

# The Tree Trail

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**Have you ever noticed how many different types of tree there are?**

The Tree Trail will help you identify some of the trees found at Itchen Valley Country Park by their leaves.

**For use from May onwards**

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## Here are some useful terms to help you:

- Palmate** A leaf which has five points in a hand shape.
- Compound** A leaf made up of several smaller leaves (called leaflets) on one stem
- Evergreen** A tree which keeps its leaves all year round.
- Deciduous** A tree which sheds its leaves in winter.
- Conifer** A tree which has needles and cones. Usually evergreen.

**Follow the directions to locate the trail. When you reach a tree, signed by a number either on a post or on the tree, study the leaves and look at the key on the back of this sheet.**

**Leave the Barn by the back door and head down the track towards the river. Go through the gate on the left at the start of the Woods & Meadows trail.**

1. The first tree is the tallest in the hedge to the left of the gate. It has bright green compound leaves.

The tree is .....

### **Continue on the trail to the next signpost**

2. Look left for a large tree with a thick trunk and lobed leaves.

The tree is .....

### **Follow the trail to the bench**

3. In the hedge behind the bench is a tree like the last one. What is the tree to its left?

The tree is .....

4. The trail now passes through a gate. After the gate, look in the hedge to your left. What is the tree with many stems?

The tree is .....

5. Head towards the road and look right for a bushy tree with oval leaves.

The tree is .....

**Continue over the field to the gate. Cross over the road at the crossing and go through the gate opposite to continue the trail.**

6. Can you see a tall tree on the left with several trunks and smooth bark.

The tree is .....

**Follow the path past the totem pole and beside the ancient oaks.**

7. On the left, this tree has very smooth grey bark and oval leaves.

The tree is .....

8. Continue on and look for an evergreen shrub with prickly leaves.

The tree is .....

9. The next tree is on the left hand side of the bridge.

The tree is .....

10. Cross the bridle route and look left for a tall slim tree with compound leaves.

The tree is .....

11. Notice how this tree is extremely tall and straight and has needles.

The tree is .....

12. Continue on the path, over a bridge, and look to your left for a tall tree with papery bark and oval leaves.

The tree is .....

**To get back to High Wood Barn turn left when you come to a cross roads and cross over the bridle route and then go through the gate on to the path running parallel to the road.**



# The Tree Key

