

Follow Monty the snail around the park and have a tree-mendous time!

Monty's Tree Trail

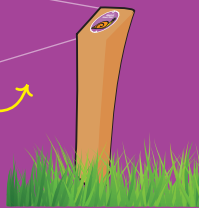


I have left a special trail around the park for you to follow.

Look out for the signs that I have left. Then tick the boxes when you discover the items on my trail.



look out for these



- 1 Visitor Centre
- 2 The Lodge
- 3 Lion
- 4 Pond, Fountain & Cascades
- 5 Bandstand
- 6 Sycamore Tree
- 7 Old Lake & Monkey Island
- 8 Children's Playground
- 9 Arches & Grotto
- 10 Blast Wall
- 11 Grottos & Tree Canopy Walk
- 12 Pond & Former Cascade Site
- 13 Former Main Gateway
- 14 Former Cascade Site
- 15 Former Castle Site

Unsuitable for prams or wheelchairs. Contains large flights of steps.

Accessible by prams & wheelchairs.

If you have time, why not take a look around the rest of the park and see what else you can find...



- Monty's Tree Trail
- Entrances
- Vista Points
- Rock Faces
- Woodland
- Buildings
- Paths/Steps
- Water (Pond dipping available for supervised/pre-booked parties)



Word Search

Can you find all twelve of the words listed below?

- Ash Holly Oak
- Bark Horse Puzzle
- Chestnut Leaf Sycamore
- Conker Monkey Yew

A	C	E	G	I	K	M	H	C
O	Q	U	S	Y	L	L	O	H
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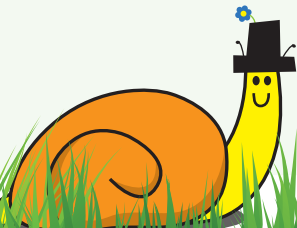
Anagrams

Re-arrange the letters below to identify the name

- LEZPUZ LYLHO
- HSA AOEYCMSR
- KARB KOA
- KNYMOE NTEHSCTU
- AEFL NRKCEO
- RESHO EYW

What do the following words mean?

- Evergreen
- Deciduous
- Texture
- Variegated
- Native





Continues on the reverse

Tree Trail

Now start to make your way towards the flagpole.

- ☐ Mark its position on the map overleaf.
- ☐ Can you spot another Monkey Puzzle tree on the way?

Go straight on up the steps past the bandstand and up the second set of steps.



- ☐ Before Horse Chestnut trees a similar game was played. What did they use? Here's a clue...

The Horse Chestnut is not native to Britain and was only widely planted in the 19th Century.

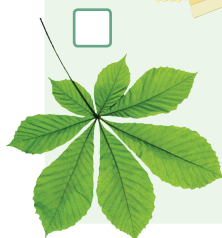
Extra Info:
The first recorded game of conkers using horse chestnuts was in 1848.

With its big five or seven fingered leaves we know this tree well, it produces a nut called a...

Beyond the cascade on the grassy bank is a Horse Chestnut tree.

Horse Chestnut

The Pond & Cascade



- ☐ Continue down the main drive, can you find a Lion?

To the right of the Lion, next to the path, is a Holly tree.

- ☐ How many colours can you see on the leaves? This is known as variegation.

Carry straight on to the steps on the right hand side of the drive. Opposite is a large tree with a distinctive 'U' shaped branch with a reddish-brown trunk.

☐ This is a Deodar Cedar.

Extra Info:
The Deodar is the national tree of Pakistan



Holly & Deodar Cedar

The Lion



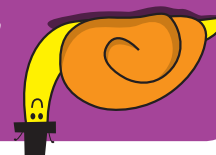
- ☐ What words would you use to describe the texture and colour of the bark?

Look on the ground, can you find a Beech leaf or a nut? Why not begin a tree-mendous collection - but remember collect only items that have fallen to the ground. DO NOT PICK THEM FROM THE TREE.

Extra Info:
Oak and Beech trees are deciduous - that means that they lose their leaves in winter.



Hi, my name is



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There is also a map overleaf to help you



Monkey Puzzle & Beech

The Lodge



With the lodge on your right, look down the path. Can you see the Monkey Puzzle tree? It is not a native tree to Britain but was brought over from South America and planted in Victorian times. Have a look at its trunk.

- ☐ What type of pattern can you see?



If you look on the other side of the path you can see a Beech tree.

Extra Info:
The Monkey Puzzle tree is an evergreen - it keeps its leaves all year round.

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Monty's Tree Trail continued...



Old Lake & Monkey Island Sycamore, Oak & Ash



There are three very different trees to be found in this area.

- ☐ There is a Sycamore which is easily recognised by its mottled bark.

- ☐ Do you know who planted this tree?

And in what year?

- Next to the Sycamore tree is another large tree. This is an Oak tree.

In autumn Oaks bear a nut called an acorn.



- ☐ Acorns are the favourite food of which animal?



Extra Info:
The Vikings believed that Oak trees were linked with the thunder god Thor. This may have been because they were the largest native tree in Northern Europe, and so were frequently struck by lightning.

Opposite the Oak and the Sycamore is an Ash tree.

The wood from Ash trees is very tough and strong but also quite elastic.

- ☐ How are the leaves arranged on the stalk?

What animal has been carved out of a nearby tree trunk?

Add the leaves of the Sycamore, Oak and Ash to your collection. REMEMBER ONLY TO PICK FALLEN LEAVES.

You should finish your tree trail at the flagpole, which is near to the play area so you can finish off with a swing and a slide.

Extra Info:
Ash wood was often used for making spears and bows

Well Done I hope you enjoyed following my trail



If you want to know the answers, and collect a special Monty sticker, then see the park warden or call in and ask at the visitor centre.

The answers can also be found on our website along with lots more information about the park. Meanwhile enjoy solving the activities over the page.

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