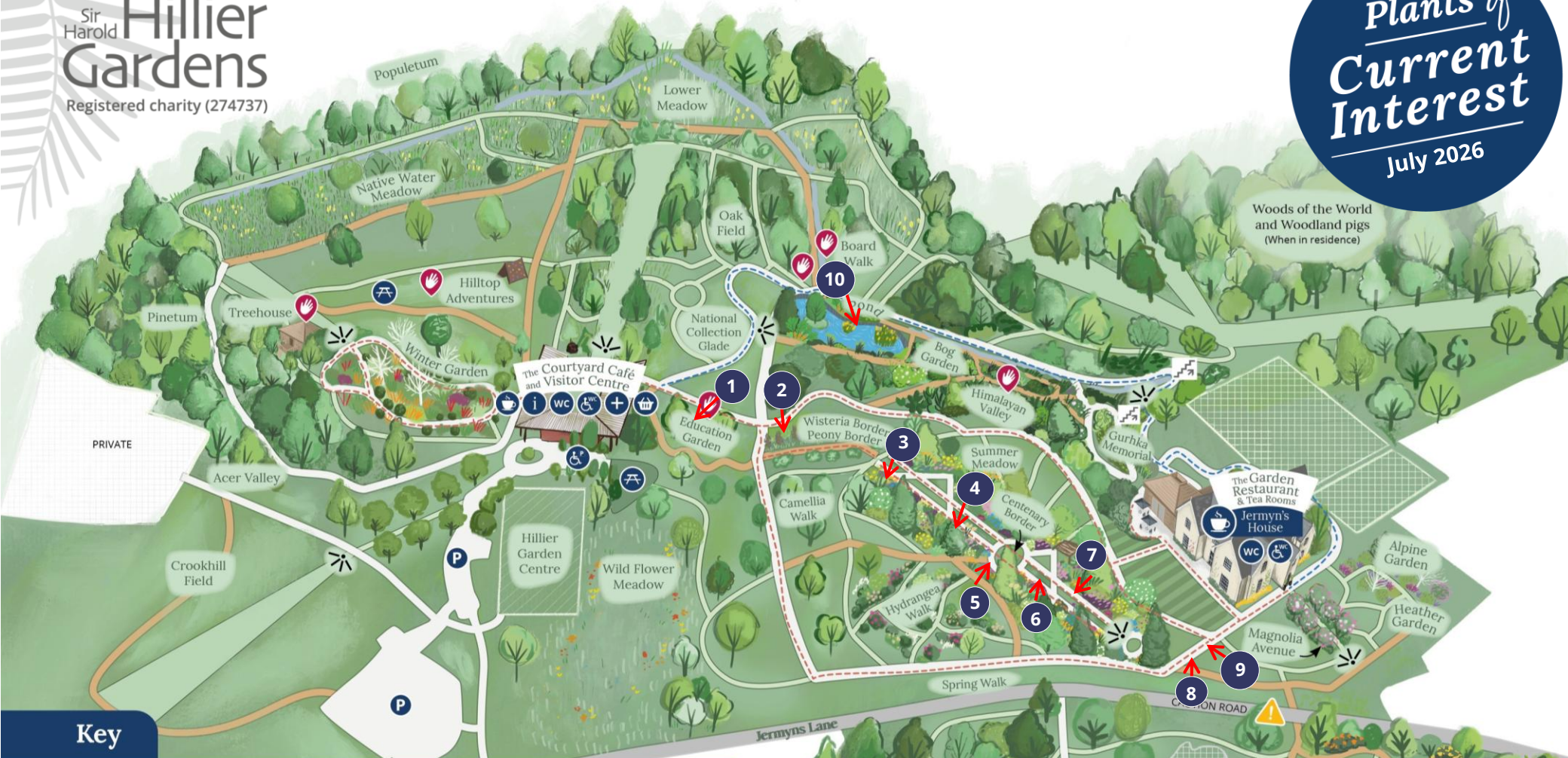




## Key



Great for kids!

