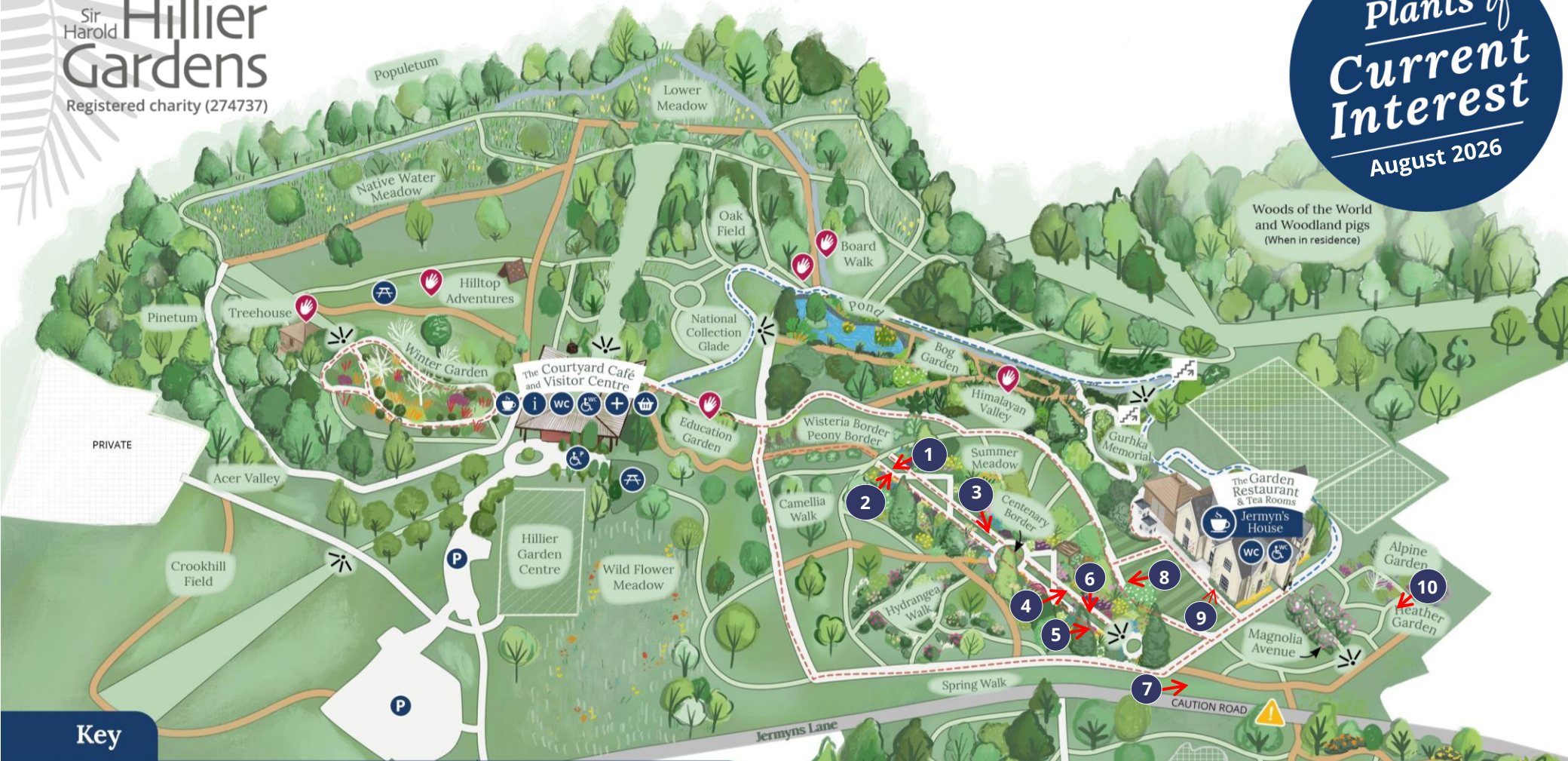




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Welcome to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens.

