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BUTE PARK CHAMPION TREE TRAIL

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Bute Park contains a nationally significant arboretum collection. Dr Owen Johnson of the Tree Register of the British Isles (TROBI), described the park as 'unique in public parks in Britain or Ireland for its scope and its quantity of rare material'.

An arboretum is a planned collection of trees where specimens from around the world are planted for ornamental and/or educational reasons. You can think of it like an exhibition of trees.

Bute Park has the highest number of "champion trees" in any UK public park (the park with the second highest number of champions is Roath Park, so Cardiff is uniquely blessed with special trees!). A champion tree is the tallest specimen recorded in the British Isle or has the largest trunk girth measured at 1.5m off the ground.



5 3888 Curled Holly

When on site, you will notice that all champion trees have a timber post in front of them displaying the tree's blue champion tree label.

This label will tell you the year the tree first gained champion status, and whether it was for its height (H), girth (G) or both (H & G).



On top of the post are two QR codes containing Welsh and English directions to help you read the map and locate the next tree along the trail. The trees themselves should have a black label on them as well as their tag number.

Don't expect all our champions to be giants as some trees naturally grow small when compared to other species. Also, some trees may be classed as champions due to their rarity rather than stature. There is simply a lack of competition from other known UK specimens.



The route mostly involves walking off main footpaths on grass or along informal tracks across open ground. For this reason, we advise you that it is **not wheelchair or pushchair friendly**.
Closed shoes or wellies should be worn.



- Download free QR reader app
- Open app
- Show QR code to camera as if taking a photo



This trail uses QR code technology it may sound high tech but it is really simple to use.

- You don't need WiFi
- You won't use any data
- Written directions are embedded within the code itself.

You do need to have a QR code reader and a smart phone with camera to access the written directions.

You can download a free QR code reader from your app store either using your data plan or the free public WiFi available at the Bute Park Education Centre. A member of staff will be happy to assist you.

Further Information

Only trees with UK champion status have been included in the trail. However, the park contains numerous trees with champion status at the Wales and Glamorgan county level.

More information about these trees are available at the websites listed below.



www.cardiffparks.org.uk

General information about the Bute Park arboretum collection including photos of the champions and other notable trees through the seasons.



