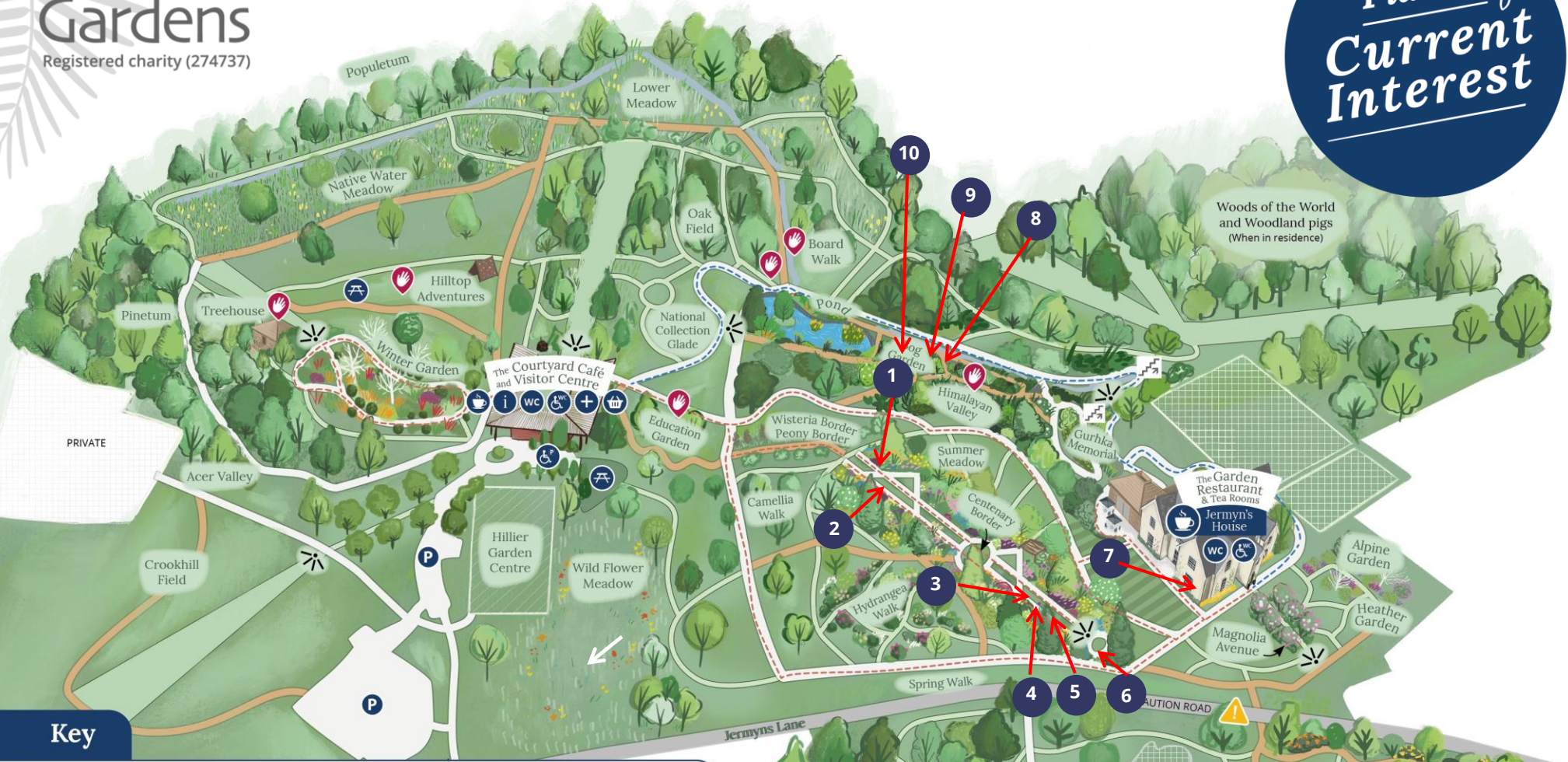


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- Flat with little gradient
- A slight gradient

- Terrain not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs**
- Mixed surface paths
- Grass path
- Gravel paths
- Steps
- Main road



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.

