



Cowdray

West Sussex

Tudor Nobleman's House & Ancient Monument



Admission

Adult	£6.20
Over 60s/students/disabled people	£5.10
Child (5-16)	£3.60
Family (2 adults & up to 3 children)	£14.90
Child (under 5)	FREE
Carer of disabled person	FREE

Audio guide included in entry prices, with special version for children.

Why not join the Friends of Cowdray? Free entry all season, plus special events and offers. £28 family (2 + 3), £20 couple, £15 single.

Visitor centre & shop: Introductory displays, gift shop, toilets, baby changing facilities, ticket purchase & audio guide collection.

Parking: Free parking for the first 2 hours of your visit is available in North Street car park in Midhurst, by the bus station. 20p per hour thereafter. Please note, this is a public car park, and charges commence on 1st April 2011. Parking up to 30th March is free all day. From the gate at the end of the car park, join the raised Causeway leading straight to Cowdray.

Access arrangements: This is a carefully conserved & legally protected historic site, so some steps and areas are not level. Most of the site is wheelchair accessible, including the cellar, audio visual display, gatehouse, porch and kitchen. There is an adapted toilet in the Visitor Centre, with an emergency pull cord. Parking for disabled people is available in the nearby courtyard.

Dogs: Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Please scoop where necessary. Owners take full responsibility for their dogs within the grounds.

Refreshments: Picnics are welcome in the grounds on our picnic benches or on the grass in front of the building. Hot drinks and ice creams are on sale in the Visitor Centre. Midhurst and Easebourne have plenty of good pubs, cafés and restaurants. Every Cowdray visitor is given a special offer voucher for specific outlets.

Groups: Pre-booked groups of 10 or more benefit from a discounted entry of £4.90 per adult or concession & £3.35 per child. Education packages available for school groups. Please ring for details. Open for groups all year round. Closed Christmas & Boxing Day.

Open

20 March to 30 October 2011, Sunday to Thursday inclusive, plus Good Friday and Easter Saturday. 10.30am to 5pm, last admissions at 4pm (Exceptions: open Saturday 16 April, closed Sunday 29 May).

Directions

By Car: Midhurst is on the A272 between Petworth and Petersfield, the A286 between Haslemere and Chichester. Follow the brown tourist signs for Cowdray. Parking is on the North Street car park (behind the bus terminal) and Cowdray is a short walk along The Causeway. Parking charges apply after 1st April.

By Bus: Buses from Chichester, Petersfield, Haslemere and Petworth.

By Rail: The nearest mainline railway station is Haslemere which is about 5 miles away. Taxis available from Haslemere Station.

Midhurst Tourist Information Centre, for local accommodation and general information: 01730 817322.

Cowdray Heritage Trust

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Award winning Cowdray is one of Southern England's most important early Tudor courtier's houses, visited by King Henry VIII & Queen Elizabeth I. Partially destroyed by fire in 1793, its magnificent ruins are set in the stunning landscaped grounds of Cowdray Park.



Painted by both Turner & Constable in the 19th century, Cowdray became fashionable as a romantic ruin. Mentioned in William Cobbett's "Rural Rides" in 1830, it was a popular Victorian tourist attraction, but had become dangerous by the end of the 20th century.

Accessible again after a major 21st century conservation project, and winner of the 2008 RICS Awards South East and Museums & Heritage Awards for Excellence in Restoration and Conservation, Cowdray can now tell the stories of its owners and the daily life of a 16th century noble household.

Marvel at the grandeur of this once-splendid Tudor house

- Experience life in a Tudor kitchen feeding 200 people
- Imagine life in the imposing gatehouse, vaulted cellars, spiral staircases, chapel and the grand Buck Hall
- Enjoy bird's eye views of the ruins, its landscaped parkland & historic Midhurst from the top of the Kitchen Tower
- Learn about Cowdray & Tudor England from our fascinating DVD playing in the Vaulted Cellar
- Hear about the lives of the rich and poor in the easy-to-use audio tour
- Discover how the destruction by fire preserved the building for future generations

Free voucher with every entry ticket for meal and beverage offers in nearby cafés and restaurants.

2011 Special events include:

Cowdray Ghost Walk	25 March
New France Old England – 18th Century life	16 & 17 April
Pirates & Smugglers Day	1 May
Cowdray Ghost Walk	13 May
Sense and Sensibility – Picnic Theatre	10 June
The Canterbury Tales - Picnic Theatre	23 June
Pirates & Smugglers Day	26 June
The Taming of the Shrew – Picnic Theatre	20 July
Great Expectations – Picnic Theatre	12 August
Snow White – Picnic Theatre	25 August
Heritage Open Day	8 September
Cowdray Ghost Walks	30 September,
	21 October & 31 October Hallowe'en Special

Plus special children's trails & activities in school holidays. See website for further details.



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