

Looking for places to see spectacular snowdrop displays? Then look no further. The Shepton Snowdrop Festival and Somerset's finest snowdrop gardens have teamed up to create the Great Snowdrop Gardens Trail of Somerset.

Abigail Willis, author of Secret Gardens of Somerset, has an intimate knowledge of Somerset's most fascinating gardens:

"February is often such a bleak time of year so thank goodness for galanthus! How fabulous to be able to get out into some of Somerset's most iconic gardens and celebrate the magical charm of snowdrops. Somerset's gardens are so special and worth exploring - whatever the time of year!"



Shepton Snowdrop Festival

20/21 February 2026

Plan your Snowdrop adventure!

For full details visit:
www.sheptonssnowdrops.org.uk

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The Great Snowdrop Gardens Trail of Somerset



Explore Somerset's
Finest Snowdrop Gardens

Shepton Snowdrop Festival
Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February 2026

The Yeo Valley Organic Garden

Located in north Somerset, the Yeo Valley Organic Garden is one of only a handful of Soil Association accredited ornamental gardens. It opens specially for the two days of the Shepton Snowdrop Festival. Enjoy six and a half acres of bold and whimsical contemporary planting, and snowdrop bulbs in their thousands. RHS Partner Garden.

Holt Farm, Bath Road,
Blagdon North Somerset
BS40 7SQ

Opening times:
10am-5pm,
Friday 20
Saturday 21
February 2026

More information:
[www.yeovalley.co.uk/
the-organic-garden](http://www.yeovalley.co.uk/the-organic-garden)



The Bishop's Palace and Gardens

Carpets of snowdrops welcome visitors to the gardens. Against a backdrop of the 800 year old medieval palace, flowing wells and outer walls, a Snowdrop Walk takes visitors through the beautifully landscaped grounds, along the moat banks and into the Arboretum. RHS Partner Garden.



The Bishop's Palace,
Wells BA5 2PD

Opening times:
10am - 4pm, daily

To book, visit:
[www.bishops
palace.org.uk/](http://www.bishops
palace.org.uk/)



Hestercombe House and Gardens

The formal gardens at Hestercombe were a collaboration between Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens. Over a decade ago, 50,000 snowdrops were planted in Rook Wood creating a more magnificent display each year. RHS Partner Garden.

Hestercombe,
Taunton,
TA2 8LQ

Opening times:
10am-5pm, daily

To book, visit:
[www.hestercombe.
com/your-visit/prices](http://www.hestercombe.
com/your-visit/prices)



East Lambrook Manor Garden

The Grade 1 listed garden, created by Margery Fish, is one of England's most famous heritage gardens. Over 100 varieties of snowdrop grow in profusion in the garden and along the famous 'ditch'. More individual snowdrops will be on display in pots. The garden also features other winter-interest and early flowering plants. RHS partner garden.



Silver St,
East Lambrook,
South Petherton
TA13 5HH

Opening times:
10am-4pm,
Wednesday to
Sunday

To book, visit:
[www.eastlam
brook.com/](http://www.eastlam
brook.com/)



Forde Abbey and Gardens

The award-winning gardens, home to the highest powered fountain in the country, are nestled in picturesque countryside on the border of Somerset. Snowdrops grow in drifts under the avenue of lime trees; enjoy topiary-lined vistas, an arboretum, and swathes of other early spring bulbs and camelias. RHS Partner Garden.

Forde Abbey,
Estate, Chard
TA20 4LU

Opening times:
10.30am - 4.00pm
(last entry at 3.00pm),
Wednesday to Sunday

To book, visit:
www.fordeabbey.co.uk/buy-tickets



Dunster Castle and Watermill

Regulars to Dunster Castle are familiar with the garden's Mediterranean and subtropical plants but early in the year swathes of snowdrops emerge in the wooded river gardens. Visitors to the castle and riverside gardens are invited to join gardeners in planting snowdrops.

Dunster,
Minehead
TA24 6NY

Opening times:
10am - 4.00pm, daily

More information:
[www.nationaltrust.
org.uk/visit/somerset/
dunster-castle-and-
watermill](http://www.nationaltrust.
org.uk/visit/somerset/
dunster-castle-and-
watermill)



Snowdrop Valley, Wheddon Cross

Each year, the Snowdrop Valley is transformed. The hidden woodland, a private valley once known only to locals, is blanketed with a natural carpet of many thousands of snowdrops. Snowdrop Valley is a magnificent spectacle in Exmoor National Park.



Cutcombe Cattle
Market, Wheddon
Cross, Minehead,
TA24 7DT

Opening times:
9am - 4pm, daily
from Saturday 24
January - Sunday
27 February

More information:
[www.wheddon
cross.org.uk/snow-
drop-valley](http://www.wheddon
cross.org.uk/snow-
drop-valley)



Shepton Snowdrop Festival

This year the Festival will take place on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February with nurseries, speakers, garden experts, workshops and an artisan market. Each year we celebrate the legacy of James Allen, a C19th amateur breeder of snowdrops with over 100 cultivars to his name at that time. Galanthophile, gardener or plant lover, or all three; take time to visit, you'll be sure to enjoy a unique Festival.

More information:
[www.shepton
snow
drops.org.uk/](http://www.shepton
snow
drops.org.uk/)