Explore one of the world's largest collections of hardy trees and shrubs, including Britain and Ireland's biggest collection of Champion Trees with over 600 specimens! Use the map to guide your walk—the ten highlighted plants are just a glimpse of what's waiting to be discovered.

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1 Clematis heracleifolia 'Cassandra' (klem-MAY-tus)
It may come as a surprise, but not all Clematis are climbers. Several species grow as herbaceous perennials, making them ideal for borders, flower beds and containers. Flowers are often smaller but provide a colourful display over a long flowering period. Easy to grow, simply cut the stems back to ground level in winter and enjoy fresh growth the following spring. 

2 Hylothelethium (Sedum) 'Red Cauli' (SEE-dum)
Known as 'Stonecrop', this is a superb plant for dry gardens and areas prone to drought. Succulents like this one are likely to become more common as summers become hotter and drier. They are also easy-care plants, requiring little attention beyond cutting back old growth in winter or early spring. Their flowers are highly attractive to bees and butterflies. 

3 Physostegia virginiana 'Rosea' (fye-soo-STEDGE-gee-ah)
This is a superb, long-flowering perennial from North America. Wonderful in a mixed herbaceous border, wildflower garden or meadow. Sometimes known as the 'Obedient Plant', its flowers can be moved by hand and will remain in the position in which they are placed. It is sometimes mistaken for a Penstemon, but Physostegia is hardier.

4 Aster koraiensis (ASS-ter)
An early-flowering Aster species native to Korea, where its leaves are still used today in traditional medicine and cooking. Beautiful lilac flowers appear over a long period from summer into autumn. Asters are among the easiest plants to grow, quickly filling beds and borders. They flower for extended periods, and the range of colours available is vast.

5 Hedychium densiflorum 'Stephen' (hed-DIK-kee-um)
One benefit of a warmer climate is that we can grow more exotic plants in this part of the UK than ever before. The 'Flowering Gingers' are a good example. This particular variety, however, is very hardy and can also be grown in cooler climates. The scented flowers are stunning. Although the rhizomes (underground stems) smell of ginger, they are unfortunately not the edible type.

6 Helenium 'Baudirektor Linne' (hell-LEN-ee-um)
This beautiful, easy-to-grow perennial is ideal for the herbaceous border and is known by the unusual common name 'Sneezeweed' in its native North America. Historically, people dried and crushed its leaves and flowers to make snuff, which was inhaled to induce sneezing. This practice was believed to help clear the body of illness or evil spirits. 

7 Eucomis pallidiflora ssp. pole-evansii (YOU-koh-miss)
This is one of the largest species of 'Pineapple Flower'. These bulbous plants, native to southern Africa, bear striking flower spikes that resemble a pineapple. Although they have been cultivated since Victorian times, they remain underused in gardens. Many varieties are hardy, provided they are not exposed to wet winter conditions.

8 Epilobium canum (ep-ee-LOW-bee-um)
Known by the common name 'Californian Fuchsia', although it is not related to the true fuchsia. Formerly known as Zauschneria californica, it has been reclassified as Epilobium. This perennial is ideal for spilling over rockeries and thriving in dry, sunny locations. Its flowers are produced over a long period throughout the summer.

9 Lagerstroemia indica 'Red Rocket' (lah-gah-STROW-mee-ah)
This small tree or shrub is native to Asia but is widely grown in subtropical regions and warmer parts of North America as a street tree. Known as 'Crepe Myrtle', it produces glossy foliage and masses of papery flowers in shades of white, pink and red. This warm summer has provided ideal growing conditions for an impressive display.

10 Vitex agnus-castus 'Salina's Pink' (VYE-teks)
This shrub is sometimes known as the 'Chaste Berry', as its fruits are used as a herbal supplement to help relieve PMS symptoms. Native to the Mediterranean region and Central Asia, it is a beautiful flowering shrub well suited to dry gardens. This pink-flowered variety is particularly eye-catching.

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