



# BOWOOD

## **'DARE-YOUR-DAD' AT BOWOOD THIS FATHER'S DAY!**

*....and visit the private Walled Garden, open for one day only on 15<sup>th</sup> June.*

Don't you think the best present you could give your dad this Father's Day would be the chance to make him believe he's a kid again? Well, bring him along to Bowood's Adventure Playground (nr. Calne, Wiltshire) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June and you can do just that!

It will mean that you'll have to share with the older generation your enjoyment of the various attractions in the playground for one hour only, from 3-4pm, that day ...but really, what could be more fun than seeing a whole group of dads running around and going wild together during this 'Dare-Your-Dad' hour? Whose will be the first to climb up into the crow's nest on the Pirate's Galleon or clamber up to the top of a scramble net? Will your dad tremble as he tackles a high level rope walk or will he come swooshing down the Space Dive without a care in the world? It's up to you to challenge him to see how brave he really is...and is he bolder than you?

Before and after the 'Dare-Your-Dad' hour, you can also play and explore together around other areas of Bowood's Pleasure Grounds. Behind the man-made Cascade at the bottom of the lake (and not far from the Hermit's Cave), you might want to lead him into the Scary Tunnel - it's not long but it's pitch-black! Oh yes, look out too for the Monkey Puzzle tree (one of the tallest in the country) and why not also think about following Bowood's new nature trail together?

Your dad's parents might like to join you too and be reminded of just how mischievous he was when he was your age!

Family members seeking a more sedate past-time while visiting Bowood House & Gardens on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June might like to note that the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne's private garden will enjoy a special, 'one-off' 2008 opening to the public on Father's Day, from 11am-4.30pm. Originally created between 1755-1760, the Walled Garden is tucked away behind Bowood House and features four acres of productive and ornamental gardens. The private garden was last opened up to the public three years ago and proceeds from ticket sales (at £3 per person) will be donated to the Wiltshire Blind Association and Rotary Clubs in Calne and Chippenham.

“Bowood offers wide appeal for all age groups,” comments Lord Lansdowne, “and the attractions lined up for this Father’s Day emphasise this wonderfully.”

On Father’s Day, a two course Sunday Roast lunch will be served at Bowood House Restaurant while a special five course Father’s Day menu will be featured at Bowood Golf & Country Club. Visit [www.bowood-house.co.uk/refreshments](http://www.bowood-house.co.uk/refreshments) and [www.bowood-golf.co.uk/calendar](http://www.bowood-golf.co.uk/calendar) respectively for more details.

*Bowood House & Gardens is open to the public during 2008 up until (and including) Tuesday 4 November, from 11am-6pm daily – with last admissions at 5pm (closing one hour earlier after the autumn clocks go back).*

*Individual entrance tickets start at £4.50 per head for children aged 2-4 and go up to £8 per adult. Special rates for groups and senior citizens are also available, as are Family and Season Tickets.*

*For further details, log on to [www.bowood.org](http://www.bowood.org) or call 01249 812102.*

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### **Note for Editors**

The Adventure Playground attractions that dads can enjoy on Father’s Day are:

- Space Dive slide
- Pirate galleon
- Aerial walk ways
- Scramble net
- Large metal slides
- Tube slides
- Large swing boats

Well-concealed within Bowood’s Pleasure Grounds and close to the visitors’ entrance is the Adventure Playground for children under 12. With slides and catwalks above a play area of swings and trampolines, the Playground also includes a superb life-size pirate ship, a thrilling Space Dive and a series of slides and flumes. For smaller children there’s the separate Soft Play Palace where children can play safely and parents can relax. Nearby, there are two themed party rooms for birthday celebrations: the Bothy Bonanza Party Rooms.

Opened in 1976, the Adventure Playground today attracts some 50,000 children annually.