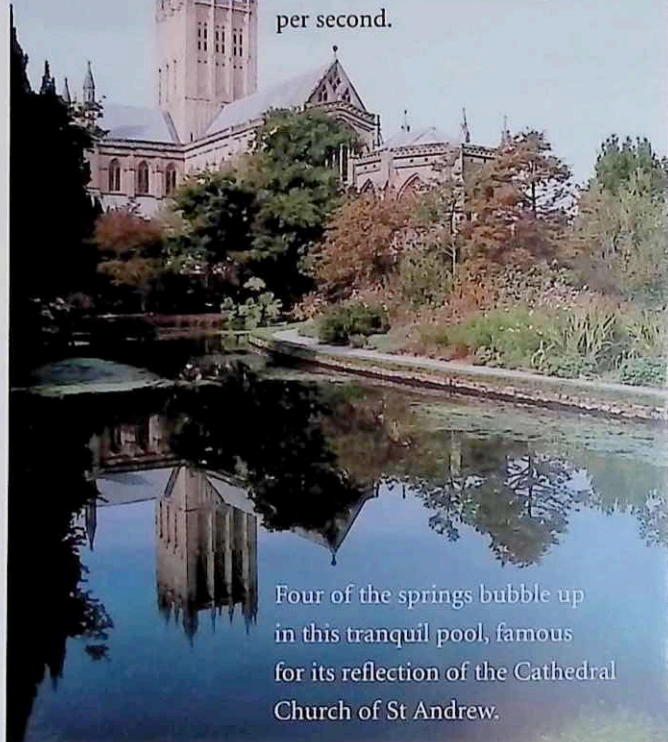


St Andrew's Well

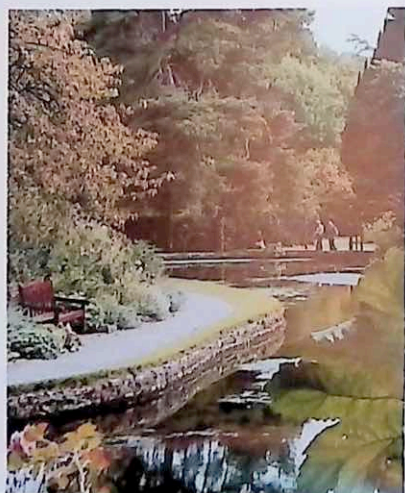
The City of Wells is named after the springs or wells, which rise in the outer gardens. The flow of water averages 40 gallons per second.



Four of the springs bubble up in this tranquil pool, famous for its reflection of the Cathedral Church of St Andrew.

Across the pool lies St Andrew's Well and it is hoped that in the near future it will be possible for visitors to enjoy its quiet tranquility.

At the moment this area can be viewed from the Camery Garden in the Cathedral.



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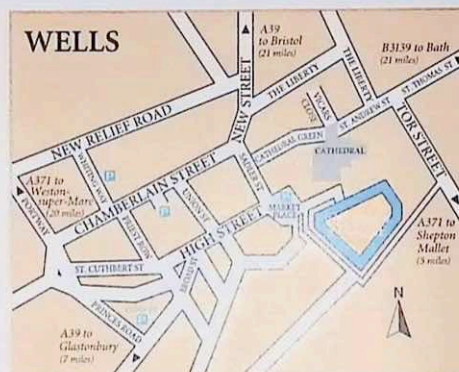
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Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Bank Holidays 10.30am-6.00pm (last entry 5.00pm)

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As a private house, the Palace may, on occasions, have to close without prior notice due to other commitments.



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Beyond the Moat

The story of the Bishop's Palace in Wells begins in 1206 when King John granted Bishop Jocelin land for a residence and deer park. The vaulted Entrance Hall and Undercroft date from this time.

The First Floor Gallery and State Rooms are reached by a Jacobean staircase. These rooms include a portrait gallery of Bishops, The Coronation Cope and The Glastonbury Chair.



Towards the end of the 13th century, Bishop Burnell added both the Great Hall and the Bishop's Chapel, built in the Decorated Style. The chapel has been

used throughout the centuries as a house of prayer and has recently been restored.

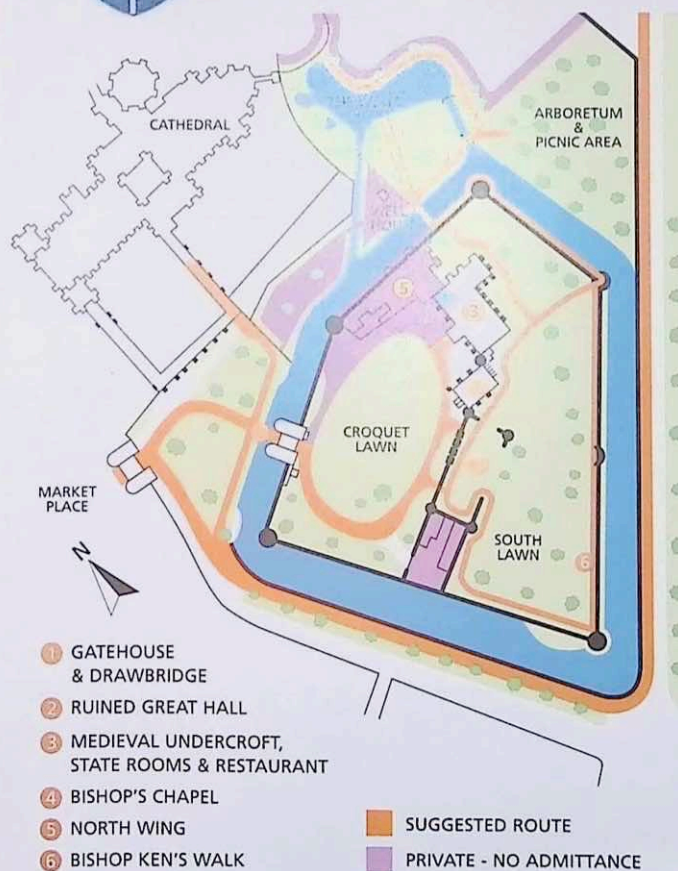
Bishop Beckynton added a north wing in the early 15th century. This part of the Palace is now home and office for the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The Great Hall, once used for lavish banquets, fell into ruin when lead and timbers were removed in the 16th century.

The remains were preserved as a 'Gothic ruin' on the South Lawn by Bishop Law in the 19th century.



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The licensed restaurant in the medieval Undercroft serves coffee, teas, home made cakes and lunches; which may be enjoyed beneath the original vaulted ceiling or outside on the Garden Terrace overlooking the South Lawn.



Mute Swans on the moat can often be seen at the Gatehouse, ringing a bell for food. Swans were trained to do this in the 19th century, and the present pair continue the tradition passing it on to their young.



The Bishop's Palace and Gardens are accessible by wheelchair. The first floor rooms can be reached by a stair lift. Electric wheelchairs are available free of charge.

**Please book to ensure availability.*