

Choose a short walk passing one or a few of the trees, or follow the whole trail.

Remember to re-visit to see the trees change through the seasons.

You can also navigate to the trees with the 'what3words' app.

Please 'leave no trace', stick to the paths and follow the 'Countryside Code'.

A - Common Lime
B - Silver Birch
C - Dog Rose
D - Hazel
E - Sweet Chestnut
F - Blackthorn
G - Ash
H - Oak

◆ - Gorse ★ - Apple ▲ - Holly + - Yew

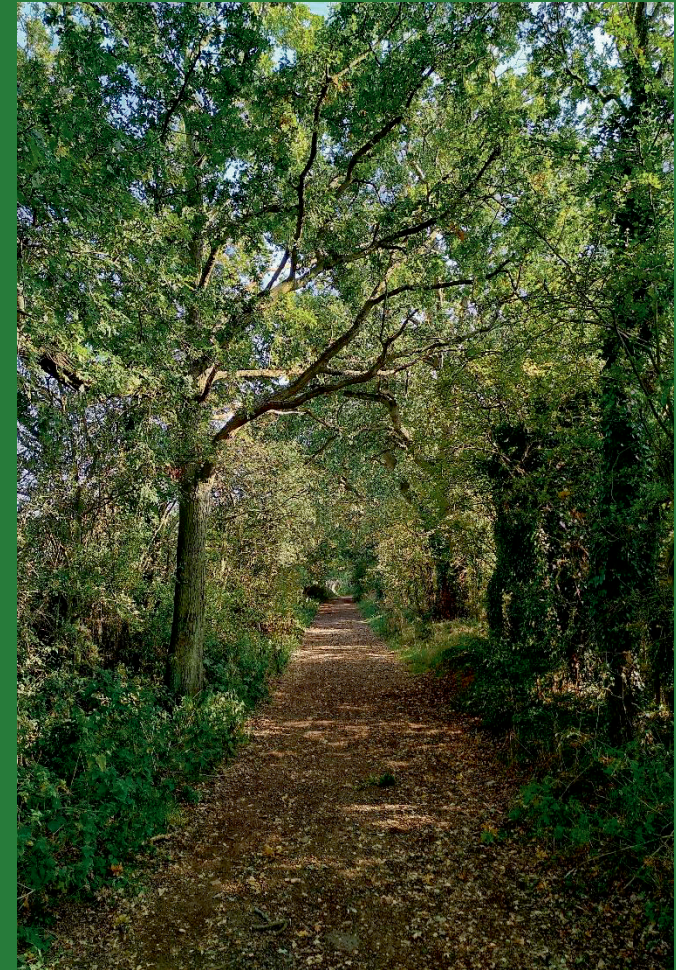
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I - Hawthorn
J - Copper Beech
K - Willow
L - Elder
M - Alder
N - Walnut
O - Sycamore
P - Common Beech

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Tree Trail

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A Common Lime *Tilia x vulgaris*

Leaves: Broad, coming to a point, almost heart shaped.

Bark: Pale grey/brown with deep ridges.

Flowers: Pendulous leaflet with 2-5 baubles that explode into tiny yellow flowers. Seeds: Tiny, ripe, brown fruits hanging in clusters.

B Silver Birch *Betula pendula*

Leaves: Triangular, pointed tip, small teeth along edges.

Bark: White patchwork with black knots and crevices.

Flowers: Male:-Long catkins hanging down. Female:-Small upright catkins. Seeds: Tiny, papery seeds that fly like confetti.

C Dog Rose *Rosa canina*

Leaves: Toothed, pointed ovals clustered in groups of 5-7.

Bark: Thorny, climber. Green new shoots turning brown with age.

Flowers: 5 pinky/white petals with a crown of yellow stamens.

Seeds: Oval, red berry, hips.

D Hazel *Corylus avellana*

Leaves: Rounded, dark green leaves with soft hairy underside.

