





and croquet. Children can paddle in the dam, go fishing, boating, visit the petting farm and take a dip in the recently restored swimming pool.

The natural and cultural features attract many special interest groups, including birding organisations from all over the world, the Orchid, Aloe and Tree Societies, The History Society and various arts groupings. La Rochelle periodically hosts special events, including gardening and art courses, yoga, a classic car rally, wine tasting and bird watching weekends.

A visit to La Rochelle offers the opportunity to experience the natural beauty and rich cultural heritage of a country estate, and to feel the passion which led Sir Stephen and Lady Virginia Courtauld to settle in this unspoilt haven and leave their beloved home in trust for the delight and pleasure of future generations. f

TOP LEFT: Pathway in the gardens.

LEFT: La Rochelle's conference centre.