



## RENDEZ-VOUS AUX JARDINS

by Sue Burgess

This year's «*Rendez-vous aux Jardins*» will be held from the 3rd to the 5th June. In 2015, 1.8 million visitors discovered the 2,300 private and public gardens open all over France.



In 2016 the «*Rendez-vous aux Jardins*» have the theme of «*Les couleurs du Jardin*» (the colours of the garden).

A series of posters has been produced, representing the cycle of nature at each season. «*Printemps*» (spring), «*été*» (summer), «*automne*» (autumn), «*hiver*» (winter).

There are of course different types of gardens and parks. «*Un jardin public*» is usually a park in a town. «*Un parc*» is a private garden, often a château garden for example and can also be translated by the word grounds. «*Un square*» is a small pedestrian square or area in a town or village or between blocks of flats, often with grass and flowers, «*Les jardins ouvriers*» are allotments, «*un jardin partagé*» is a communal garden. «*Un potager*» is a vegetable garden or vegetable plot.

«*Un jardin anglais*» or «*un jardin à l'anglaise*» is a landscaped garden whereas «*un jardin à la française*» is a formal garden. A botanical garden is of course «*un jardin botanique*» but it can also be «*un jardin d'acclimatation*» or «*un jardin des plantes*».

«*Un jardin d'agrément*» is an ornamental garden and a «*jardin d'ornement*» is a flower garden. A walled garden is «*un jardin clos*» and a «*jardin d'hiver*» is a winter garden conservatory. If you have an inner courtyard then you can have a «*jardin d'intérieur*».

Not all «*jardins*» have plants. «*Un jardin zoologique*» is a zoo. «*Un jardin d'enfants*» is a kindergarten and «*Un jardin secret*» is your inner world or private world.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| un jardin fruitier .....   | fruit garden              |
| un jardin intérieur .....  | inner courtyard garden    |
| un jardin suspendu .....   | hanging garden            |
| un meuble de jardin .....  | piece of garden furniture |
| le mobilier du jardin..... | garden furniture          |
| le nain de jardin .....    | garden gnome              |
| un parc à thème .....      | theme park                |
| un parc animalier .....    | zoo                       |
| un parc aquatique .....    | water park                |
| un parc éolien .....       | wind farm                 |

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