

INTRODUCTION TO KNOLE HOUSE



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Knole is one of England's most important historic houses in the heart of Kent's medieval deer park. It is over 500 years old. The mixture of unspoilt woodland and open meadows supplies a rich and varied environment, creating the perfect natural playground for adventurous children to explore all year-round. If you want a break from the trail, why not stop by Knole House for a visit!

Precautions

As Knole Park is a deer park, there may be deer and stags around, please do not get too close to any wildlife and do not feed the deer.

Our trail crosses a few small roads and a car parking, so please watch out for cars.

What is E.M.Soc.?

We are a group of students who work together to find practical ways of making Sevenoaks School a more environmentally friendly place, by getting the whole school community involved. We have been working with The Conservation Volunteers to create this leaflet and promote tree conservation.

Trails

We have prepared two trails for you, which form a large figure of eight. Both have the same start and end point so that you can walk both in succession of one another.

Both trails take around about one hour to complete.

TRAIL INSTRUCTIONS

Tree 1 to 2 Keeping the house on your right. Walk up the path running parallel to Knole House. Tree 2 is right on the top of the hill.

Tree 2 to 3 Follow this path for 500m. At the crossroads, take the central path (leaving the golf park on the right and passing several houses on the left). Continue along this path for another 500m and find the next tree on your left.

Tree 3 to 4 Take the right pathway (just off main path) towards back towards Knole House. After 200m take the first path on your left (with the wall on your far right) down the hill. Turn left just before the end of the path and walk up the hill towards the next tree.

Tree 4 to 5 Walk back down to the path (can you spot the "elephant tree" in front of you?). Turn right at the end of the path and take the first large pathway on the right. Walk uphill towards Knole House. You will find the next tree halfway up the hill, on your right.

Tree 5 to 6 Walk straight back up the hill towards Knole House. Return to your starting point....

Tree 6 to 7 Walk parallel to the road, past the pond on the right, continue until you reach the path.

Tree 7 to 8 Walk towards the path. Take the white grassy path down the hill towards the right. The next tree is a little way up the hill.

Tree 8 to 9 Backtrack down the valley, and walk up the concrete path, turn right onto the grassy path. Turn left up the muddy path. When you reach the concrete road, turn right.

Continue along the road back to the house!

This leaflet was produced as a legacy of the Kent Heritage Trees Project, a five year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund celebrating Kent's tree heritage. A significant achievement of the project was the recording of over 10,000 heritage trees – trees that are old, wide, rare or have a story to tell. Visit tcv.org.uk/kentheritagetrees to view the tree finds and map.

This is one of a series of leaflets created by volunteers to encourage people of all ages to explore the outdoors, learn about nature and heritage trees and enjoy the Kentish countryside.

The Kent Heritage Trees Project was developed and run by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV), a charity that works with thousands of people across the UK, helping them to discover, improve and enjoy their local green spaces and by doing so create happier and healthier communities.

www.explorekent.org

Find out more about the continuing work of TCV and how you can become involved, visit www.tcv.org.uk

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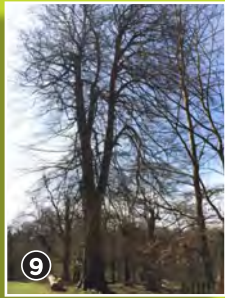
Knole Park Tree Trail

for family walks



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9. Beech
Fagus sylvatica

Take a rest on the log next to the tree.

Girth: 5.90m



1. 200 year-old Sycamore
Acer pseudoplatanus

(fenced off) It is inbetween the house and car park. Information about the tree can be found on the information plaque



2. Oak
Quercus sp.

Right at the top of the path. Can you find the silver tag and read the number on it?

Girth: 5.20m

8. Sycamore
Acer pseudoplatanus

Enjoy the view of the valley! Can you spot any deer?

Girth: 4.20m



7. Beech
Fagus sylvatica

Can you get around the tree walking only on the roots?

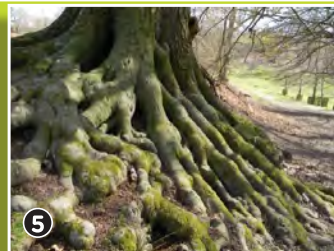
Girth: 4.15m



6. Sweet Chestnut
Castanea sativa

Look at how the new parts at the top of the tree are different from the old in the lower half.

Girth: 3.85m



5. Beech
Fagus sylvatica

This tree is easy to spot, it has massive roots!

Girth: 6.40m



3. Sweet Chestnut
Castanea sativa

It is on the left when you are facing the really long road. Notice how this tree looks especially twisty!

Girth: 4.66m



4. Cedar of Lebanon
Cedrus libani

This tree looks like a very large Christmas tree.

Girth: 4.10m

