from 10.30am - 4.30pm from Thursday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays from April to the end of September and from 10.30am - 3pm from October to the end of November.

Admission charges

There is an admission charge to the site, which allows unlimited repeat visits on non-event open days for a 12-month period. Family tickets available. See website for details.



Location

1620s House and Garden is situated on the southern outskirts of Coalville, between the villages of Donington le Heath and Hugglescote. It is signposted from the A511.



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Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome on the site. Only assistance dogs are permitted in the house and Barn Tea Rooms.