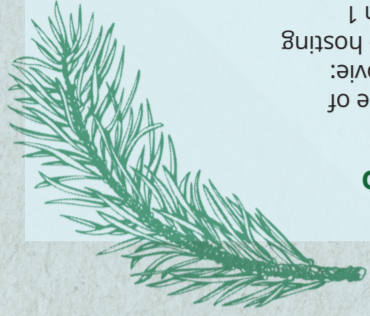




To celebrate the release of 'Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon', we'll be hosting a very special trail from 1 December 2019 to 29 February 2020! Shaun needs your help with a secret mission. Lu-La, a mischievous young alien, has been stranded in the forest! Can you figure out the clues along the trail to help Lu-La get home?

Shaun the Sheep Glow Trail

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Wild Westonbirt* 21 Dec, 10 - 4pm
Fun with sticks* 17 - 21 Feb, 10.30 - 3.30pm
Spring symphony* 14 - 17 Apr, 11 - 4pm
Tots & Twigs Thursdays and Fridays during school term time; sessions at 10.15am and 12.30pm

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

Join us during the holidays to explore our relationship with trees through craft and discovery activities!

News



Help us get greener!

We have installed a new water bottle filling station in the Welcome Building, and offer 30p off any hot drink at the restaurant and café when you bring in a reusable cup. You will also notice more recycling bins in

the restaurant. Plus if you arrive at the arboretum by bike or public transport we'll take £2 off your entrance fee*. Please do join us in helping to reduce our waste!

*Applies to adult tickets only

Chalara ash dieback – the emotional impact

We have been overwhelmed by the response to our 'Woodland Wanderings' exhibit over the past few months. This was one of our autumn installations to raise awareness of the impact chalara ash dieback will have at the arboretum, and asked visitors to contribute their



feelings about what woods mean to them. Many poignant thoughts were shared, which show the emotional connection our visitors have with trees. We plan to use these to help us develop future public engagement, as the ash project continues.



A growing arboretum... literally!

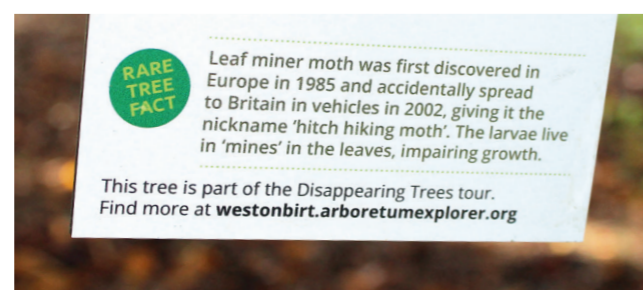
We are thrilled to announce that for the first time in nearly 200 years, the National Arboretum has expanded. Forestry England and the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum have purchased Silk Wood House, a 29 acre property adjacent to the arboretum. The last time the arboretum grew was in 1840, when our founder Robert Holford purchased Silk Wood,

so this is an important step in the arboretum's history. We have lots of ideas on what to do with the property and we will be working closely with visitors and members to find out what their aspirations are for the arboretum.



Rare trees go digital

We are pleased to announce that our popular 'Little Book of Disappearing Trees' about the rare trees at Westonbirt is now available online at: westonbirt.arboretumexplorer.org - click on the 'Tours' tab for the trail.



Happy hunting – look out for the tree labels!



For full details of all our events please see forestryengland.uk/westonbirt or ask in the Welcome Building through our guided walks...

Discover Westonbirt anew

Our full guided walks programme will start again on the 1st of March 2020.

Learn new skills through our programme of workshops...

Wonders of Westonbirt* Every Sat / Sun; 11am start
 Explore the seasonal highlights of the Old Arboretum

Christmas Wreath Workshop 10 Dec; sessions at 10.30am & 1pm
Willow Sculpture 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 14 Mar; 10 - 4pm
Printing with Leaves 28 Mar

Get active in the arboretum...
Firewood Sales (depending on availability) Every Saturday 9am - 12pm
Buggyfit Every Fri, 10.30am

* denotes free event (normal admission applies)



What to do today...

- **Explore** our seasonal trails or family activity trail
- **Join** a free guided walk every Sat / Sun at 11am
- **Discover** which plants are looking their best at the Welcome Building
- **Find** our tallest tree – a grand fir (*Abies grandis*) hidden on Morley Drive (Map ref 25D)...
- **Enjoy** our woodland birds at the bird viewing shelter...



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. Explore the subtleties of winter: beautiful bark patterns, majestic conifers and intricate tree silhouettes... discover more on our seasonal trail!

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 - 3.30pm

Visitor Information

Opening times
 Arboretum: 9am-5pm (last paid entry 4pm)
 Welcome Building Information Centre: 10am-3:30pm

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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Forestry England

Discover Westonbirt in winter

Seasonal map

For alternative formats, please get in touch:
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fe.england@forestryengland.uk

the friends of Westonbirt Arboretum
 Registered Charity 293190

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.

