

Cover image: The North American black tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*) is famed for its riot of colour. Like some other North American species it tends to look its best after a good summer. Discover its story and others on our seasonal trails.

Interested in learning more?
Want to become a member?
Have a question?
Visit our Welcome Building to chat with our friendly volunteers. Open daily 10am – 4pm



Taking our cue from our remarkable seasonal changes, this autumn we are focusing on the future of our Arboretum and the critical work we do.

Originally planted by the wealthy Holford family in the mid-nineteenth century, today Westonbirt is one of the finest tree collections in the world, carefully laid out within a beautiful Grade I picturesque landscape.

Welcome to Westonbirt

What to do today...

- Discover what's at its best using our Window on Westonbirt at the Welcome Building...
- Explore the hidden stories of our trees on our seasonal trails...
- Join a free guided walk throughout Sept / Oct: every day at 11am and also at 2pm at the weekend

- through our programme of workshops...
- Learn new skills**
- Autumn colours photography (6 days) 9 - 14 Sept, 30 Sept - 5 Oct, 7 - 12 Oct, 9 - 5pm
 - Planning planting 3 Oct, 10 - 4pm
 - Printing with leaves 5 Oct, 10 - 4pm
 - Beginners digital photography 7 Oct, 10.30 - 3.30pm
 - Landscaping photography 12 Oct, 13 Nov, 4 Dec, 9.30 - 12.30pm
 - Felt animals 1 Nov, 10.30 - 3.30pm
 - Intermediate digital photography 1 Nov, 10.30 - 3.30pm
 - Willow sculpture 19 Oct & 23 Nov, 10 - 4pm
 - Windsor chair making (6 days) 15, 23 & 25 Oct, 9.15 - 5pm
 - Autumn colours photography 19 Oct & 23 Nov, 10 - 4pm

- For full details of all our events please see forestryengland.uk/westonbirt or ask in the Welcome Building
- Discover Westonbirt anew**
through our guided walks...
- Wonders of Westonbirt * 1st Sat / Sun in Sept / Oct, 11am start. From Daily through Sept / Oct, 11am start. From November onwards
 - Secrets of Silk Wood * Sat / Sun through Sept / Oct, 2pm start
 - Wildflowers * 3 Sept, 1.30pm start
 - Scenes * 1st Sat / Sun in Sept / Oct, 11am start
 - Behind the Fungi Foray * 5 Oct, 10.30 - 12.30pm & 2 - 4pm

Autumn Events



Westonbirt Arboretum is an example of nature at its finest, but it still requires careful management by the dedicated Tree Team, which is why STIHL is extremely proud to support the team with the provision of tools and Personal Protective Equipment. STIHL is the world's leading petrol chainsaw manufacturer and the company's founder, Andreas Stihl, had a vision when he started out; "Making it easier for people to work in and with nature." Working with the Westonbirt Tree Team is just one way that STIHL can continue this legacy. After all, STIHL can only be sustainable if the environment STIHL tools are used in is sustainable as well.

Post a piece of Westonbirt!



To celebrate 100 years of forestry (1919 - 2019) Royal Mail are releasing a set of commemorative stamps featuring the public forest estate cared for by Forestry England, including Westonbirt's famous Acer Glade. royalmail.com/forests

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ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS

An illuminated celebration of Westonbirt's tree collection

29 Nov - 1 Dec, 6 - 8 Dec, 13 - 15 Dec, 20 - 22 Dec
Pre-booking required
Pre-sale for FOWA members - 4 Sept
General sale - 11 Sept
Tickets & info: forestryengland.uk/westonbirt
Box office: 03000 680 400

Join us this autumn and get creative on our special family trail. In the holidays we also have craft and discovery activities...

Meeting the Machines* 21 & 22 Sept, 11 - 4pm
Oct Half Term - Inspired by autumn* 28 Oct - 1 Nov, 10.30 - 3.30pm

Enjoy fantastic art through our creative hands-on events...

Enjoy family time through our creative hands-on events...

