

## PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 **Wedding Barn:** available to hire for weddings and events, ask at reception for details or email [lianne@canonteign.com](mailto:lianne@canonteign.com)
- 2 **Surprise coming soon!**
- 3 **Children's Play Area:** imaginative pirate fun for all on our wooden galleon 'Indefatigable', named after the most famous ship captained by the 1st Viscount Exmouth. There are also two full-size trampolines, a climbing frame with slide and swings.
- 4 **Old Kennels:** this stone building was rebuilt a few years ago in the traditional manner after a tree fell through the roof and destroyed the original during a winter storm. In years gone by it housed the estate hounds. (See also 6. below.)
- 5 **Clampitt Falls:** named after two brothers who, in the 1930s, were commissioned by the 8th Viscount Exmouth to build the dam over which the waters cascade.
- 6 **Old Leat:** this leat fed water from the waterfall down a launder chute to the water wheel which produced power for a sawmill used by the inhabitants of the local mine cottages. The metal remains of the water wheel can be seen in the grass to the left of the Old Kennels.
- 7 **Bruce's Pond and the foot of Lady Exmouth Falls:** On the bridge, look up to see the spectacular Falls above you. The pine tree in front of you was planted during the Victorian development of the garden.
- 8 **Secret Garden:** this magical green glade is home to the stream of the original waterfall, which descends down the rocky crevasse of Devil's Leap from the fern garden above. The dramatic steep rocky scenery made it a favourite spot for painters during the 19th century (including John White Abbott). Today it is a much favoured spot for photographers. Look out for the caves in the rock face on your left as you walk toward the 90 Victorian Steps.
- 9 **90 Victorian Steps:** these steps were uncovered and restored in the 1980s when the garden was first being restored.
- 10 **Bluebell Woods:** In May, the woodland surrounding the 90 Victorian Steps is carpeted with bluebells, traditionally the home of fairies. The heady perfume of the bluebells makes for a truly enchanting fairy haven.
- 11 **Victorian Fern Garden:** currently undergoing an ambitious new growing programme, over 100 different fern varieties will be re-introduced here over the next couple of years. Our fern garden is also home to an ogre protecting the area from evil spirits, whose face you can see in the rocks on the north side of the garden. Traditionally, ferns are also the birth place of fairies. Our exquisite wire fairies are made by renowned wire sculptress, Rachel Ducker ([www.rachel-ducker.co.uk](http://www.rachel-ducker.co.uk)).
- 12 **Devil's Leap bridge:** named in accordance with local folklore.
- 13 **Buzzards' View:** from the top of the Lady Exmouth Falls see as far afield as the white Haldon Belvedere Tower on your left, to cliffs of the old quarry towards Chudleigh on your right. The views, like those enjoyed by our buzzards and goshawks, are breathtaking.
- 14 **Devon Slate:** Devon slate is found throughout Devon and has been used traditionally to make roofing tiles. Devon is unique insofar as it is the only county in Britain to lend its name to a geographical time period and system of rocks recognised world-wide: the Devonian period rocks were formed about 400 million years ago when Devon was under the sea.
- 15 **Zip Wire and Children's Mini-Assault Course:** fast action and challenging fun for 5-12 year olds.
- 16 **Frank Mills Mine airshaft (ruin):** this is the remains of the ventilation shaft. It was filled in once mining ceased. The Lily Lake behind you was originally formed to provide water to wash ore and power steam engines. Now it is home to ducks, moorhens, Canada geese and, on Wednesdays and Sundays, to Exeter & District Model Boat Club!
- 17 **Apple Orchard:** the ancient apple orchard is home to several varieties of apples grown for centuries in the west country including Tom Putt, Ashmeads Kernel and Pitmaston Pineapple and used for cider-making, cooking or as dessert apples.
- 18 **Bee Hives:** we support 10 bee hives throughout the estate including the long African variety seen here. Honey from our hives is available for sale in our Gift Shop.
- 19 **Poets' Corner:** Stop and sit on our circular bench under the huge old oak tree and read our display of poems chosen for their relevance to Canonteign, aimed at young and old alike.
- 20 **Standing Stones:** our 12 granite standing stones create a mystical area for quiet contemplation.
- 21 **Lower lakes:** as you walk through the wild flower meadow and the five inter-connecting lakes, look out for butterflies and blue dragonflies. If you are lucky, you may also see a kingfisher around the lakes.
- 22 **Swan Lake:** Swan Lake is home to our regal black swans from Tasmania, Dame Margot and Rudolph.

## FOLLOW THE FERNS

-  Main Lake Walk
-  Falls Walk
-  Lower Lake Walk

