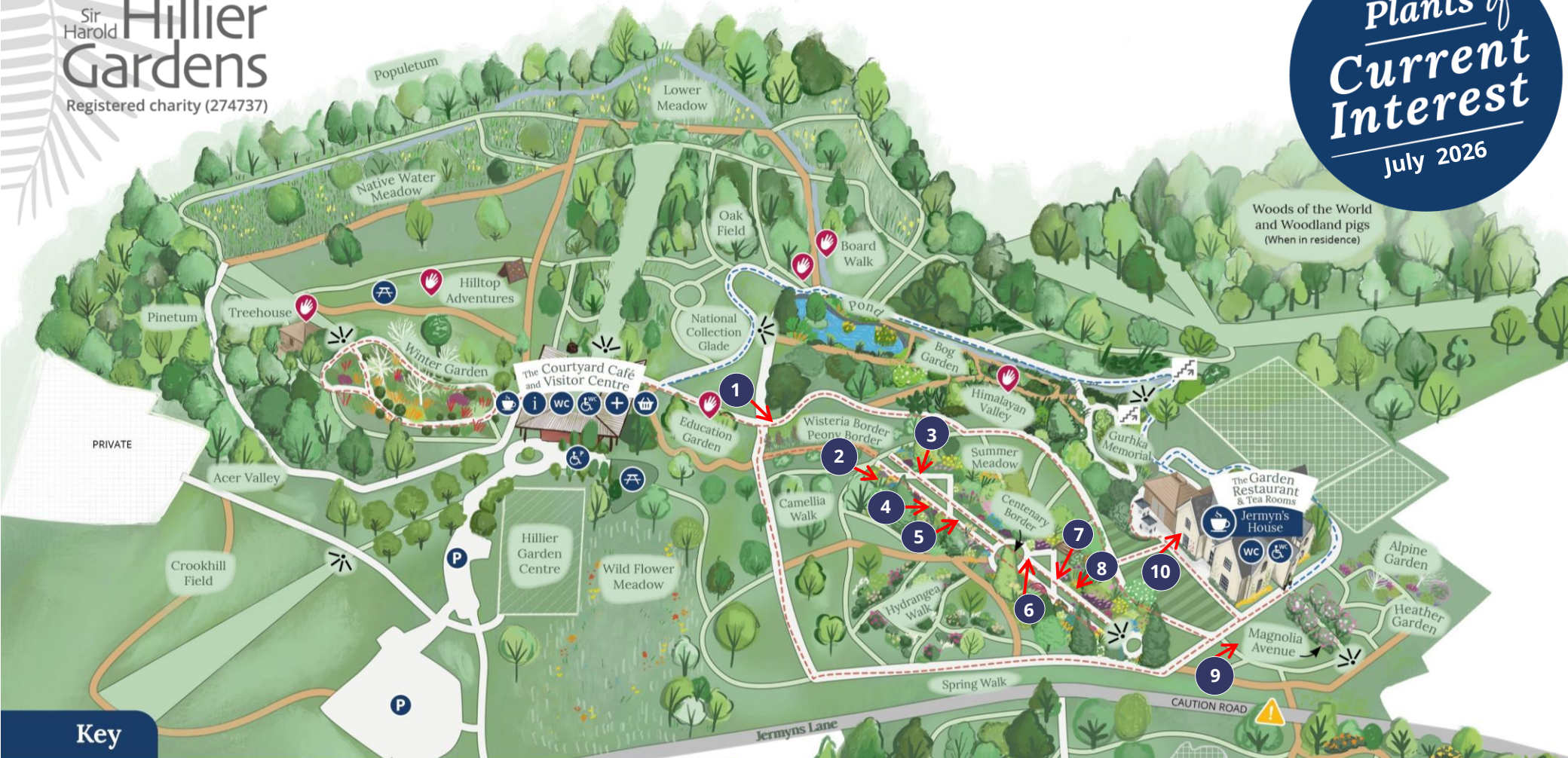




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Accessible trails

- Flat with little gradient
- A slight gradient

Terrain not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs

- Mixed surface paths
- Grass path
- Gravel paths
- Steps
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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.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

