

Antrim Castle Gardens

With summer fast approaching it’s the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors. There are lots of great green spaces across Northern Ireland and one place definitely worth a visit is Antrim Castle Gardens, which has officially reopened after a huge restoration.

Boasting historic formal gardens, ponds, an ancient motte and even castle ruins, Antrim Castle Gardens is a unique place full of history and heritage. The 400 year-old gardens are proving to be a big hit with tourists and local residents, with thousands of people enjoying a visit following the restoration.

There’s a lot more to the multi-award winning Antrim Castle Gardens than just beautiful landscapes and features. Visitors can also learn about the history of the area through the various exhibitions and displays in the Oriel Gallery and Clotworthy House; enjoy some refreshments in the garden coffee shop or take part in one of the many pre-bookable classes.

Councillor Thomas Hogg, Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey which runs the gardens says: "Thanks to the significant contribution made by HLF, these magnificent 400 year-old gardens have been preserved for future generations and have quickly become established as a major regional visitor destination. In the past twelve months, 267,650 people have visited Antrim Castle Gardens. These numbers are set to continue rising as high profile events such as Garden Show Ireland are now seeking the gardens as a venue. These events will attract even more visitors from far and wide, bringing economic benefit to the local area and enhancing the reputation of the Gardens as one of Northern Ireland’s

premier tourism facilities."

Why not make the most of the summer days and experience Antrim Castle Gardens for yourself?