Bark: Grey/brown, smooth. Multi-stemmed. Flowers: Male:-long yellow catkins. Female:-tiny, red stigma clusters like anemones.

Seeds: Clusters of up to 4 nuts, a hard shell with frilly husk.

E Sweet Chestnut *Castanea sativa*

Leaves: Long, oblong, many toothed leaves.

Bark: Grey, smooth turning brown with deep spirals and ridges.

Flowers: Creamy, white, upright, spiky catkin clusters.

Seeds: Glossy, brown nuts encased in the spiniest of husks.

F Blackthorn *Prunus spinosa*

Leaves: Small, toothed ovals appearing alternately.

Bark: Dark grey, black. Long, thorny stems.

Flowers: Small, white flowers open before leaves appear.

Seeds: Blue, black berries or 'sloes', very bitter to eat.

G Ash *Fraxinus excelsior*

Leaves: Up to 13 oval leaflets with toothed edges arranged in pairs. Bark: Smooth, grey developing splits and ridges with age.

Flowers: Black buds. Dense clusters of purple flowers without petals. Seeds: Flat, green wings hanging in bunches of 'keys', brown by autumn.

H Oak *Quercus robur*

Leaves: Short stalk, deeply lobed. Bark: Grey, finely cracked.

Flowers: Male:-Yellow/green hanging catkins. Female:-Tiny catkins with minute flowers. Seeds: Acorn in a cup with a long stalk.

I Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*

Leaves: Oval to diamond shape with deep lobes.

Bark: Light brown, flaky on twisted stems.

Flowers: Pungent small white flowers with pink anthers. Seeds: Deep red berries, 'haws'.

J Copper Beech *Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea*

Leaves: Oval, deep purple in spring fading to copper.

Bark: Smooth, grey with horizontal etchings. Flowers: Hanging male tassel-like catkins, upright, cup-like female flowers. Seeds: Reddy/brown nuts in a bristly husk.

K Willow *Salix alba*

Leaves: Long, narrow, hairy underneath. Bark: Grey, brown with deep fissures. Flowers: Long, narrow. Male:-bright yellow. Female:-green. On separate trees. Seeds: Female catkins turn white and fluffy.

L Elder *Sambucus nigra*

Leaves: Oval, toothed in 2-3 pairs with a single leaf at end of stem. Bark: Light brown with deep furrows.

Flowers: Tiny, creamy white, hanging in large, aromatic clusters. Seeds: Small rounded black berries clustered on red stems.

M Alder *Alnus glutinosa*

Leaves: Rounded, heart shape. Dark green to purpley black.

Bark: Brown/ grey with narrow fissures. Flowers: Male:- long purple, black catkins. Female:-rounded like mini pinecones. Seeds: Tiny, spread by wind and water.

N Walnut *Juglans regia*

Leaves: Large, leathery, in 7-9 pointed pairs per stem. Bark:

Smooth grey, with deepening crevices as tree ages. Flowers:

Male:-drooping catkins. Female:-tiny, green, on tips of shoots.

Seeds: Green fruit surrounding a hard wrinkled casing, nuts inside.

O Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*

Leaves: Dark green, palmate, 5 lobes with toothed edges.

Bark: Smooth grey, becoming cracked, rough and flaky with age.

Flowers: Long clusters of tiny yellow/green flowers. Seeds: Pairs of seeds with wings that helicopter into the wind, 'samaras'.

P Common Beech *Fagus sylvatica*

Leaves: Pointed, oval. Yellowy/green turning to a shiny dark green.

Bark: Pale, grey and smooth. Flowers: Male:-small, round catkins hanging down. Female:-bristly, oval, sticking up. Seeds: Nuts encased in bristly husks, 'beech-mast'.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram if you want to know more about the trees, including life span, their uses, folklore and the many species they support.

Front cover image – along Park Lane, part of the Clopton Way and the Greensand Ridge walk.