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4 *Dahlia 'Fascination'* (DAY-lee-ah)

The dahlia is known to many and has been cultivated in the UK since 1804. The first varieties were highly prized and affordable only to the wealthy. Today, there is a huge range of varieties available. With increasing temperatures in the UK, many are proving to be hardy. This one is bred for its chocolate-purple leaves and blousy flowers.

8 *× Chitalpa tashkentensis 'Morning Cloud'* (chee-TAHL-pah)

This is a rarely seen, beautiful and unusual tree known as an intergeneric hybrid. Rather than a normal hybrid between two species, it is a cross between two genera. Created from a cross between the Southern Catalpa (*Catalpa bignonioides*) and Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*).

5 *Hydrangea arborescens 'Invincibelle Spirit'*

A superb hydrangea, but not a lacecap, and known as the 'Smooth Hydrangea'. This North American species is commonly found with white flowers; however, this is a stunning pink-flowered variety. Easy to grow and flowering on new wood, it can be cut back to the ground in winter before producing fresh blooms in summer.

9 *Lobelia tupa* (low-BEE-lee-ah)

The lobelia is a member of the Bellflower family, Campanulaceae, but its flowers could not be more different from those of a campanula. Native to South America, this is the largest hardy species available for UK gardens. Preferring a sunny position, it can reach nearly 6ft in height and, once established, is very drought tolerant.

6 *Abelia x grandiflora* (a-BEE-lee-ah)

This inconspicuous shrub must have one of the longest flowering seasons of any shrub in the UK. Semi-evergreen, it retains its glossy green leaves year-round in mild climates or sheltered spots. However, in colder regions or exposed areas, it may lose some or all of its foliage in winter, with fresh leaves returning in spring.

10 *Campsis radicans 'Flamenco'* (KAMP-siss)

The American 'Trumpet Vine' is a superb, fast-growing twining climber. However, as with wisterias, Campsis can be trained into a 'pseudo-tree', supporting itself on a woody trunk. As a climber, it is perfect for providing quick coverage. 'Flamenco' bears beautiful light-red flowers, but it is also available in orange and yellow forms.

7 *Cynara cardunculus* (SIGH-nar-rah)

This is the 'Cardoon', sometimes mistaken for the 'Globe Artichoke', to which it is closely related. The Cardoon is more decorative and makes a stunning specimen in the right place. Don't despair if you bought the wrong plant. Although it does not produce artichoke fruits, you can still eat the leaf stems, which are said to taste like artichoke.

1 *Hibiscus syriacus 'Mathilde'* (HIGH-biss-kus)

The exotic-looking hibiscus is a member of the mallow family. These plants are shrubs, trees, or occasionally herbaceous species found in subtropical and tropical regions. However, this species, with its many colourful cultivars, is very hardy and survives our winters without any problems. It also tolerates dry conditions, making it an ideal plant for our progressively drier summers.

2 *Hoheria sexstylosa 'Stardust'* (HOH-hair-ree-ah)

This wonderful summer-flowering tree is native to New Zealand and is seldom seen in this country. A relative of the common hollyhock, it is easy to grow and hardy throughout much of southern England. 'Stardust' is a particularly floriferous variety, forming a beautiful small evergreen tree for a sunny spot.

3 *Heliopsis helianthoides var. scabra 'Bleeding Hearts'* (hel-ee-OPS-sis)

A fabulous variety of a plant typical of the North American prairies. Typically green-leaved, it has striking purple-brown foliage. Easy to grow and relatively drought tolerant. A hardy perennial in the daisy family that spreads gently - non-invasive unlike some of its relatives. Ideal for the middle of the border and loved by pollinators.

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