



WEST LODGE PARK  
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT

## THE BEALE ARBORETUM

### Welcome to the Beale Arboretum

This wonderful arboretum was founded in 1963 by Edward Beale in association with Derek Honour, Arboricultural advisor to the GLC and with Frank Knight, Director of the RHS at Wisley. It has been developed over the past 45 years by Edward Beale's son Trevor and grandson Andrew.

An explanatory leaflet and map is available free at the hotel reception.

The tree above you is *Taxodium Distichum*, (Swamp Cypress), dating from c 1850 - a very fine specimen of this deciduous conifer a very ancient species, related to the *Metasequoia Glyptostrobooides* seen later.

Look around at the arc of mature trees planted by the former owner John Cater in the mid 1800's, starting with the *Quercus Robur* (English Oak) in the car park in front of the hotel, around past the *Taxodium Distichum* to the *Cupressus Macrocarpa* (Monterey Pine), to the *Sequoia Sempervirens* (Coastal Redwood), the *Sequoiadendron Giganteum* Wellingtonia (Giant Redwood) and the beautiful *Cedrus Libani* (Cedar of Lebanon)

Follow the path to the left of the grand urns and steps to commence your tour of the Beale Arboretum.



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### The Pinetum

The Pinetum contains wonderful conifers from all parts of the world. It is particularly useful to be able to compare so many firs, spruces and pines in close proximity to one another.

The rarest tree in the arboretum is *Quercus x Roseceae filiformis* a cross between the common *Quercus Robur* and *Quercus Petraea*.

Look out for *Picea Abies Acrocona* notable for its “terminal” cones at the end of each branch.

*Pinus Wallichiana* (Bhutan Pine) has a lovely feminine wispy form with huge blue cones.

*Pinus Pinea* (Umbrella or Stone Pine) is commonly grown in Mediterranean lands but copes well at this northern limit to its zone of tolerance.

*Pinus Strobus* (Weymouth Pine) is so named not after the place but after Lord Weymouth, the Marquess of Bath.



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### Proposed Taxodium National Collection

The proposed NCCPG National Collection of Taxodium (Swamp or bald cypress) and cultivars includes :

- T. Distichum
- T. Ascendens Nutans
- T. Distichum Cave Hill
- T. Distichum Cascade Falls
- T. Distichum Hursley Park
- T. Distichum Imbricatum
- T. Distichum Little Twister
- T. Distichum Minaret
- T. Distichum Peve Minaret
- T. Distichum Schloss Herten
- T. Distichum Secrest
- T. Distichum Mickleson
- T. Distichum Mucronatum
- T. Distichum Gee Wiz
- T. Distichum Shawnee Brave
- T. Distichum Pendens
- T. Distichum Prairie Sentinel

National collection status is prestigious recognition of the national importance of particular collections, and is conferred by Plant Heritage, the new name for the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens.

Our very comprehensive Taxodium collection is mainly young at present, and the plan is to apply for full National collection status in a few years time. The majority of these cultivars are planted out but some are being grown on in our nursery.

Taxodiums are native to the southern states of the US, and are named after Taxus (Yew) because of the similarity of their foliage to that of yews. They thrive in boggy soils and are semi-evergreen conifers with beautiful rusty red autumn colouring.



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### More Pinetum trees

Look out for *Metasequoia Glyptostrobooides* (Dawn Redwood) a fossil tree long thought to be extinct yet rediscovered in China in 1941 and brought to the outside world in 1948.

*Picea Breweriana* (Brewers Spruce) grows in California up to 6000'

*Picea Omorika* (Serbian Spruce) from the Balkans. Reputed to be the timber which Stradivarius selected for his famous violins.

*Thuja Plicata* (Western Red Cedar) a very shapely tree from British Columbia. The timber is highly prized and is unusual in that it can be trimmed as the foliage regenerates.

*Wollemis Nobilis* (Wollemi Pine) A fossil tree, thought extinct for 200 million years, yet rediscovered by David Noble in the Wollemi National Park (Australia) in 1996. The location of the small grove of mature trees is a closely guarded secret.

*Gingko Biloba* (Maidenhair tree) – the most ancient of trees, first appearing in the Permian period, 300 million years ago. Now unknown in the wild but was saved for ever by being cultivated in China for millions of years due to the edible seeds. The common name refers to the leaf shape which resembles the maidenhair fern.



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### The Main Ride

A wonderful view back to the 1838 building of West Lodge Park and forward to the monument erected by Trevor and Andrew Beale to Edward Beale who died in 1998.

Look out for *Mahonia Bealeii* (Asian Mahonia)

*Juglans Nigra* (Black Walnut) planted by Trevor Beale. A very valuable tree, with the wood used for gunstocks.

*Nyssa Sylvatica* (Black Tupelo) a native American tree with a wonderful autumn scarlet colour.

*Corylus Avellana Contorta* (Corkscrew Hazel) with crazily shaped stems and leaves a great favourite of flower arrangers and in rude health despite looking rather sickly when in leaf. The first specimen to be cultivated was at Myddleton House, close to West Lodge Park.