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**4** *Hedychium flavum* (hed-IK-ee-um)  
This is a 'hardy' ornamental ginger native to the Himalayas and southeastern Asia. A beautiful, short species suitable for smaller gardens and pot cultivation. Many of the other hardy ginger species are large plants that can be a little overpowering in a small garden. The individual flowers are large and delicately scented. Little protection is needed. Just cover with bark chip in the winter.

**8** *Sambucus ebulus* (sam-BOO-kus)  
This unusual species of 'Elderberry' is native to southern Europe and Asia. Unlike our native species, which is a shrub or small tree, this species is herbaceous and dies back down to the ground each year. Although those berries look succulent and tasty, they are only edible when cooked. They are not known to have the greatest flavour and are best avoided.

**1** *Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Red Head' (PEN-nih-see-tum)  
The Chinese Fountain Grass is a top ornamental clump forming grass. Perfect for creating a Mediterranean style garden or prairie feel to an herbaceous bed. This is a well-behaved grass, not seeding around indiscriminately! The fluffy flower heads can last several months before breaking down in autumn. 

**5** *Aster koraiensis* (AS-ter)  
This is a glorious and relatively rare, species of Aster native to Korea. Flowers are almost twice the size of the common aster and are a beautiful soft violet. The long, lanceolate leaves give it an unusual appearance, very different from other species in the group. Asters are easy to grow and are one of the best herbaceous plants for autumn flowering. Colour range is also very broad.

**9** *Impatiens tinctora* (im-PAT-ee-enz)  
This is truly wonderful species of 'Busy Lizzie' native to Eastern Africa. Sadly, because of its invasive cousin, the Himalayan Balsam, people are cautious of planting members of this group. However, this species does not spread or seed, so is a perfect addition to a tropical bed. Although from tropical Africa, it is relatively hardy. The white flowers are large with a red splash in the centre.

**2** *Sedum* 'Red Cauli' (SEE-dum)  
This is the well-known 'Stone crop'. A fantastic plant for the herbaceous border. Particularly drought tolerant, they can go weeks without water. These plants are succulents and carry an internal reservoir. Flowers are superb and last around a month. They are highly attractive to bees and other pollinators. Sedums have been renamed recently as *Hylotelephium*! 

**6** *Eucomis pallidiflora* subsp. *pole-evansii* (yew-KOH-miss)  
This is the largest of the 'Pineapple Plants'. A bulbous perennial native to the mountains of southern Africa, yet totally hardy here in the UK. They can be propagated in many ways! Division of the bulb, leaf cuttings, seed and even from a cutting of the 'tuft' at the top of the flower. There are several good cultivars of eucomis available for garden and container cultivation.

**10** *Musa sikkamensis* 'Red Tiger' (MOO-sah)  
This is one of the hardiest ornamental bananas, native to the Himalayas. The Japanese banana, *Musa basjoo*, has been known for many years as 'the' hardy banana, but *M. sikkamensis* is proving to be just as hardy, if not more so. This one is a variety with purple-red streaks. A superb plant for a tropical garden. Protect crown from water in winter with a cut-off plastic drinks bottle.

**3** *Vitex agnus-castus* 'Silver Spire' (VYE-tex)  
This beautiful late flowering shrub is native to the Mediterranean and as well as being very ornamental, is known for its use in herbal medicine. The flower spikes can be either white, pink or violet in colour. The silvery foliage is highly aromatic. This shrub has a certain amount of drought tolerance and in fact, requires a sunny position to thrive.

**7** *Lagerstroemia indica* 'Red Rocket' (lah-gah-STROH-mee-ah)  
Known as the 'Crepe-Myrtle', this is a stunning shrub or small tree perfect for a sunny spot in the garden. They are superb for growing as a wall shrub in place of a climber, requiring no frame or trellis for support. They need to bake in the sun to produce a good crop of flowers in the late summer. In the warmer parts of the States, they can be seen used a street trees. Native to Asia and Australasia.

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