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### THE NURSERY AND THE ORCHARD

The Bernstorff Family was very interested in gardening, and the area where the nursery and orchard are now located was originally a kitchen garden with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables from Denmark and abroad. For a period of time from the early to mid 1800s, the magnificent kitchen garden declined. During the reign of Christian IX, the nursery and orchards were given a renaissance by providing fruit and vegetables to the royal household. To maintain the historical appearance, fruit is still cultivated in greenhouses and outdoors. A walk through the area will give you a sense of the kitchen garden as it looked in the days of Christian IX.

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### THE ROSE GARDEN AND THE TEA-HOUSE

You will also find a rose garden and tea-house in the area near the nursery and the orchard. The fine old tea-house was used as a guest residence when the Bernstorff family lived at the palace. Later on, Queen Louise established a rose garden outside the small house. The rose garden was successfully re-established in 2000, based on a drawing from Queen Louise's day, a photo of the garden taken in the 1880s, and diary notes taken by the queen's head gardener. Now you can enjoy the sight and fragrance of some of the historical rose varieties that all graced the area in the days of Christian IX and Queen Louise. Today the tea-house is used for exhibitions and other presentation purposes.

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### THE SWAN POND

The small idyllic park around the man-made Swan Pond presumably dates from the days of Queen Louise, as well. Today, the little oasis around the Swan Pond is one of the most popular areas of the palace gardens. When in bloom in May and June, the rhododendron bushes on the slope down to the pond are a lovely sight.

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### THE RIDING GROUND

At the north end of the gardens along Bernstorffsvej is the riding ground which is used as a show-jumping and dressage course by the local equestrian club. If you visit the area at the right time, you may be lucky to catch a glimpse of one of the national or international equestrian shows for which the course is also used.

## STATELY GARDENS AND PUBLIC PARK

**BERNSTORFF PALACE GARDENS** was laid out in the late 1760s in French Rococo – a style of gardening that had just arrived in Denmark at the time. The Bernstorff Family was very interested in gardening and introduced exotic fruits and trees that had never before been planted in Denmark. By the time Christian IX took over the gardens in 1854, many of the exotic plants had withered away. For this reason, the first royal garden inspector, Rudolph Rothe, decided that the gardens should be preserved as an example of Zealand countryside with expansive grassy lawns surrounded by Danish woods. And this is precisely how Bernstorff Palace Gardens appears today.

**WITH ITS WIDE OPEN SPACES**, forest-like vegetation and remnants of the old stately kitchen garden, Bernstorff Palace Gardens offers experiences for people fond of outdoor activities and cultural history. The gardens are frequently used for jogging and long walks and many garden visitors also come here to walk the dog. In the summer, the expansive lawns are ideal for picnics and in winter the toboggan hill near the nursery area is popular among families with children from the local area.

### OPENING HOURS

The palace building is not open to the public, but the rest of the gardens are open to the public at all times.

### BERNSTORFF PALACE AND PALACE GARDENS ON THE WEB

Further details about Bernstorff Palace – and other Danish castles, palaces and palace gardens – are available on the website of the Danish Palaces and Properties Agency. It is also possible to apply to hold an event in the gardens, view an interactive version of the map found in this pamphlet, etc., at:

[WWW.SES.DK/BERNSTORFFPALACE](http://WWW.SES.DK/BERNSTORFFPALACE)



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▶ ENTRANCE



The area of Bernstorff Palace Gardens is 613.000 square metres.

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### BERNSTORFF PALACE

In 1752, Frederik V donated some of the Crownland's land north of Copenhagen to Johan Hartvig Ernst Bernstorff, the king's good friend and the then minister of foreign affairs. The king's French architect, Nicolas-Henri Jardin, designed both the palace and the gardens. The characteristic copper-domed Bernstorff Palace is beautifully situated at the highest point of Bernstorff Palace Gardens. The palace has served as a royal residence for extended periods. One of its golden ages was during the era of Christian IX and Queen Louise in the last half of the 19th century. Prince Valdemar, the youngest son of Christian IX, was the last member of the royal family to reside at the palace, where he lived until his death in 1939. The palace is closed to the public but can be viewed at close range from the outside.

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### MEMORIAL FOR A. P. BERNSTORFF

Pause for a moment by the statue (on the lawn across from the palace) of Andreas Peter Bernstorff who inherited Bernstorff Palace from his uncle, J. H. E. Bernstorff. A. P. Bernstorff was a prominent statesman. As Denmark's minister of foreign affairs, he helped to keep the country out of the wars in the last quarter of the 1700s, thus contributing to the country's welfare.

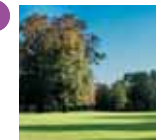
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### THE SWEDISH VILLA

The Swedish Villa is located on the lawn just north of the palace and is a classic example of Sweden's wooden architecture. Queen Louise noticed this charming yellow villa at the famous Nordic Agriculture and Art Exhibition of 1888 and liked it so much that she bought the villa and had it rebuilt in the palace gardens as a guest residence. Today, the villa is used for cultural events and as a café, which serves as popular meeting place for garden visitors in summer. Here you can drink a cup of coffee or tea as you enjoy the views of the palace gardens.

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### THE WOODS

A large area in the western part of the palace gardens is dominated by forest-like vegetation with numerous oak and beech trees. The woods are ideal for a pleasant stroll where the many lovely old oak trees are a striking feature.