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- Flat with little gradient
 - A slight gradient
- Terrain not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs**
- Mixed surface paths
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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 *Rodgersia pinnata* (rod-JIR-see-ah)

This beautiful marginal plant is a member of the saxifrage family. The word marginal is used to describe a plant which grows well in dampish conditions by the sides of streams and waterways. However, they can also grow in the average herbaceous border. They produce beautiful spikes of flowers in shades of pink white and cream. They are surprisingly shade tolerant.

8 *Magnolia sieboldii* 'Colossus' (mag-NOH-lee-ah)

This is a stunning form of a late-flowering Japanese magnolia. It avoids most spring frosts and blooms over an exceptionally long period, perhaps longer than any other magnolia. It may also produce a second, lighter flush of flowers later in the year. The scent is superb—an iconic magnolia fragrance.

5 *Trachycarpus fortunei* (trak-ee-KAR-pus)

This is sometimes known as the 'Windmill palm' and is native to China. It is the hardiest palm to grow in temperate climates such as the UK. It is a beautiful palm and can grow as tall as 20 feet within 10 to 15 years. It often flowers at this time of year, and the flowers are followed by black fruits when pollinated. The seeds often germinate on the ground.

9 *Camassia leichtlinii* (kam-MASS-ee-ah)

This is a beautiful bulbous perennial from the prairies of North America, flowering over several weeks in late spring and early summer. Quamash, as it is sometimes known, also comes in a blue-flowered species, but the white form is particularly elegant. There is also a double-flowered form, which blooms slightly later.

6 *Styrax japonicus* (STIGH-raks)

The 'Japanese snowbell' as it is known is a more common species to find in gardens in the UK. It is a highly beautiful tree when in full flower but can get quite large. There are many varieties of this tree including one with pink flowers and one that has a fastigate growth habit, which means it grows tall and narrow.

10 *Deciduous Azaleas* (az-ZAY-lee-uh)

It is now the perfect time to enjoy our Azalea walk over in our woodland. Now at their best, the collection here of mixed colour azaleas is superb. Not just for the colour, many have a strong scent too. Azalea is, in fact, a common name for these plants, and they are officially rhododendrons.

7 *Styrax obassia* (STIGH-raks)

This stunning tree is native to China, Japan and Korea and is sometimes known by the common name of 'Fragrant Snowbell'. It is a small to medium sized deciduous tree growing well in a shady spot but also good in full sun. This species is rarely seen in cultivation.

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1 *Cornus kousa* (KOR-nus)

A 'Flowering Dogwood' related to the colour-stemmed dogwood, but grown for its early summer flowers. The stunning white flowers are in fact 'bracts'; these are normally the part of a plant sits behind the petals. However, in the *Cornus*, they have been modified to resemble large petals attract insects to the true flowers, are a ball of small yellow flowers in the centre.

2 *Cornus kousa var. chinensis* (KOR-nus)

This is a variety from China; the flowers are very similar to the species found in Japan, but the petals are a little slimmer. Once pollinated, the flowers are followed by pink or red fruits which resemble a strawberry. These are edible and taste a bit like a cross between a banana and a pineapple. They are not produced commercially because of the size of the seeds, which make them difficult to eat.

3 *Hosta 'Empress Wu'* (HOSS-tah)

The hosta is a very popular garden plant. However, many people have stopped growing them due to their attraction to slugs and snails. This is a shame, as they are excellent for shady gardens and containers. They grow in almost any soil and range from tiny dwarfs to large varieties such as this one, producing attractive flowers on tall spikes.