

Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales  
Swansea, Bridgend & Cardiff Groups

**Coach Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Originating from the enthusiasm of Victorian plant collectors, the Arboretum at Westonbirt (near Tetbury) is now managed by *Forestry England* as the national Arboretum of England. It contains 2500 different species of trees taken from all over the world. Some are rare and endangered in the wild. 140 are “champion” trees, the largest of their kind in Britain.

The Arboretum contains some famous collections, such as the Japanese maples. While these are usually admired in the autumn, springtime offers some spectacular flowering species such as the bladdernuts and cherries.

In the morning of our visit there will be a guided walk through the Old Wood, where the Holford family began their tree collection. In the afternoon there will be free time to explore the other areas, including the treetop walkway in Silk Wood.

The site has a restaurant, toilets and a shop. Lunch can be taken in the restaurant, or as a bring-your-own picnic.

- 1) Booking for the trip is essential. **Please use the form below, and return to Jane Morgan, Bridgend Group Treasurer, no later than 18<sup>th</sup> April. Jane’s address is below and her telephone number is 01656 656113. The charge for the coach trip is £24 per person.**
- 2) This is a joint activity of the three Glamorgan Local Groups. The coach will pick up first from the Recreation Ground car park on Mumbles Road, Swansea (next to St Helen’s rugby ground). The coach will then pick up at Parc Slip and finally on Longwood Drive in Cardiff, off Junction 32 – see the detailed itinerary overleaf.
- 3) We will confirm your booking by e-mail or telephone, or by post if you provide s.a.e.

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**To: Jane Morgan, 16 Protheroe Avenue, Penyfai, Bridgend CF31 4LU**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places on the coach @ £24.00 per person for the outing on 16th May.

**Total Enclosed £ \_\_\_\_\_**

[Please make cheques payable to *Wildlife Trust of S&W Wales - Bridgend Group.*]

We will board the bus in **Swansea / Parc Slip / Cardiff, J32 M4**

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**From:** *name* \_\_\_\_\_ *address* \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum (continued)***

The coach price includes entry to the Arboretum, a fee for the guide and a tip for the coach driver.

The itinerary for the day will be as follows.

- 0830 Pick-up from the recreation Ground car park, Mumbles Road, (next to St Helen's rugby ground)
- 0900 Pick-up from Parc Slip
- 0930 Pick-up off Junction 32 (Coryton interchange). Leave cars on Longwood Drive, and wait there for the bus. [To reach Longwood Drive, leave the motorway interchange at the exit for "Superstore" and "Forest Farm". Go past the mini-roundabout at the entrance to *Asda* and continue to Longwood Drive, where there is ample parking space.]
- 1100 Arrival at Westonbirt
- 1130 – 1300 Guided tour of the Old Wood
- 1300 onwards Lunch and free time
- 1500 Depart Westonbirt
- 1630 (approx.) Arrive Longwood Drive, Cardiff
- 1700 (approx.) Arrive Parc Slip
- 1730 (approx.) Arrive Mumbles Road, Swansea