

Trees: the cathedrals of the plant world



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favourite
tree here

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1. Turkey Oak

Quercia cerris Brough Park
proposes . envoy . palaces

Did you know? This tree was most likely planted by the Crusos who lived at the Foxlowe and owned the park as farmland.

2. Beech

Fagus sylvatica St Edward's Cemetery
removers . perfected . curl

Did you know? You used to be able to see the famous summer solstice double sunset from the church. The view is now obscured by trees, and it's now viewed elsewhere in Leek.

3. Western Hemlock

Tsuga heterophylla Foxlowe Gardens
plain . lowest . sprinting

Did you know? The Western hemlock is native to the north-west coast of America and was introduced to Britain in 1852 by the botanist John Jeffery. Among the Kwakwaka'wakw people, female warriors made headdresses from the tree for ceremonial dances.

4. Holly

Ilex aquifolium Nicholson Institute Gateway
validated . walks . rising

Did you know? You will see holly trees with both smooth and spiky leaves and this tree is no exception. Young leaves are spiky and if the tree is ungrazed, the leaves will become smooth when mature. Hollies were planted in medieval deer parks for fodder.

5. Canadian Maple

Acer rubum
Buxton & Leek College
(Leek School Of Art)

workloads . fled . moped

Did you know? Maple syrup can be made from any sort of maple. The sap starts to flow between February and March: you can hear it rising in the tree by using a stethoscope. The national flag of Canada features a red maple leaf.

7. Silver Birch

Betula pendula Ball Haye Street
juggled . submerge . hiking

Did you know? The silver birch is hardy and a pioneer species: one of the first trees to appear after fire and on bare ground. The light shade canopy of birch woodlands creates a good habitat for many plants, birds and animals.

8. Golden Elm

Ulmus glabra 'Lutescens' Monument/Sparrow Park
flagpole . lively . trumped

Did you know? In the 1960s, the UK's landscape changed forever when the fungus *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi* was accidentally introduced from the US and wiped out 25 million elm trees.

9. Weeping Silver Lime

Tilia Tomentosa 'Petiolaris' Pickwood Road
skipped . punks . developed

Did you know? The weeping silver lime was introduced to the UK in the 1840s. Lime or linden trees are very often grown in lines or avenues and classic examples of these are around St Luke's Church and on Ashbourne Road.

10. Hornbeam

Corpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' Market Place
padlock . snail . huddling

Did you know? This tree was planted by the Civic Society in 2007 to celebrate Leek's Market Charter which was granted in 1207.

6. Flowering Cherry

Prunus York Street
amounting . slug . totally

Did you know? In Japan, hanami (flower watching) is believed to have started in the 8th century and is celebrated across the country between March and May as an outdoor party.

Trees on this tree trail may not all be hugely significant specimens and only count 10, but we hope you will discover trees that are hidden in plain sight, a sort of mindfulness whilst out shopping, taking refreshment in one of Leek's cafés or pubs, or just visiting our town. To make it easier to find the trees we have used the app 'What 3 Words'