



Chirk Castle National Trust



Magnificent medieval fortress of the Welsh Marches

Completed in 1310, Chirk is the last Welsh castle from the reign of Edward I that's still lived in today. Features from its 700 years include the medieval tower and dungeon, 17th-century Long Gallery, grand 18th-century state apartments, servants' hall and historic laundry.

The award-winning gardens contain clipped yews, herbaceous borders, shrub and rock gardens. A terrace with stunning views looks out over the Cheshire and Salop plains.

The parkland provides a habitat for rare invertebrates, wild flowers and contains many mature trees and also some splendid wrought-iron gates, made in 1719 by the Davies brothers.

Facilities & access

General

- Tea-room - seasonal menus, cream teas, homemade cakes
 - Gift shop
- Free parking, 50 yards to Visitor Centre, 200 yards to castle. Short, steep hill from Visitor Centre to castle and garden. One-way system on driveway, follow signs to entrance

Family & children

- Family activity rooms
- Children's play area

- Giant-sized family games in the garden

Access

- Mobility parking for blue badge holders
- Adapted toilet at visitor reception and castle courtyard
 - Stair climber in the State rooms
- Building - access restricted to one wheelchair user at any one time
- Grounds - three wheelchairs available, booking advisable

How to find it.....

Leave the Hotel turning left and head for the A483. Travel time approximately 20 minutes

Ask at reception for up to date prices

Alternatively www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chirkcastle

Sat Nav - Chirk Castle LL14 5AF



Erddig Hall

National Trust



Atmospheric house, featuring **485-hectare (1,200-acre) Country Park** and formal walled garden

Widely acclaimed as one of Britain's finest historic houses, Erddig is a fascinating yet unpretentious early **18th-century country house** reflecting the upstairs downstairs life of a gentry family over 250 years.

The extensive downstairs area contains Erddig's unique collection of servants' portraits, while the upstairs rooms are an amazing treasure trove of fine furniture, textiles and wallpapers.

Outside, an impressive range of outbuildings includes stables, smithy, joiners' shop and sawmill. The setting is a superb 18th-century formal garden and romantic landscape park.

For families

- Pick up an explorer map from the ticket office
- Borrow some binoculars to go bird watching
 - Explore the house on our children's trail
 - Let off steam in Wolf's Den
- Explore the formal gardens with our garden tree trail
- Enjoy a scenic carriage ride through beautiful woodlands
 - Meet the Erddig working horses
- Go for a walk around the estate, perfect for dog walks

Discover life below stairs



Erddig interpretation volunteers help to show visitors what life was like for the many servants who lived and worked at Erddig. Have-a-go history days take place throughout the year.

Erddig was the family home for Philip Yorke the third. He grew up at here with his parents and brother. He struggled for many years to save his family home and its contents as he battled against financial hard times and the weather. A friendly if somewhat eccentric character.



How to find it...

Signposted A525 Whitchurch Road, A483 exit 3

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www.nationaltrust.org/erddighall