Mark Zytynski - Just Cotswold Edge Trees 28 Sept - 6 Oct
The Mixed Palette - Sue Townsend - Colour on Walls 9 - 13 Oct
Firestorm Artists - Elemental 2 16 - 21 Oct

News

Ash interventions

This autumn we are launching a new project in Silk Wood focusing on our ash trees and the serious challenge they (and we) face as a result of chalara ash dieback. This virulent disease is caused by the *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* fungus, which arrived at Westonbirt in 2015. Since then we have monitored the disease's progress; regrettably we have taken the decision that we must act now.

Look out for the installations along the Silk Wood autumn trail to discover more.

A new line of defence!

Sadly, the world's trees are facing a growing number of pests and diseases. We take these potential threats very seriously and have a biosecurity strategy to minimise the risks they pose to our world class collection.

Where possible we look to prevent new pests and diseases arriving at Westonbirt. To help us in this we need to install a special Quarantine House within our Propagation Unit (map ref 17G) that will allow us to better monitor new plants as they arrive at the Arboretum.

Help us protect our trees by finding out more information and donating to our Quarantine House, safeguarding this beautiful landscape for years to come.

Donate at fowa.org.uk/ProtectOurTrees



Visitor Information

Opening times
Arboretum: 9am-5pm (last paid entry 4.30pm)
Welcome Building Information Centre: 10am-4pm

Contact details
General Enquiries: Tel 0300 067 4890 (Mon-Fri)
Email: westonbirt@forestryengland.uk
School visits: 0300 067 4856

First aid, lost persons and lost property
Report to the Welcome Building. If it is an emergency and you are near the shop or restaurant please ask staff to radio the Visitor Services team.

Mobility scooters and wheelchairs
Electric mobility scooters and manual wheelchairs are available.
Call 0300 067 4861

Dogs

- Well behaved dogs are welcome in Silk Wood.
- Dogs must be on leads around the car park, facilities, on the STIHL Treetop Walkway and the Downs.
- The Old Arboretum, Welcome Building and restaurant are dog-free zones (except assistance dogs).

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Discover our changing world!
Autumn map

For alternative formats, please get in touch:
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the friends of Westonbirt Arboretum
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Our Friends support the ongoing care of the Collection and many of our public engagement programmes, including the seasonal trails. If you'd like to support the Arboretum please ask for more information at the Welcome Building.

