

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: forestry@england.uk/westonbirt

Box office: 03000 680 400

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

Join us this autumn and get creative on our special Machines* 21 & 22 Sept, 11 - 4pm we also have craft and discovery activities...

Oct Half Term - Inspired by autumn* 28 Oct - 1 Nov, 10.30 - 3.30pm

Enjoy fantastic art through our Great Oak Hall exhibitions...

Cotswold Edge - Just Mark Zytnycki - Trees 28 Sept - 6 Oct

- Inspirations 23 - 28 Oct

Sue Townsend - Colour on Walls 30 Oct - 4 Nov

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

Autumn Events

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* Daily through Sept / Oct, 11am start. From November onwards

Scenes* 1st Sat / Sun in Sept / Oct, 11am start

Wildflowers* 3 Sept, 1.30pm start

Fungi Foray 5 Oct, 10.30 - 12.30pm & 2 - 4pm

Secrets of Silk Wood* Sat / Sun through Sept / Oct, 2pm start

Learn new skills through our programme of workshops...

Autumn colours photography 15, 23 & 25 Oct, 9.15 - 5pm

Willow sculpture 19 Oct & 23 Nov, 10 - 4pm

Printing with leaves 5 Oct, 10 - 4pm

Beginners digital landscape photography 1 Nov, 10.30 - 3.30pm

Intermediate digital photography 1 Nov, 10.30 - 3.30pm

Felt animals 12 Oct, 13 Nov, 4 Dec, 9.30 - 12.30pm

7 Oct, 10.30 - 3.30pm

Still working strong

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!

Westonbirt, The National Arboretum

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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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 tree guided walk throughout Sept / Oct: every day at 11am and also at 2pm at the weekend

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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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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Welcome to Westonbirt

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.

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.

Forestry England

Discover our changing world!

Autumn map

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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.

* denotes free event (normal admission applies).

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
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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 chalarra ash dieback at Westonbirt

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JOIN US TODAY

£39

Single Annual Membership

£76

Joint Annual Membership

Become a member at the Welcome Building today

Love Westonbirt?

Identifying a tree

Tree identification number: 08.04.89

Date of planting: 2006

Calycanthus occidentalis
Californian Allspice
CALYCANTHACEAE
U.S.A.

Plant family: CALYCANTHACEAE

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

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.