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- Great for kids!
- Pinetum Sculpture Trail  
Find the giant botanical cone sculptures amongst the trees.
- Information & tickets
- Refreshments
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- Toilets
- Picnic Area
- Accessible Toilets
- First aid
- Viewpoint
- Parking
- Accessible parking

- Accessible trails**
- Flat with no gradient
  - A slight gradient
- Terrain not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs**
- Mixed surface paths
  - Grass path
  - Gravel paths
  - Steps



Welcome to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, one of the largest collections of hardy trees and shrubs in the world. Also listed as having the biggest collection of Champion Trees in the whole of Britain and Ireland - with 611 Champions! Use the map to guide yourself around the Gardens. The ten plants highlighted here are just a taster of what can be seen on your walk.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

 = RHS Award of Garden Merit

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### *Dipelta floribunda* (dy-PEL-tuh flor-ih-BUN-duh)

This large shrub native to China, is close in appearance to the Abelia, with tubular flowers sporting a lip splashed with a strong orange stripe. Flowers are followed by fascinating, inflated fruits. The Dipelta belongs to the same plant family as the Honeysuckle.

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### *Davidia involucrata* (duh-VID-ee-uh in-vol-yoo-KRAY-tuh)

This outstanding, flowering tree native to China, is sometimes known as the 'Dove' or 'Handkerchief' tree. The fascinating white, papery structures may look like petals, but are in fact a flower part known as a bract and are a protective appendage surrounding a flower. Here, the brown/purple ball of stamen in the centre.

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### *Choisya x dewitteana* 'White Dazzler' (CHOY-see-uh)

This is a wonderful, compact form of Mexican orange, particularly strong flowering, with a smaller, finely cut leaf and overall rounded shape. These can be grown as part of a shrubbery or incorporated into a hedge. The scent is quite strong from the flowers as well as the foliage exuding a pungent aroma. Like Marmite, some love it, some hate it!

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### *Geum* 'Scarlet Tempest' (JEE-um)

This, to my mind, is one of the best Geums to date, although more varieties are coming out all the time. Scarlet Tempest is a strong growing, long flowering variety, doing well in almost any soil type. They do require full sun to flourish, but in the right place will give years of glorious flower.

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### *Rhododendron augustinii* 'Electra' (roh-do-DEN-dron aw-gus-TIN-ee-eye)

This stunning, almost true blue species of rhodo is native to China and Tibet and is considered the closest colour to a n actual blue that can be found in the genus. The form 'Electra' is particularly strong coloured. There is a dwarf form of this species.

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### *Wisteria sinensis* 'Caroline' (wis-TEER-ee-uh sy-NEN-sis)

These extremely beautiful climbing plants are admired where every they are seen. On the whole, this is as a vine on the front of a house or along a wall. Here we are taking another approach with them and are cultivating them as trees. Eventually the poles will be taken away, so they will stand gloriously on their own trunks.

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### *Maianthemum bifolium* (may-an-the-mum by-FOH-lee-um)

This beautiful woodland plant makes a fantastic round cover under trees and in shady places. The Latin name literally means May flowering. The tiny white flowers on short, upright spikes have a slight fragrance, but their best function in the garden is supressing weeds. Native to the UK Europe and Asia.

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### *Rhododendron* (Azalea) 'Golden Oriole' (roh-do-DEN-dron)

The Gardens has a really wonderful array of deciduous 'azaleas' along this stretch of woodland. The colour spectacle is definitely something not to be missed. The word Azalea is a common name for deciduous rhododendrons and small leaf dwarf rhododendron varieties. They are, however technically all Rhododendrons.

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### *Magnolia* 'Ultimate Yellow' (mag-NO-lee-a)

The yellow flowered magnolias are now becoming very popular garden trees and shrubs to grow. The colour may seem relatively new to most people, and although the most popular varieties are hybrids created by man, there are also yellow species that also grow naturally. Most yellow flowering varieties have *Magnolia acuminata* from The US, as one parent.

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### *Calycanthus x raulstonii* 'Hartlage Wine' (kal-ee-KAN-thus)

This is a really beautiful and long flowering shrub, a distant relative of the magnolia. Sometimes known as 'All spice', these shrubs, native to North America and 1 species to China, make superb garden shrubs and are very adaptable to most soil types. Hartlage Wine is a complex hybrid between 3 species, the cross named after a prestigious Carolina Botanic Gardens.

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