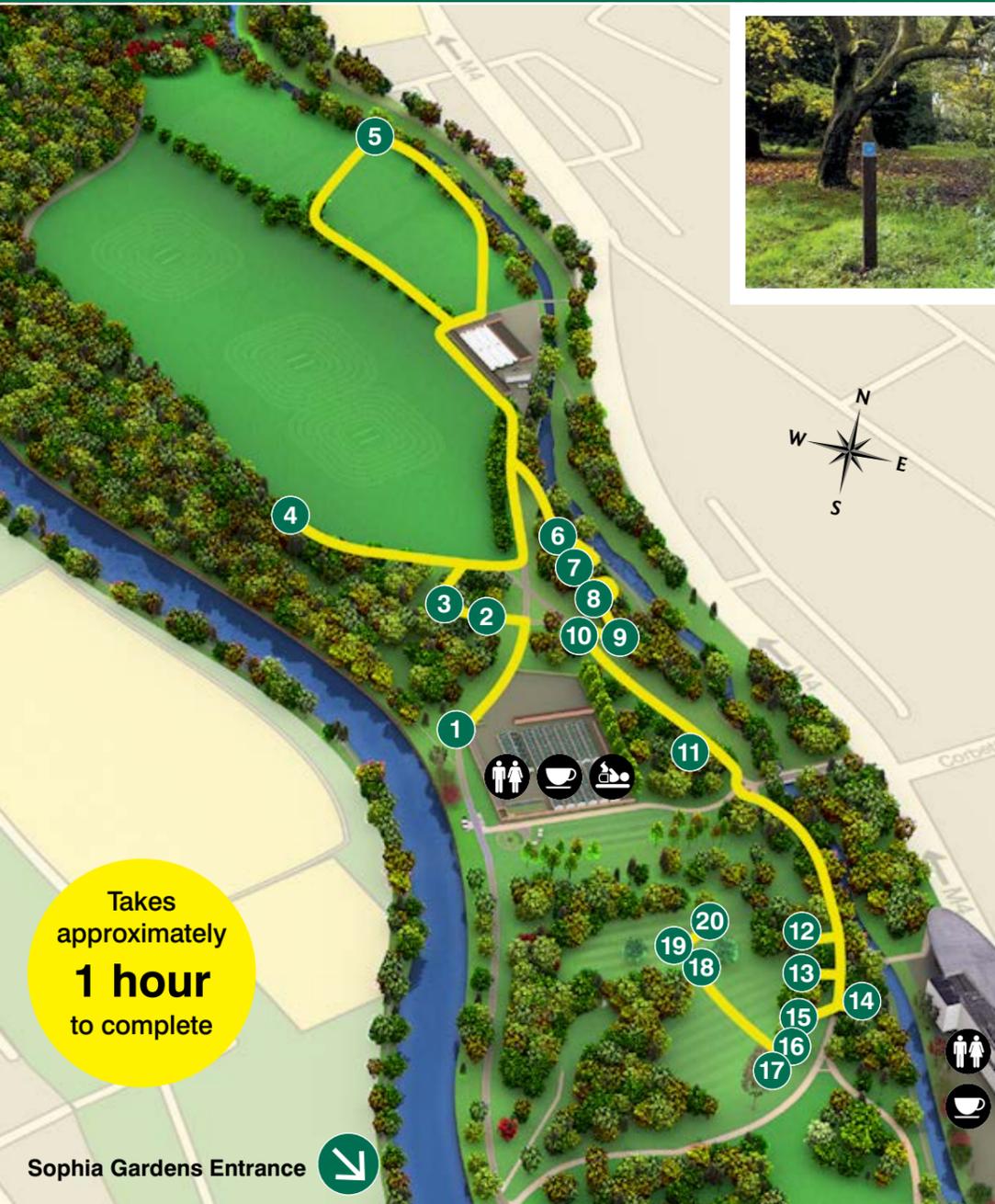
www.treeregister.org

The website of the registered charity who record and collate information on notable UK trees, including champions. This is the authority source for determining trees with champion status.



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Scan this QR code to get directions to your first tree



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Route order and tag No:

- 1 3060 **Tapering Leaf Maple**
(Common name)

Botanical Name:
Acer acuminatum

Pronunciation:
AY-sa ah-kew-min-AH-tum

Year first gained champion status: 2013

Champion for height, girth or both: G

Year planted: 1950's

Planted by: W Nelmes Snr

Brief description & notable features: Dark grey bark, growing to 10 metres. Its leaves are three-lobed, sharply toothed, and with long, pointed tips. Small, greenish flowers appear in April/May. Reddish fruit when young.

- 2 3027 **Tartar Maple**

Acer tataricum
AY-sa tat-TAR-ih-kum
2013, G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

Small and spreading with grey-brown bark. Bright green, oval, toothed leaves. The flowers are greenish-white. Deep red fruit in early autumn. Early leaf drop with no significant colour.

- 3 2987 **Durango Emory Oak**

Quercus durifolia
KWER-kus dur-i-FOL-ee-a
2013, H, 1990-91, M. Frazer

A dainty-leaved and elegant evergreen with mid-green, alternate, simple leaves. The flowers appear in spikes. Brown nuts.

- 4 2895 **Hornbeam**

Carpinus betulus 'Columnaris'
Kar-PINE-us BET-u-lus
Kol-um-nah-ris
2013, G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

Compact, columnar shape. Noted for its dense dark green summer foliage that clusters at the branch tips. Yellow leaves in autumn.

- 5 3888 **Curled Holly**

Ilex aquifolium 'Crispa'
I-leks x a-kwee-FOH-lee-um
KRIS-pa
2013, G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

A cultivar of common holly with purple-grey bark and twisted, thick leathery leaves with few or no spines except for a sharp pointed tip. Male clone. No fruit.

- 6 2711 **Oriental Thorn**

Crataegus orientalis
Kra-TE-gus or-ee-en-TAH-lis
2013, H, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

A small tree often without thorns. Brown, coarse, scaled bark. Deeply cut leaves, dark green above and grey underneath, with fine hairs. White flowers followed by large red haws.

- 7 2741 **Hawthorn**

Crataegus x sinaica
Kra-TE-gus x sign-EYE-i-ca
2013, H & G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

An upright small tree, with brown or grey rough-textured bark. Wedge-shaped, toothed leaves, deeply lobed. White, cream or pink flower clusters followed by large red haws.

- 8 2754 **Weeping Pink Thorn**

Crataegus monogyna 'Pendula Rosea'
Kra-TE-gus mon-o-JIN-a
'PEND-yoo-la RO-zee-a'
2013, H & G, 1992/93, M Frazer (Sponsored by Clive Hall Old Girls)

A cultivar of the Common hawthorn, *Crataegus monogyna*, with a weeping shape. It has pink flowers in late spring and red haws in late summer.

