



Exploratree play area
Set sail on the 'Exploratree' ship. Visit five continents, dodge wild creatures, crawl through a giant trunk tunnel and take on the balance beams.

- Felled giant** Climb on, race along, decorate with fallen cones, mown grass, mud and more...
- Tree roots** Balance, duck under, clamber over and follow the roots wherever they go.
- Gruffalo Wood** Take a stroll through the deep dark wood... what will you discover?
- Troll bridge** Sssshhh! Tip toe in and keep your eyes peeled. What wildlife can you spot? Scramble through and over.
- Wild bird viewing area** Defend your den, climb in, just sit and plan your next expedition.
- Tree forts** Climb on, race along, decorate with fallen cones, mown grass, mud and more...
- Tyre Tunnel** Build your own explorers tent or natural den, and imagine a great adventure!

Old Arboretum

Fair play!

Respect our trees and landscape

Feel free to pick up anything from the ground, but if something is still attached to a plant, then the plant still needs it!

There are lots of great trees to climb, but they are living things that don't like to be snapped, broken or pulled apart!

Choose larger sturdy trees and don't climb on branches smaller than a child's wrist.

Use fallen natural objects, but please tidy away afterwards, particularly in mown grass areas where sticks can damage our mowers.

Respect other visitors

Not everyone has come to play; other visitors may be seeking a quiet experience or studying our trees.

You are welcome to play ball games on The Downs.

Small bikes, scooters or balance bikes are allowed if the handlebars are less than 70cm high. Ride carefully, especially at busy times and please do not ride across the STIHL Treetop Walkway.

Events

Family events

Inspired by autumn
28 October - 1 November
10:30am - 3:30pm

Join us to discover why our trees change colour and create some autumn inspired art to take home.

- Crafts**
- Every day - leaf flowers
 - Mon - leaf bookmarks
 - Tues - clay fungi
 - Wed - seed creatures
 - Thurs - acorn toadstools
 - Fri - leaf wildlife collage

Discovery table
Exploring seeds and fungi with microscopes.

Discovery

Meet our machines
21 and 22 September
11am - 4pm

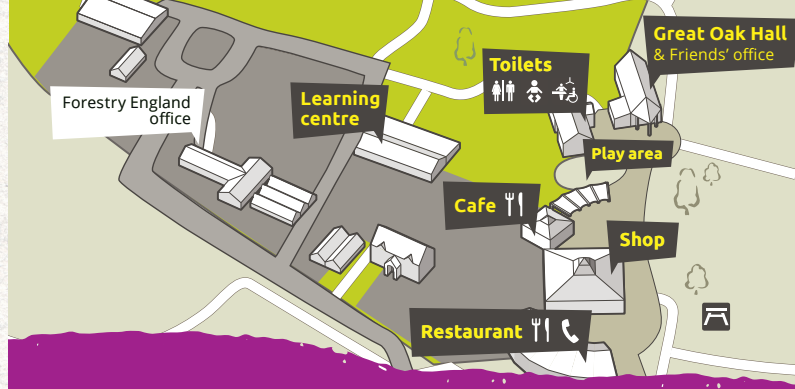
Find out more about the work of our tree team, meet their machines and have a go at our throw line challenge.

Amazing autumn
26 and 27 October
1pm - 4pm

Come and discover the amazing variety of seeds and fungi, find out about the science of autumn colour and make your own detailed leaf prints to take home.



Ready, set... play!



Family friendly facilities

Toilets including baby changing facilities are available at the Welcome Building and next to the Great Oak Hall.

Families are catered for in the Westonbirt Restaurant with a children's menu, bottle warming and highchairs.

Our Exploratree play area, designed for young children, is situated next to the outdoor café.

the friends of Westonbirt Arboretum

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Inspired by autumn

Calling all explorers!



Westonbirt is full of exciting nooks and crannies just waiting to be discovered!
Use the map inside to follow our hands-on family activity trails or find our wider play features.

- Tall tree trail** Balance your way, explore through thick and thin... where will it lead?
- Ted's fright** Beware the big bad wolf! Hide in the long grass; creep, sneak and surprise your friends. do you dare go and see?
- Knock on wood** Good luck to all! Play music, talk to wood spirits or call to woodpeckers!
- Mr Wolf?** What time is it?
- Ted's fright** Beware the big bad wolf! Hide in the long grass; creep, sneak and surprise your friends. do you dare go and see?

Silk Wood

Inspired by autumn family trail

Try the activities at each of the trail stops.

Old Arboretum
Autumn trail ●●●●
Approx 1.5 miles (allow 1 hour)

Silk Wood
Autumn trail ●●●●●
Approx 2 miles (allow 1.5 hours)

Autumn kaleidoscope
Which colours did you find and match?

Autumn is...

Use the colour names you create to build a description of autumn.

leaves

fungi

berries

Treasure quests

Design two more autumn treasure quests for your group to try. Write them down and record who won each quest.

Tree Quest Champion



Quest:

Tree Quest Champion



Quest:

Food trail

Draw a map of your food trail. Add the shape of the route and any key features along the way.



Woodland world

Add your object to the woodland showing what it has become and label it.

Autumn view

Draw your favourite autumn view



Children's University
Our family trails are validated by the Children's University. To claim three hours for your passport send a photo of your completed trail form to: learning.westonbirt@forestryengland.uk

