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# Wigginton Park TREE TRAIL



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# Discover WIGGINTON PARK'S TREE TRAIL

The Wigginton Park Tree Trail leads you through the park to learn more about the 9 coniferous and broadleaved trees on the trail.

You can download and print off at home a tree trail leaflet from [www.tamworth.gov.uk/treetrail](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/treetrail)

Each tree has a post with an embossed leaf shape on top to create your own brass rubbing and then make your own book using the printed leaflet.

Each tree also has its own story, developed as part of the project with local community groups, as listed below. Stories can be downloaded from [www.tamworth.gov.uk/treetrail](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/treetrail).

## Local groups INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT

1. Holm Oak - Stonydelph Community Café
2. Ash - Coton Green Primary School
3. Horse Chestnut - Birds Bush Primary School
4. Oak (Burnt Oak) - Flaxhill Primary School
5. Beech (Graffiti Tree) - Tamworth Rangers
6. Elm Avenue - Coton Green Pre-school
7. Scots Pine - Tamworth Guides
8. Giant Sequoia - Dosthill Rainbows and Brownies

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# Trees IN WIGGINTON PARK

There are a variety of excellent tree specimens on Wigginton Park, a reminder of the history of the lodge. While some, like the oak, would likely hail back to times as a boundary marker for the open fields, many would have been planted by John and Elizabeth Clarke who turned it into attractive park land.



1. An evergreen tree that is native to the Mediterranean and was introduced into Britain in the 1500s.



6. Many elms have been lost to Dutch elm disease. The elms in the avenue are a disease-resistant species that have been planted.



2. Its large black buds make it easy to identify in winter and its ash blonde bark is excellent for carving.



7. Associated with Scotland and timber production, this tree can live for up to 700 years.



3. Its large candle-like flowers, big, sticky buds and production of conkers make this a distinctive tree.



8. This aniseed-scented tree, originating from California, was introduced into the UK in the 1850s.



4. Famed for its strength, endurance and longevity, with its acorns and great height, the oak is a British icon.



9. A common feature in stately homes, due to its popularity in the 1700s as a symbol of wealth.



5. This tree stands out in the park as the place where previous generations carved their names on the bark.