- 9 2762 **Hawthorn**

Crataegus heldreichii
Kra-TE-gus held-RYE-key-eye
2013, H & G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

A small tree with deeply cut leaves with lobes toothed at the tips. In spring it has white flowers. The fruits are red haws.

- 10 2760 **Hawthorn**

Crataegus meyeri
Kra-TE-gus mey-er-eye
2016, H & G, 1991-92, M Frazer

Reaches 4m by 4m. White flowers have an aromatic scent which later have an unpleasant, rotten odour to attract midges for fertilisation. Bright red haws in autumn.

- 11 2623 **Cardinal Royal Rowan**

Sorbus aucuparia 'Cardinal Royal'
SORE-bus aucu-par-ee-AH
2013, H & G, 1990-91, M Frazer (Donated by Ian Grist MP)

Cardinal Royal has bright red berries (hence cardinal) and an upright and compact shape. Creamy-white spring flowers and dark green leaflets turning orange. Grows up to 10m.

- 12 2428 **Flowering Crab**

Malus x sublobata
MALE-us x sub-LO-ba-ta
2013, H & G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

A small pyramidal tree. Its leaves are narrower than most apples and with occasional lobes on new growth. Pale pink flowers are followed by yellow-orange fruits.

- 13 2409 **Oporto Crab**

Malus x purpurea 'Oporto'
MALE-us pur-PUR-ee-a
2016, H & G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

Malus x purpurea 'Oporto' has vivid red spring flowers, purple-red foliage and small purple-red fruits.

- 14 1952 **Chilko Crab**

Malus 'Chilko'
MALE-us 'CHIL-co's
2013, H & G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

A small tree with a spreading crown. Purplish young leaves greening later. Large, rose-pink flowers produced mid-April. Glossy, purplish fruits about 1.5 in long in August.

- 15 2382 **Weeping Crab**

Malus x scheideckeri 'Excellenz Theil'
MALE-us x shay-DECK-er-ee
Ex-CELL-enz THE-el
2015, G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

Malus scheideckeri 'Excellenz Theil' is small and very pendulous. It has semi double flowers, deep pink in bud and opening white-pink.

- 16 2376 **Butterball Crab**

Malus 'Butterball'
MALE-us 'Butterball'
2017, H & G, 1991-92, M Frazer
A small, spreading tree with drooping branches. Grey-green leaves in spring maturing to bright green. White flowers tinged with pink. 2 to 3cm round apples, yellow with a red-orange flush.

- 17 2371 **Cheltenham Crab**

Malus 'Cheltenham'
MALE-us 'Cheltenham'
2015, G, 1960's, W Nelmes Snr

Malus 'Cheltenham' occurs in planting records for Bute Park and Dyffryn Gardens, Vale of Glamorgan, both trees are believed to have been planted in the 1960s, but no other examples of this cultivar are known to exist. At Bute Park the name appears on original maps of the arboretum made by William Nelmes Senior.

- 18 2438 **Sunset Boulevard Cherry**

Prunus 'Sunset Boulevard'
PRUE-nus 'Sunset Boulevard'
2013, H & G, 1995-96, M Frazer (Donated by Cantonian High School)

A narrow, conical tree, becoming oval. Its leaves emerge coppery in colour, turning green then golden yellow. Long lasting flowers appear in pairs with the leaves, white tinged with pink.

- 19 2533 **Japanese Flowering Cherry**

Prunus 'Ichiyo'
PRUE-nus 'Ich-iyo'
2013, G, 1990/91, M Frazer (Sponsored by Katherine Edwards)

A small deciduous tree with a spreading habit and light bronze-green young foliage. Shell-pink, rounded double flowers in pendulous, long-stalked clusters in mid-spring.

- 20 2535 **Japanese Cherry**

Prunus 'Yedo Zakura'
PRUE-nus 'Yed-o Za-KUR-a'
2005, G, 1950's, W Nelmes Snr

A small upright tree. Broadly oblong, serrated leaves, coppery-brown, maturing to green. Flowers before the leaves emerge, in early April. The flowers are semi-double, pink or white, opening from deep red buds.



The park opens 7.30am and closes 30 mins before sunset. Daily closing times are displayed on site and on our website.

www.bute-park.com