Please recycle after use

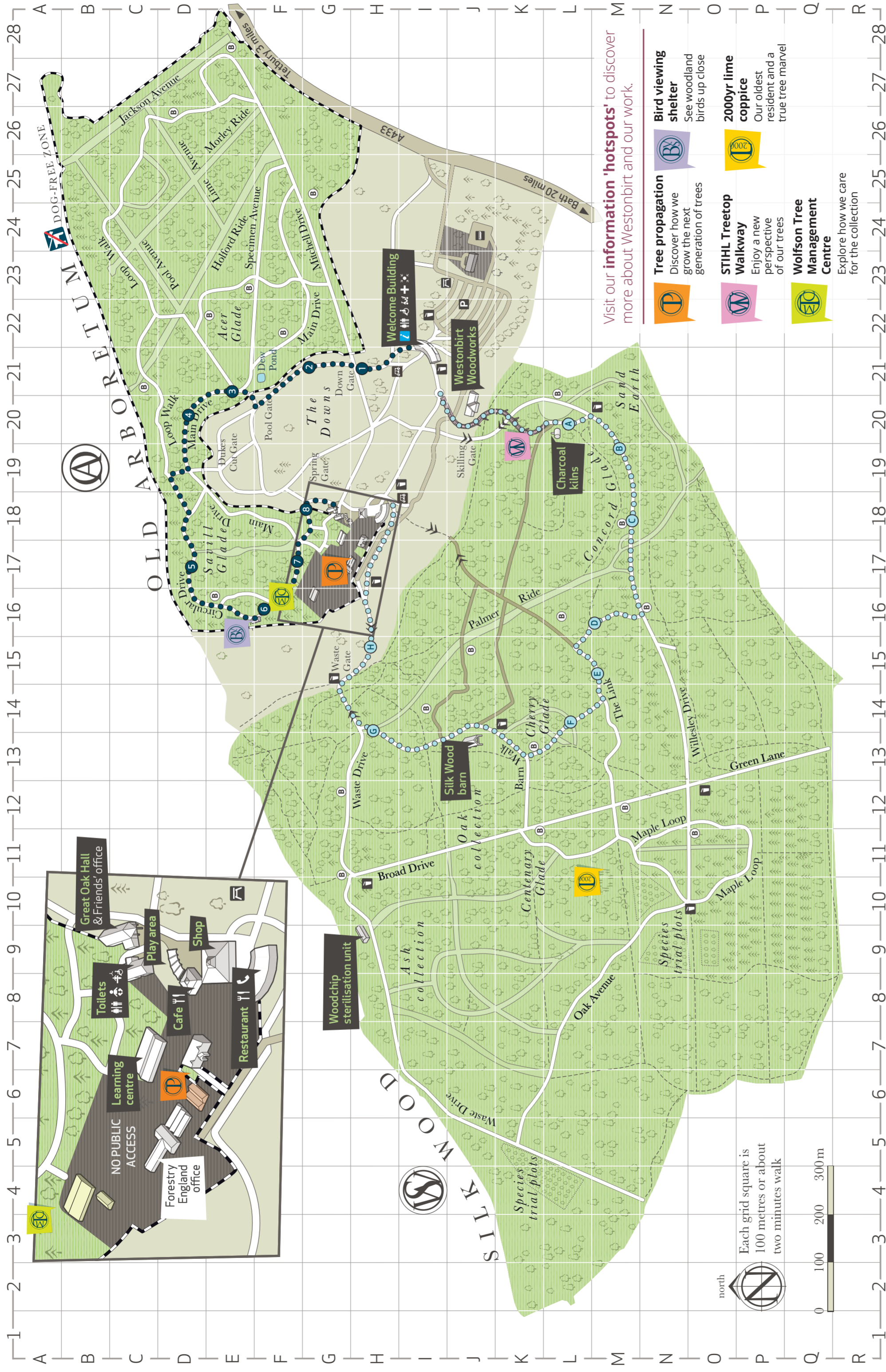
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WINTER trail map

Follow our seasonal trails to discover seasonal scents, gold dust, festive traditions, strawberries and our beautiful winter landscape!

- Old Arboretum winter trail
1 mile (allow 1 - 1.5 hours)
- Silk Wood winter trail
1.5 miles (allow 1.5 - 2 hours)
- ② 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
- STIHL Treetop Walkway**
Enjoy a new perspective of our trees
- Wolfson Tree Management Centre**
Explore how we care for the collection

- Bird viewing shelter**
See woodland birds up close
- 2000yr lime coppice**
Our oldest resident and a true tree marvel

Identifying a tree

Tree identification number: 08.0489

Date of planting: 2006

Calycanthus occidentalis
Californian Allspice
CALYCANTHACEAE

Country of origin: 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
- ℹ Information
- 👤 Lost persons
- 🛠 First aid
- 🍷 Picnic area
- 🚻 Toilets
- ♿ Disabled toilets
- 👶 Baby changing
- ♿ Accessible toilet
- P Parking
- 🐕 Dog bins
- 🚲 Mobility scooters
- 🚗 Mobility shuttle pick-up
- 🚘 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.

JOIN US TODAY

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£76

Single Annual Membership

Joint Annual Membership

Love Westonbirt?

Become a member at the Welcome Building today