



About Rydal

Rydal is a pretty village set in rolling rural countryside. It was named after a village in England where the poet William Wordsworth lived. His poem "The Daffodils" has helped make these lovely flowers popular throughout the world. Rydal won 2006, 2009 and 2010 Tidy Towns Awards. It has some wonderful heritage buildings dating from the time Rydal was the terminus of the Western Railway.

Opening Details

Gardens and village attractions are open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays 11, 12 September and 18, 19 September. Midweek group visits are also possible by arrangement on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Entry Fee & Information

An entry fee of \$10 will give you admission to all the gardens, the music and other attractions. Proceeds from the garden entries support Lithgow Cancer Support and Lithgow Uniting Care groups. You can pay the entry fee at the Information Centre in the Rydal Village or at any of the country gardens.

The Information Centre is located at the Railway Station, on the main street.

Garden Village

Start at the Information Centre near the Railway Station and follow the marked walking trail to see the public gardens and historic buildings with displays.

The private gardens you can visit include:

Rose Cottage

A cottage garden which wraps around the oldest remaining cottage in the village c1860. Featuring many bulbs and early perennials. Roses romp later in Spring. Features include a beautiful dovecote.

Rydal Cottage

A restored lovely old cottage on two acres of land and owned by Carol Lyons. The garden has been extensively and creatively planted with daffodils and many other bulbs. Other gardens include Rydal Mount (the old school – 1869) where there is a new daffodil pathway through the property. You can visit Elen and Linsey Featherstone's garden with its rustic charm. Both the churches in the village will be open with displays.