



PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 **Wedding Barn:** available to hire for weddings and private parties. Ask at Reception for details or email events@canonteign.com.
- 2 **Terrace Picnic Area:** bring your own picnic, or buy from our shop and Café and enjoy your meal with a beautiful view of the Lily Lake.
- 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 reintroduced 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 birthplace of fairies. Our exquisite wire fairies are made by renowned wire sculptress, Rachel Ducker (www.rachel-ducker.co.uk).
- 12 **Devil's Leap Bridge:** named in accordance with local folklore. This is the site of the natural falls - cross the bridge featuring beautiful examples of kiln fired glassware by Elaine Mason and start the final ascent to the Lady Exmouth Falls.
- 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 the 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 worldwide: 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):** these are 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 and Canada geese.
- 17 **Apple Orchard & Bee Hives:** the ancient apple orchard is home to several varieties of apples grown for centuries in the West Country including Tom Putt, Ashmead's Kernel and Pitmaston Pineapple and used for cider-making, cooking or as dessert apples. Among these trees and throughout the estate we support 10 bee hives including the long African variety seen here. Honey from our hives is available for sale in our Gift Shop.
- 18 **The Green Ship:** Inspired by the Quentin Blake tale of the same name, the ship features a lifesize deck and wheel for children to climb and play upon, whilst the centre is planted with aromatic herbs and shrubs.
- 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**
- 23 **New for 2022 - The Labyrinth:** Our Canonteign Labyrinth is based upon life's journey and we hope that you'll find the quotes along the path interesting and thought-provoking.

FOLLOW THE FERNS

- Main Lake Walk
- Falls Walk
- Lower Lake Walk