

Goldney Grotto



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The Grotto at Goldney Hall

Situated in the gardens at Goldney is a beautiful, Grade 1 listed Grotto. The Grotto was the major garden project of Thomas Goldney III and took 27 years to complete. The walls of the Grotto are lined with shells, fossils, coral and semi-precious stones.



There are 3 chambers separated by pillars encrusted with quartz crystals that were mined from the Avon Gorge and are known as Bristol diamonds. The central chamber houses a large plaster lion with the lioness sitting in the den behind. And seated in the Eastern chamber is a river god with water cascading from an urn into giant clams and then into the pool. It is the only Grotto in Britain with both a shell room and running water.



Would you like to visit?

If you wish to have the Grotto open for your event, please let your Event Co-ordinator know. We can open this very special feature for 1 hour for you and your guests to visit.

A fee for this does apply. A member of staff will be present in the Grotto for the duration of your event, they will give your guests information and details of the features and history of the Grotto.

Please note, we can only open the Grotto in dry conditions from April – October. A maximum of 10 guests are permitted in the Grotto at any one time. The Grotto can be opened before the wedding breakfast however, we are unable to open the Grotto later into the evening.

This special and fascinating feature is something your guests will certainly remember. We hope you do to.