From Cork on the N25 take exit to Midleton. After 200 yards turn right overbridge. Take first left at roundabout and pass a group of caravans. After half mile take a narrow right turn and the garden is on your right.

From Youghal take the left exit after the fly-over bridge for Midleton. Take 2nd exit from roundabout and follow above directions.

Open: April to Sept by appointment for groups. Admission £6 pp, Plants for Sale.

Contact: Proprietors: Neil & Sonia Williams  
Tel: 021 4613379   086 8367303  
Email: cedarlodgegarden@eircom.net  
Website: www.irelandsgardens.com

9. The Old Deaneary Garden

Kilboy, Cloyne, Co. Cork  
Mature 4 - acre garden set in parkland with woodland walks, walled kitchen garden, large wildlife pond and mixed borders.

Location:  
From Cloyne pass the round tower on right. Continue for about 1/4 mile until junction signposting Churchtown to the left. At this junction take a right, continue up hill, entrance to the garden is on the right and signposted.

Open: May/June/July by appointment only. Admission £6  
Afternoon tea available by prior arrangement.

Contact:  
Martin and Janet Edwards  
Tel: 021 4652204   Mob: 0872716249  
Email: edwaelec@eircom.net

10. Ballymaloe Cookery School & Gardens

Shanagarry, Midleton, Co. Cork  
A series of new organic gardens created by renowned cook Darina Allen, several of these are appropriately on a culinary theme. A potager or vegetable garden laid out on a strict geometric pattern. A formal fruit garden with apples, pears, plums, peaches, almonds, figs, cherries and soft fruit. A herb garden with great parterre of gravel and box edged beds enclosing an array of culinary and medicinal plants.

Location:  
Shanagarry is signposted in Castlemartyr on the Cork / Waterford Road. N25

Open:  
Admission £6 pp, Family £15, Toilets, Farm Shop, Guided Tours

Contact:  
For Garden Tours please contact Evelyn Ryan.  
Tel: 021 4646785   Fax: 021 4646909  
Email: info@cookingisfun.ie  
Website: www.cookingisfun.ie

11. Templebreedy Grounds

Templebreedy Grounds was given a wonderful canvas set beneath the imposing Templebreedy Church and overlooking Cork Harbour and surrounding The Old Rectory in Crosshaven. With many beautiful old trees in place this 2 acre garden has been developed over the last 15 years. It features a variety of garden rooms which include a formal box garden to a small walled garden crammed full of herbaceous perennials. A must see for plant enthusiasts.

Location:  
From Cork, drive to Carrigaline (R609-R611). Take the R612 to Crosshaven. Turn right at the Royal Cork Yacht Club on the L2497 (R612) in direction Myrtleville. After 2.2km, at the T-junction “Goats Cross” take the L92612 into Fennels Bay. Straight up the approach road to Templebreedy Church. After walled entrance on left is a 20m avenue entrance to The Old Rectory and Templebreedy Grounds Experience.

Open:  
To groups only by appointments from May to September £3 pp. Gardening workshop by arrangement

Contact:  
Mrs. B. Fitzgerald  
Tel: 086 2888776  
Email: tgecrosshaven@gmail.com

12. Ballyvolane House

Castlelyons, Co. Cork  
Extensive mature country house garden laid out in the early 18th century. Terraced lawns, walled kitchen garden, magnificent Bluebell woods and parkland leading down to three trout lakes restored in 1998. A large number of trees and shrubs have recently been planted and many parts of the garden have been reclaimed and restored. The large walled garden is planted with soft fruit and vegetables for the house.

Jeremy Green (gardener-in-chief) is happy to give guided tours by appointment.

Enjoy home-grown vegetables. Lunch is available (minimum 10 people) but booking is essential.

Location:  
From Cork take the M8 towards Dublin, go through toll plaza and take the 1st exit for Rathcormac (R619). Before Rathcormac at River Bride turn right towards Midleton.  
At a right, 2 miles take left towards Betway and Ballyvolane House is on your right.

Open:  
Admission £6 pp  
Lunch available by booking (min. 10 people)  
Contact:  
Proprietors: Justin & Jenny Green  
Tel: 025 36349   Fax: 025 36781  
Email: info@ballyvolanehouse.ie  
Website: www.ballyvolanehouse.ie

For more information on where to stay and what else to do, visit www.eastcorktourism.com  
East Cork Tourism would also like to thank Sonia Williams for collating Cork Open Gardens.
1. Ringfield House
Ballindendick, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork
This is a relatively new garden sensitively created over the past ten years. This garden is designed for all seasons with a huge collection of Conifers & Heathers for winter colour. Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas for spring colour with extensive herbaceous borders and summer flowering shrubs. The garden is divided into a number of rooms from very formal areas such as the Victorian Garden to very natural areas such as the Fern Garden.