### Discover

The Treehouse, Hilltop Adventures, Gunnera Board Walk, Sound Garden, Wobbly Bridge & more!



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Toilets

Picnic Area



Accessible toilets



First aid



Viewpoint



Parking



Accessible parking

### Accessible trails

--- Flat with little gradient

--- A slight gradient

### Terrain not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs

--- Mixed surface paths

--- Grass path

--- Gravel paths

--- Steps

--- Main road



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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** *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Invincibelle Spirit' (high-DRAYN-jah)  
A super hydrangea, but not a lacecap, often known as a 'Smooth Hydrangea'. This North American species is most commonly found with white flowers; however, this is a stunning pink-flowered variety. These easy hydrangeas flower on new wood, so come winter, just chop them down to the ground for flowers again in summer.

**8** *Callistemon rigidus* (KAL-iss-STAY-mon)  
This is a relatively well-known Australian native plant, grown extensively in the UK. Known as the 'Bottlebrush' and prized for its long, red, brush-like flower panicles. These, on some plants, can smell of caramel. In Australia, Callistemon, have been moved into a different genus and are known as Melaleuca, the Teatree. However, for now, the Callistemon name remains the same here.

**1** *Punica granatum* 'Legrelleae' (POO-nik-kah)  
This is a beautiful form of the 'Pomegranate', an exotic fruit plant from the Middle East and India. Surprisingly hardy in the UK, especially in the south, but sadly never produces fruit in our climate. This variety, however, is still worth growing as the flowers are double in form and quite unusual. They are also totally edible!!

**5** *Catalpa speciosa* (KAT-ahl-pah)  
This is a fabulous specimen of the 'Indian Bean Tree', but a species less commonly seen in cultivation. The common name comes from the old name for natives of North America, and not from the India in Asia. Also sometimes known as the 'Cigar Tree'. It is native only to a small area of the Midwestern United States near the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

**9** *Asclepias syriaca* (ass-KLEP-ee-as)  
This common 'Milkweed', a prairie plant native to the plains of North America. There, it is the most common food plant of the Monarch butterfly. Sadly, both the butterfly and the Milkweed are becoming rare in the wild due to the encroachment of farmland. Thankfully, there are several projects encouraging the plant's cultivation in gardens. The flowers are sweetly scented.

**2** *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Champagne' (high-DRAYN-jah)  
This is a wonderful time of year to explore our hydrangea collection. Many are coming into flower or are in full flower. This one is a good example of the most commonly cultivated species in the UK. Originally native to Japan, the species has naturalised in places such as the Azores.

**6** *Leucanthemum x superbum* 'Banana Cream' (loo-KAN-th-ay-mum)  
A superb form of the 'Shasta Daisy', a commonly grown garden perennial. Usually known for its large, white, daisy-like flowers, here we have a colour break in this variety, with hints of creamy yellow. An easy and rewarding perennial to grow, it is very hardy and adaptable to most soils.

**10** *Zantedeschia* 'Kiwi Blush' (Zan-tay-DEE-shah)  
The largest of the 'Calla' lilies, a species native to Southern Africa. There it grows as a marginal plant, close to waterways. Here in the UK, we can use it in the same way, near ponds and streams. These are, in fact, not true lilies but are known as 'Aroids'. The white petal-like structure is a modified leaf, not a petal at all. It is closely related to 'Lords & Ladies'!

**3** *Hoheria sexstylosa* 'Stardust' (HOH-hair-ree-ah)  
This wonderful summer-flowering tree is native to New Zealand and is seldom seen in this country. However, this relative of the common 'Hollyhock', is fairly easy to grow and hardy in most of the south of the country. A beautiful small evergreen tree for a sunny spot. Stardust is a particularly floriferous variety.

**7** *x Chitalpa tashkentensis* 'Morning Cloud' (chee-TAHL-pah)  
A beautiful and unusual tree rarely seen in cultivation and known as an intergeneric hybrid. This means, rather than a hybrid made between two species, it is a cross of two genera. Created from a cross between the Southern Catalpa (*Catalpa bignonioides*) and the Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*).

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