

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE

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## Welcome to the Rosliston Hedgerow and Tree Myth Trails

As you follow the trails, you will see boards next to certain plants and trees which will tell you about them. The trail is designed to introduce some of the many facts, myths and legends associated with our hedgerow trees.

See if you can guess the name of the trees and plants on the route from our clues...

Read the route information below, choose which one to follow, and pick up a site guide so that you know which way to go. Have fun!

Any comments welcome: please write to us at the above address.

### Route 1

Route 1 is approximately half a mile long, and uses the surfaced route of the All Abilities Trail (marked by yellow-topped posts).

There are several junctions with other surfaced paths: If you walk for more than 3 or 4 minutes without seeing a tree trail board, then check your route!

The route is pushchair and wheelchair friendly.

Start at the All Abilities trail marker post and go down towards the bird hide.

There are lots of tree labels between the start of the route and the hide—see if you can spot the 2 which are part of this trail!

Then follow the yellow-topped posts of the All-abilities trail around the site, past the Flight Pond and back up to the Visitor Centre. For clues, see overLEAF!

### Route 2

Route 2 is approximately one mile and mostly along grass paths. If you walk for more than 3 or 4 minutes without seeing a tree trail board, then check the map in your site guide!

Start off along the Dog Walk, keeping the larch/ pine plantation on your immediate right all the time (especially at junctions!). Soon after the elm board you will join the All Abilities Trail surfaced path. Turn left, (down hill) towards the plough.

At the Flight Pond, the 2 routes separate again, and this one follows the site boundary hedge (by the stream), past the lake.

Keep following the grass path until you reach the tree trail board for bryony, then go right along the adjoining hedge towards Fox Covert.

Then follow the blue-topped long-walk posts towards the Centre, past the willow dome, until you rejoin the surfaced path. Go past the hawthorn board, and turn left uphill along the concrete drive to the Centre, still following the blue posts. For clues, see overLEAF!

**WARNING: Although many hedgerow fruits and plants are good to eat, some are not. Some of the poisonous ones look very like the edible ones... so our advice is DON'T EAT ANYTHING YOU FIND.**

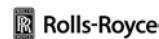
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Some of these clues relate to the name or characteristics of the plant /tree, some are connected to well-known myths or facts, and some are just very poor puns... Good luck in working them out! Don't worry if you don't get some of them—you will still find all the trees/ plants as long as you stick to the route. The clues are designed to keep you guessing about the next board you are likely to find.

### Route 1

1. Sun, sea and sand -but not many of these around here!
2. No use for playing conkers...
3. A prickly favourite for the farmer with adventurous sheep...
4. Undisputed king of trees.
5. Its nasty-tasting fruit is transformed by cooking with sugar.
6. You will move quite SLOWLY after adding this plant to your gin.
7. The briar patch is full of this favourite pie ingredient... and is a safe home for the rabbits!
8. Found inside a nutty chocolate treat.
9. A graceful tree, named for the colour of its bark
10. 100 aker wood contained at least 6 of these!
11. A tree with 2 names?

### Route 2

1. This conifer looks lovely in the summer—but it's no use as a Christmas tree...
2. Worth its weight in savlon if the need arises.
3. 'on a tree by a river a little birds sits, singing "\*\*\*\*\* tit-\*\*\*\*\*, tit-\*\*\*\*\*" ' according to Gilbert & Sullivan, anyway.
4. A local village takes its name from this tree... but there are not many left.
5. Sometimes described as 'lonesome' by singers.
6. Useful if you are a witch wishing to sweep up some leaves?
7. Source of cobs, which make a tasty sauce!
8. What could be odder—a deciduous tree that has cones instead of nuts or berries.
9. Ancestor of a garden favourite.
10. This Noble Tree was a Christmas favourite in Germany.
11. The clinging part of the Christmas Carol!
12. A social climber—but is it named after a girl or a boy?
13. Our native helicopter tree.
14. The prickly half of a christmas carol.
15. Sticky grass?
16. Looks nothing like a rose or an elder, but gets its name from both, maybe.
17. The colour your face goes when you are ill...
18. If your tongue was shivering would you be 'gaspen'?
19. 'tender-handed stroke a \*\*\*\*\*, And it stings you for its pains.  
Grasp it like a man of mettle, And it soft as silk remains.
20. Gilbert and Sullivan are seeing double... but this one looks completely different!
21. Maybe you will see this flowering in maytime...
22. It's no joke, if these leaves come out before the ash in springtime, we get a soak.
23. Its tasty fruits rhyme with berry.
24. Are we still taught to respect our \*\*\*\*\*s and betters?

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