Location:
From the Jack Lynch tunnel take the N64/M8 for Watergrasshill. Exit the M8 at junction 17 for Watergrasshill. On reaching the roundabout take an immediate left (B161) for Glanmire. Keep going for 2.5 km and take 2nd turn to the right, keep going for 200m and we are the third house on the right.
Open: May to September by appointment for groups.
Admission: €6 pp
Contact:
Anne & Liam Griffin
Tel: 021 4889175   Mob: 087 6492342
Email: anne@thehagardenesigncentre.ie

2. Beechwood
Templeque, Glanmire, Co. Cork
An N.G.A. award winning “garden for all seasons” set on a sloping one acre site with panoramic views. This garden has been developed over the past 20 years and features large natural water features, scree beds, interesting use of herbaceous / grasses in planting scheme and imaginative use of old stone. Featured on R.T.E. garden show.

Location:
From Cork: Drive through Glanmire village on to Sallybrook. Just past Grandon’s Garage, take the roadway to left for From Cork: Drive through Glanmire on to Sallybrook.
Open: Groups only by appointment. May to September €6 pp
Contact:
Ned & Liz Kirby
Tel / Fax: 021 4884489   Mob: 086 3157096
Email: lizkirkby101@hotmail.com
Website: www.beechwoodgarden.com

3. Lakemount Garden
Barnavara Hill, Glanmire, Co. Cork
Lakemount is regarded by R.H.S as the flagship of Irish gardens, 2 acres of exciting design with a wide collection of rare and colourful plants. Plant House, Orangery Garden, Pond, Gravel Garden, Old Orchard, lots of Spring and Summer colour.

Location:
From Cork take B369, through Glanmire Village to Riverstown Cross, turn left at traffic lights up Barnavara Hill, pass 50km sign at top of hill, black gates on left beyond white entrance.
Open: By appointment. Admission: €7 pp
Toilet facilities. Part disabled access
Contact:
Brian & Rose Cross
Tel: 086 8110241
Email: crosscork@gmail.com
Website: www.irelandsgardens.com
www.lakemountgarden.com

4. Dunsland Gardens
Dunsland, Glanmire, Co. Cork
Location: Take the Glounthaune exit from Dunkettle roundabout. Dunsland is situated opposite the IBIS Hotel.
Open: Mon - Sat: 9.30am - 6.00pm Sun: 2.00pm - 6.00pm
Admission free - Donations to appointed charity.
Plants for Sale. No admission charge.  Car parking €3
Contact:
Proprietor: Peter Dowdall
Tel: 021 4354949 Fax: 021 4354949
Email: info@dunsland.com Website: www.dunsland.com

5. Hillside
Annmount, Glounthaune, Co. Cork
This mature garden won the top National Award in 1996 and again in 2000. A large sloping Plantsman’s garden featuring Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Magnolias, Woodland Plants and Grasses. A large rockery and waterfall, scree beds and gravel areas in tropical bed.
Location: From Cork take the M25 Waterford Road and follow the signs for Glounthaune, turn left at Glounthaune Church, up hill under bridge 100 yards from bridge Annmount on pillar.
Open: April to Sept by appointment
Admission: €6 pp
Contact: Proprietor: Mrs Marie Byrne
Tel: 021 4353119 Email: marybyrne@hillsidegardens.ie
Website: www.hillsidegardens.ie

6. Coosheen
Coosheen, 15 Johnstown, Glounthaune, Co. Cork
1/3 acre garden creatively landscaped with raised beds and troughs of rare and unusual smaller perennials, alpines and bulbs. A circular lawn creates an illusion of space enhanced by a clever choice of trees for the smaller garden. Woodland areas house some of the more fashionable woodland plants. Coosheen is a must see for the plant enthusiast.

Directions:
From Cork take N25 east follow the signs for Glounthaune. Pass Glounthaune Church and shops, pass train station on the right, park on the left opposite bungalow on right. Coosheen is second garden with high beech hedge.
Open: For groups by appointment, May-Sept €6 pp
Plants & plant supports for sale.
Contact:
Ned & Mary Byrne
Tel: 021 4353119
Email: marybyrne@hillsidegardens.ie

7. Fota Arboretum & Gardens
Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork
The Arboretum has a renowned collection of trees and shrubs started in the early 19th century. Extensive labelling of plants is used throughout the Arboretum. The Rose Garden was planted in 1997 and as well as roses contains many diverse and tender plants. The Orangery and Italian Gardens have been restored in recent years.

Location:
From the N25 take the exit for Cobh (R824). The entrance to Fota Arboretum is approx. 3 kms from the turn off.
Open: Arboretum open daily:
April - October: 9am - 6pm November - March: 9am - 5pm Walled gardens April - October: Monday - Friday Seasonal weekend openings. Phone for details. No admission charge.  Car parking €3
Contact: Head Gardener: David O’Regan
Tel: 021 4812728

8. Cedar Lodge Garden
Baneshane, Midleton, Co. Cork
An award winning garden of 2 acres, specialising in rare and unusual plants in mixed borders of shrubs and herbaceous perennials. Special features include a large bed of exotic grasses, a shelter belt of conifers and a selection of conifers and herbaceous around a pond, set in the midst of an extensive mixed woodland.

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