*Tamarix pentandra* 'Pink Cloud' (Tamarisk) with plumes of pink flowers in spring – a particularly good plant for windy sites.

*Mespilus Germanica* (Medlar) – a well known fruit tree in Elizabethan times with brown fruit that only become edible when they are over ripe, but often used for jellies and jams.



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### The Lower Ride

Look out for *Cornus Mas*, (Cornelian Cherry or Dogwood) for lovely variegated leaves in summer and vivid red stems in winter.

*Quercus Coccinea splendens* (Scarlet Oak) for fantastic autumn colour.

*Quercus Rubra* (Northern Red Oak) another autumn tree, a native of North America.

*Sorbus* (Mountain Ash) several varieties in this area, with delicate leaves, colourful berries, but difficult to grow at this northern limit to their temperate zone.

*Sorbus Terminalis* (Wild Service Tree) quite rare now. The fruit used to be used in beer instead of hops, and was reputedly good for colic.

*Hamamelis virginiana* (Witch Hazel) – prized for the fragrant yellow flowers that appear unusually in the autumn as the leaves fall.

*Crataegus Monogyna* (Hawthorn) – a much under rated tree with a mass of stunning white flowers that always appear around May Day. Often cultivated as a hedgerow but can grow to 90 feet high if left.



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### Carpinus Betulus National Collection

This NCCPG National Collection of *Carpinus Betulus* (European Hornbeam) includes the following :

*Carpinus Betulus* Frans Fontaine  
*Carpinus Betulus* Pendula  
*Carpinus Betulus* Fastigiata  
*Carpinus Betulus* Quercifolia  
*Carpinus Betulus* Purpurea  
*Carpinus Betulus* Heterophylla  
*Carpinus Betulus* Horizontalis  
*Carpinus Betulus* Columnaris

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The subtle beauty of the hornbeams lies in their smoothly fluted trunks and limbs, their neatly veined, simple leaves that colour attractively in the autumn, and their bunches of dry, winged fruit hanging from the twigs. Hornbeam wood is much used in the mechanism of pianos due to its close grain and strength.



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### More Lower Ride trees

*Betula Jacquemontii* a lovely small silver birch, very suitable for a smaller garden.

*Podocarpus* (New Zealand Yew)

*Nothofagus* (Southern Beech)

*Zelkova* (Caucasian Elm) with a multi stemmed habit

*Pterocarya Fraxinifolia* (Caucasian Wing Nut Tree) one of the prizes of the Beale Arboretum with extraordinary catkins up to 45 cm long, pinate leaves that look like they belong on an Ash tree, and, less attractively, vigorous suckers that need to be cut down each winter.

*Fraxinus Excelsior* (European Ash) very tall and multi stemmed with delicate leaves. A beautiful tree. The wood is used for bows, hammers and snooker cues.

*Cercis Siliquastrum* (Judas Tree) reputed to be the tree that Judas hanged himself on. Native to the Middle East, with deep pink flowers in spring.

Towards the biblical wall end of the lower ride, look out for *Catalpa Bignonioides* (Indian Bean Tree) large heart shaped leaves, beautiful summer flowering and long vanilla-like bean pods.

*Paulownia Tomentosa* (Foxglove Tree) lovely blue/purple foxglove-like flowers.



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### Magnolia Collection

This collection of various evergreen and deciduous Magnolias includes the following cultivars :

M. Wilsonii

M. Lennei

M. Lennei Susan

M. Campbellii

M. Stellata

M. Grandiflora Exmouth

M. Liliflora Nigra

M. Grandiflora galesoniere

M. x Galaxy

M. x Loebnerii Leonard Messel

M. x Butterflies

M. x Elizabeth

M. x Sieboldii

M. Kobus

M. Grandiflora Royal Star



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### Ilex Collection

Here is a collection of decorative hollies from around Europe. Hollies are a wonderful winter plant with shiny leaves that give pleasure at a dull time of year.

Ilex Aquifolium Ferrox Argentea  
Ilex Aquifolium Silver van Tol  
Ilex Aquifolium Green Pillar  
Ilex Aquifolium Handsworth new Silver  
Ilex Aquifolium Pendula  
Ilex Aquifolium Chestnut Leaf  
Ilex Aquifolium Aurea Pendula  
Ilex Aquifolium Pyramidalis  
Ilex Aquifolium Marginata Pendula  
Ilex Aquifolium Angustifolia  
Ilex Aquifolium Argenteomarginata  
Ilex Aquifolium JC Van Tol  
Ilex Aquifolium Myrtifolia Aurea  
Ilex Aquifolium Silver Milkboy  
Ilex Altaclarensis Camellifolia  
Ilex Altaclarensis Golden King  
Ilex Altaclarensis Lawsoniana



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### Biblical Wall

This is the most sheltered part of the Beale Arboretum and more delicate plants can grow here as mentioned in the Bible.

*Ficus Carica* Brunswick (Common Fig) Matthew 24:32 “Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch has now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. “

*Punica Granatum* (Pomegranate) Song of Songs 6:7 “Your lips are like scarlet thread. Your temples are like a piece of pomegranate behind your veil.”

