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# Spring/Summer

There's so much to do at Westonbirt Arboretum in spring and summer... here are a few highlights for your diaries.

- The ARB Show**  
17 - 18 May  
Come and meet the experts who work with the nation's trees. Watch exciting stunts and demonstrations, and get involved with educational workshops.
- Big Forest Find**  
31 May - 1 June  
Learn all about bugs and beasts, and the native flora that can be found at Westonbirt Arboretum.

- Forest Live**  
A major outdoor live music event set to a spectacular forest backdrop.
- 13 June - **Stereophonics** SOLD OUT
- 14 June - **Paul Weller** SOLD OUT
- 15 June - **Jack Savoretti (pictured)**
- 16 June - **Hacienda Classical**



Find out more  
You can see all of our great events at [forestryengland.uk/westonbirt](http://forestryengland.uk/westonbirt)



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**KIDS GO FREE**  
26 July - 2 September

## For families

Explore, play and discover the fun of the great outdoors with our exciting family activities this spring and summer.

- Zog Activity Trail**  
Pick up a Zog activity pack from the Welcome Building and collect stars as you complete interesting challenges along the way.
- Family Activity Trail**  
Discover all about the amazing world of trees and complete exciting activities along the way.
- Birt the Wood Chipper**  
For our younger visitors, head out on an 'I spy' adventure with Birt the Wood Chipper and see what you can spot through 14 awesome outdoor activities.
- Gruffalo Wood**  
Take a stroll through the deep dark wood... and come face to face with the Gruffalo and his friends!

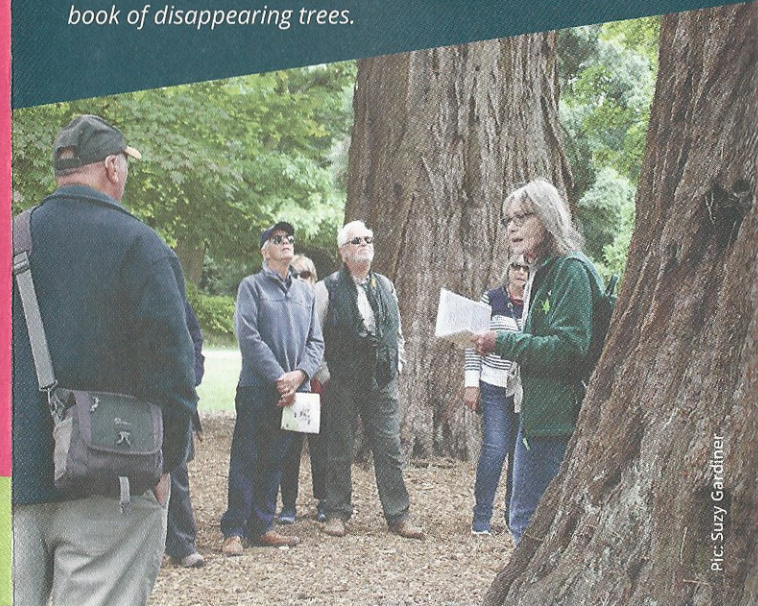
Please note the Zog activity trail ends Sun 2 Jun.

See our full list of family activities at [forestryengland.uk/westonbirt](http://forestryengland.uk/westonbirt)

## Activities

Whenever you visit, you'll find there is always something amazing to do at Westonbirt Arboretum.

- The STIHL Treetop Walkway**  
Experience Westonbirt's trees at a whole new level on a magical walk through the canopy.
- Free Guided Walks**  
Explore our remarkable collection and its history in the company of our experienced and friendly guides.
- Seasonal Trail**  
Discover the seasonal highlights of the arboretum with a new stunning trail to explore every season.
- Picture Perfect Trail**  
Explore our Picture Perfect Trail and discover how we plant our trees to create the perfect photo opportunity. Pick up a trail map from the Welcome Building.
- The little book of disappearing trees**  
Discover 40 of the world's rarest trees with *The little book of disappearing trees*.



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# JOIN US TODAY

the friends of Westonbirt Arboretum

Become a **FRIEND OF WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM** from just £39 for a single membership and enjoy visiting all year round!

Join at the Welcome Building.  
Terms & conditions apply.

**Easy to get around**  
We are proud to be a fully accessible site! There are over 17 miles of hard-paths through the arboretum, suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters & prams. We also offer free mobility scooter loan and a mobility shuttle service on certain days. Call 0300 067 4861 to reserve a mobility scooter in advance of your visit.

**Restaurant and shop**  
Pop in for a well-deserved break after your walk and enjoy a refreshing drink and delicious food, or pick up a souvenir from our shop.

**Dogs**  
Dog-friendly Silk Wood offers hundreds of acres to explore, but please note that the Old Arboretum is a dog-free zone.



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## Westonbirt The National Arboretum



# Spring into Summer



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A garden like no other, Westonbirt Arboretum contains over 15,000 beautiful, rare and remarkable trees from the far corners of the globe, offering a unique space to explore, relax or have an adventure...



## Come alive at spring

**A**lmost 200 years ago, wealthy Victorian Robert Holford set out to create one of the most attractive and diverse tree gardens in the world.

In the heyday of Victorian plant hunting, he financed expeditions to the furthest corners of the British Empire, seeking out the rare, the beautiful and the extraordinary. He brought back some of the world's most remarkable plants to his estate.

Today, what began as one man's passion is now one of the most important botanical collections in the world, renowned not only for its diversity, but also for its breath-taking beauty...

The arboretum may be famed across the world for autumn colour but we'll let you in on a little secret... spring is just as spectacular!

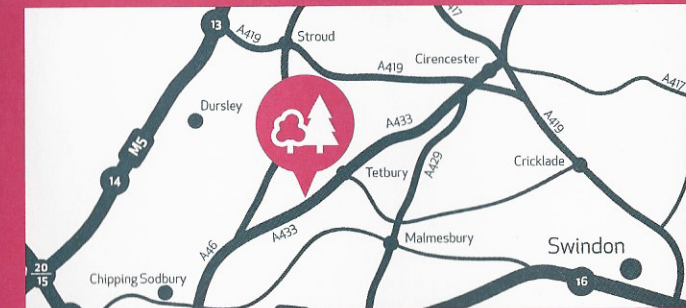
Immerse yourself in the colourful and scented magic of blossoming trees and discover the beauty of spring awakening.

Discover the best the season has to offer on our seasonal trail, go on a guided walk or explore off the beaten track to discover a hidden gem.

## Summer Days

Discover your own green oasis; enjoy a picnic, catch 40 winks, have your own family adventure or take a break from the sun under the shade of our historic trees!

Famed for a sweet scent the mock orange (*Philadelphus spp.*) is a summer delight. Sniff them out along Willesley Drive in Silk Wood.



### Admissions

**Open** 9am – 5pm  
**Last entry** 4.30pm March to November inclusive  
 4pm December to February inclusive  
 We are open every day except Christmas Day

### Prices

	Adult	Reduced entry	Child	Group rate
1 March 2019 – 30 November 2019	£10	£7	£4	Adult £8 Child £2
1 December 2019 – 28 February 2020	£7	£5	£3	Adult £6 Child £1

\*We offer reduced entry for students, job seekers and those arriving by public transport and bicycle. Please note, kids go free 26 July – 2 September.

### Directions

From Wales, London or the south west, exit the M4 at J18 onto the A46 north, then take the A433.

From Cheltenham, Oxfordshire and the north, go to Tetbury via Cirencester and follow the brown signs south on the A433.

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