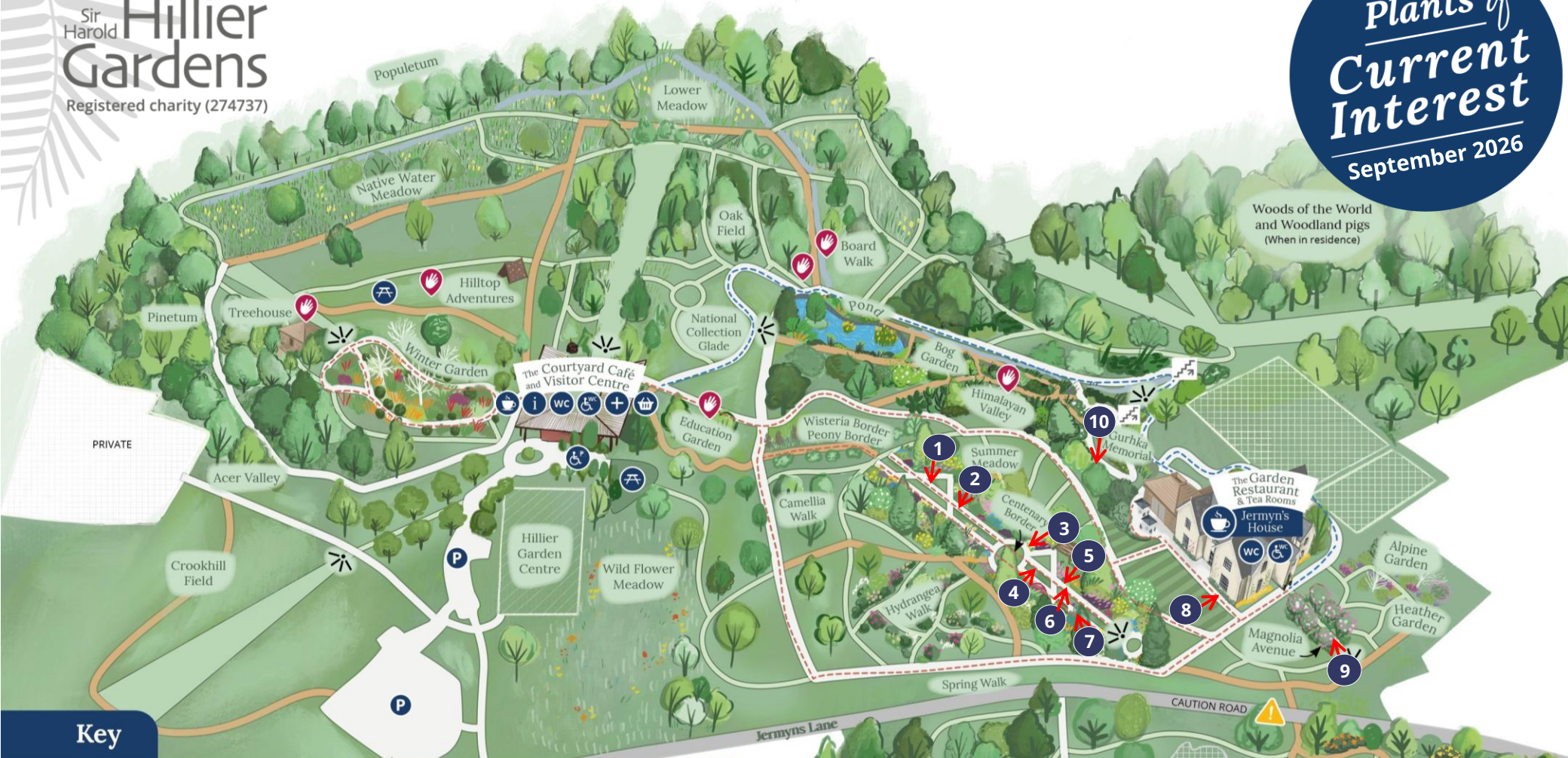




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--- Flat with little gradient

--- A slight gradient

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--- 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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1 *Dahlia imperialis* (day-LEE-ah)

This is a giant of the dahlia world and can reach 5m in height in a single season. Native to Mexico, it can attain even greater proportions in its natural habitat. Here, it is a wonderful foliage or statement plant, although it seldom flowers. The small pink or white flowers may occasionally appear during a long, hot summer. However, it is the magnificent foliage that makes this goliath worth growing.

2 *Salvia guaranitica* 'Super Trouper' (SAL-vee-ah)

This is a hardier, semi-evergreen form of a stunning blue salvia. Native to South America, this large plant is generally best suited to the back of an herbaceous border, although it is also a good candidate for container cultivation. The deep blue flowers emerge from dark blue, almost black bracts, creating a fabulous colour combination. Easy to grow in any well-drained soil.

3 *Sorbus* 'Glowing Pink' (sor-BUS)

This is a heavy-fruited variety of rowan, or mountain ash. The fruits of this species can be orange, yellow or red, but this pink-fruited variety is unusual. The fruits seem less attractive to birds, so remain on the tree longer, providing interest throughout late summer and autumn. Rowan is an easy, tree that performs well in most soils.

4 *Amicia zygomeris* (ah-MEE-see-ah)

This hardy, exotic herbaceous perennial is native to Mexico, where it can become woody and grow like a shrub. Here, it dies down to the base in late autumn and regrows in spring. An unusual member of the pea family, it makes an exotic foliage plant. However, during a long, hot summer, it may also produce large yellow, pea-like flowers.

**5 *Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Red Head' **

(pen-niss-SEE-tum)

Often known as 'Chinese Fountain Grass', it makes a real statement in late summer through to autumn. The weeping foliage also gains attractive tones of autumn colour. The bushy, foxtail-like flowers are stunning and last for a long period. Cut back in late winter.

6 *Salvia elegans* 'Golden delicious' (SAL-vee-ah)

This is a beautiful salvia with red flowers and golden foliage, although it flowers so late in the season that we rarely see the blooms before the cold of winter. However, it is also known as 'Pineapple Sage', and its pineapple-scented leaves have culinary uses as well as forming an attractive golden ground cover.

7 *Hedychium flavum* (hed-DIKK-kee-um)

As winter temperatures in the UK become milder, our choice of hardy exotics continues to increase. This is one of many tropical ginger lilies that are becoming more widely available in garden centres. This glorious species is native to the Himalayas, India and China, but is happy growing in the ground here and, at least in the south, requires little or no winter protection.

8 *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Dark Knight'

(kar-ree-OHP-ter-iss)

A wonderful, small, easy-to-grow shrub for a sunny position, where it will provide many weeks of beautiful blue flowers from mid to late summer. The flowers are complemented by the silvery foliage. An excellent edging plant and perfect for small containers. The foliage is aromatic.

9 *Boehmeria polystachya* (BOW-mair-ree-ah)

This is a wonderful ornamental member of the nettle family, but don't worry there is no sting! Native to the Himalayas to south-eastern Tibet, it is adaptable to both sunny and shady positions and reach large proportions. It gives an exotic, architectural feel to beds and borders and is generally easy to grow. An herbaceous perennial.

10 *Schima argentea* (she-MAH)

This large tree is a member of the camellia family, as can be seen in the shape of its flowers, although they are approximately half the size. It is rarely seen in UK gardens, possibly due to its size and specific soil requirements. Like camellias, it prefers acidic, free-draining soil. This beautiful evergreen tree can sometimes flower twice a year.

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