*Ziziphus Spina Christi* (Jujube tree) Matthew 27:29 “They braided a crown of thorns and put it on his head.”

*Olea Europea* (Olive Tree) Romans 11:24 “For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree ?”

*Myrtus Communis* (Myrtle) Isaiah 55:13 “Instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree and it shall be to Yahweh for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”



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### Maple Glade

A lovely area in the autumn.

Look out for the leguminous trees like Robinia Freesia, Gleditsia Sunburst, Sophora all so called as part of the pea family with pods. Late flowering but all last long into the autumn with glorious yellows and golds.

Gymnocladus (Kentucky Coffee Tree) so named as a very poor substitute for real coffee in times of poverty in mid west America.

Acer Davidii (Snake bark maple) the striations on the bark are most noticeable in the younger branches. Native of China.

Acer Griseum (Paper bark Maple) also native of China and most notable for the beautiful rust coloured exfoliating bark.

Acer Circinatum (Vine Maple) small and native to western USA.

Acer Cappadocicum (Cappadocian Maple) native to Turkey.

Acer Shirasawanum Aureum with bright yellow foliage



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### Main Lawn Trees

*Sequoiadendron Giganteum* Wellingtonia (Giant Redwood) the largest living thing in the world. Native to the Sierra Nevada in northern California, the largest tree (General Sherman) is 1487 m<sup>3</sup>. The spongy bark protects the tree from forest fires.

*Cedrus Libani* (Cedar of Lebanon) our lovely Cedar is believed not to be pure Lebanese but partly *Atlantica*. It is rare to see an intact specimen like this one due to the horizontal habit of the branches. Look for the beautiful resinous cones.

*Sequoiadendron Sempervirens* (Coastal Redwood) the tallest tree in the world, rising as high as 379 feet in a narrow coastal strip in northern California.

*Arbutus Unedo* (Strawberry tree) reputed to be the oldest tree in the Beale Arboretum, dating back to 1760. *Unedo* is Latin for "Eat one" as the strawberry-like fruit is very bitter and you won't want to eat another ! This tree is out of fashion but a much better winter tree than olive, with glossy green foliage all year round. Native to both the Mediterranean and SW Ireland.

*Araucaria Araucana* (Monkey Puzzle) native to Chile and Argentina so named as a monkey would have trouble climbing down it. Related to the Norfolk Island pine. Often planted in Edwardian gardens but less widely seen now.

*Ulmus Glabra Camperdownii* (Camperdown Elm) an excellent tree for a lawn, with its compact shape and pendulous weeping habit. From Camperdown House near Dundee. Great as a hiding place for children !



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### Lakeside Trees

In this area of the Beale Arboretum are some wonderful trees, many of which have been planted by successive Lord Mayors of London.

Look out for the following specimens :

*Quercus Petraea Purpurea* (Sessile Oak) Across the lake. An unusual oak with stalkless (sessile) acorns, and deep purple foliage

*Quercus Robur Fastigiata* (Cypress Oak) Across the lake. A fine tall tree, Cypress like in form, with a narrow columnar habit. Originally propagated from an upright tree found in central Europe

*Quercus Palustris* (Pin Oak) To the left of the lake. Glorious autumn colour is the feature of this North American Oak, with fastigate upper branches and pendulous lower branches

*Liriodendron Tulipifera* (Tulip tree) We have five of these North American trees adjacent to the driveway. Known for lovely spring flowers, and autumnal colour as well as a primitive looking leaf

*Fagus Sylvatica Dawyck* (Fastigate Beech) – to the right of the lake. A lovely fastigate beech, with a tall slender habit, compact leaves, and autumnal beech colour

*Tilia* (Lime or Linden) – across the driveway to the left of the lake. As well as the lime avenue of some 110 trees up the driveway, we also have a good collection of these trees, including *T. Mongolica*, *T. America Redmond*, *T. Europea*, *T. Tomentosa*, *T. Wratislavensis*, and *T. Petiolaris*

*Quercus Robur* (English Oak) – this fine oak dominates the front of the hotel is so named from *Quercus* (oak) and *Robur* (strength or hard timber). The quintessential symbol of England, this specimen is some 25 – 30m tall.

*Salix x Sepulcralis Chrysocoma* (Weeping willow) – a fine symbol of waterside trees, with bright yellow shoots



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### The Top Field

This 18 acre field has superb views over the Enfield Chace – it is remarkable and unique to find such a sense of space in a London borough.

The field has plenty of interest including :

A large collection of Quercus (Oaks) to the right

A grove of Liquidambar (Sweet gum) straight ahead

A duplicate national collection of Carpinus Betulus (Hornbeam) to the right

A parliamentary walk to the left of the helipad with Quercus (Oaks) planted by a group of local MPs including Cecil Parkinson, Michael Portillo, Ian Twinn, Tim Eggar, Lord Harris and others

The West Lodge Park beehives in the grove straight ahead – the honey is collected twice a year and is sold at the hotel reception

The top field pond straight ahead, home to frogs, toads, breeding mallards, moorhens etc.

Enjoy the mown footpaths around and through the field for complete peace and quiet and a sense of oneness with the natural world