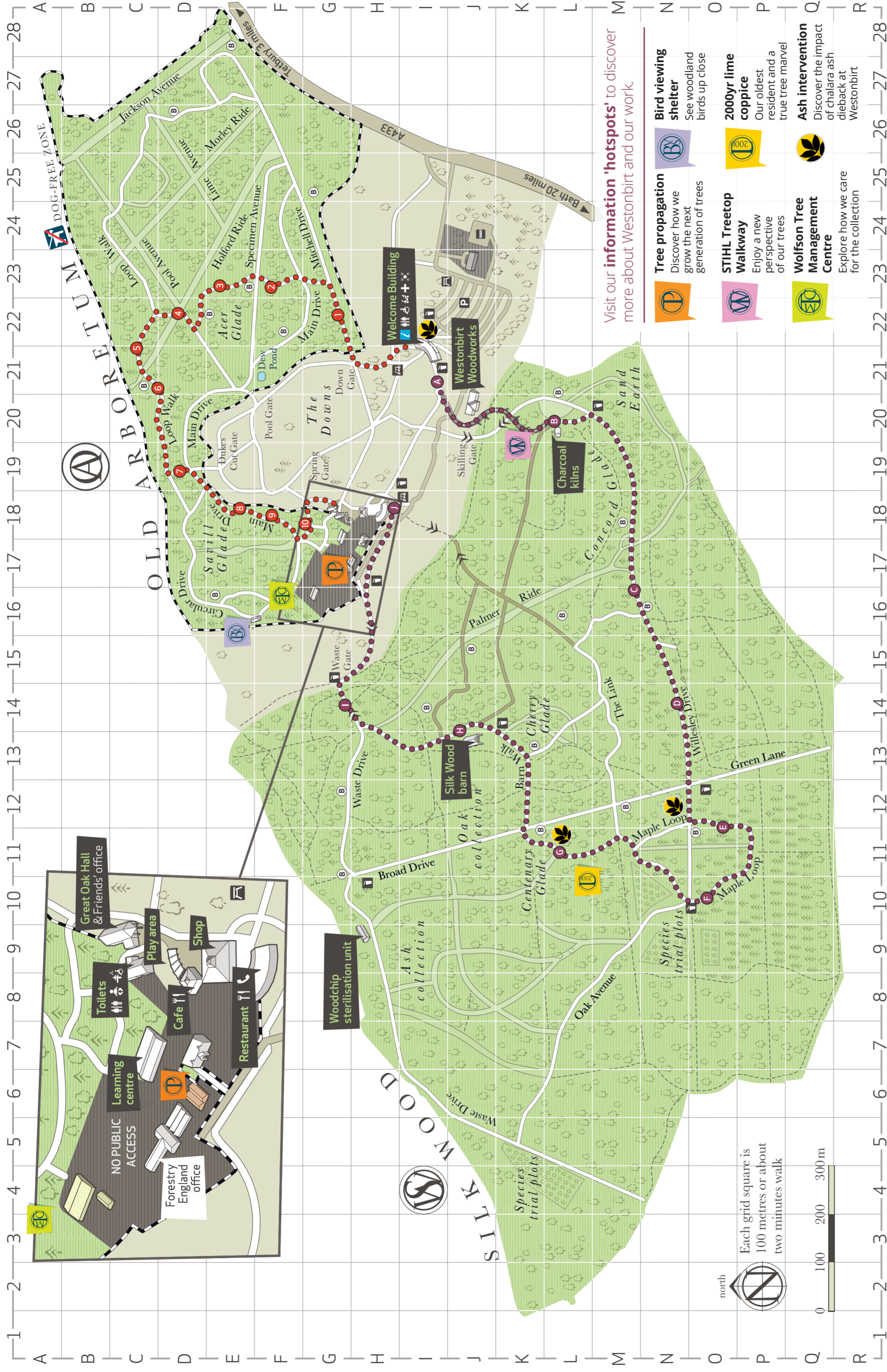
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AUTUMN trail map

Follow our seasonal trails to discover sweet dreams, endangered species, saintly sinners, toxic trees, climate challenges and sensational autumn colour!

- Old Arboretum autumn trail**
1 mile (allow 1 – 1.5 hours)
- Silk Wood autumn trail**
2 miles (allow 1.5 – 2 hours)
- Seasonal trail stops



Visit our **information 'hotspots'** to discover more about Westonbirt and our work.

- Tree propagation**
Discover how we grow the next generation of trees
- Bird viewing shelter**
See woodland birds up close
- 2000yr lime coppice**
Our oldest resident and a true tree marvel
- STIHL Treetop Walkway**
Enjoy a new perspective of our trees
- Wolfson Tree Management Centre**
Explore how we care for the collection
- Ash intervention**
Discover the impact of chalara ash dieback at Westonbirt

Identifying a tree

Tree identification number: 08.0489

Date of planting: 2006

Calycanthus occidentalis
Californian Allspice
CALYCANTHACEAE
U.S.A.

Plant family

Blue labels indicate that the tree is a champion – the largest of its species in Britain (by height or trunk girth).

Key

- Hard path (wheelchair access)
- Woodchip path
- Unsurfaced (grass) path or ride
- Informal woodland path
- Dog-free zone (Old Arboretum)
- Steep slope
- Benches
- Collections / ornamental planting
- Native woodland / coppice
- No public access
- Information
- Ash interventions – Discover our new Silk Wood ash project
- Lost persons
- First aid
- Picnic area
- Toilets
- Disabled toilets
- Baby changing
- Accessible toilet
- Parking
- Dog bins
- Mobility scooters
- Mobility shuttle pick-up
- Coach parking

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£39 Single Annual Membership

£76 Joint Annual Membership

Love Westonbirt?
Become a member at the Welcome Building today

Families – discover more!



For families we have a special activity trail each season and a variety of play features – pick up a leaflet at the Welcome Building.