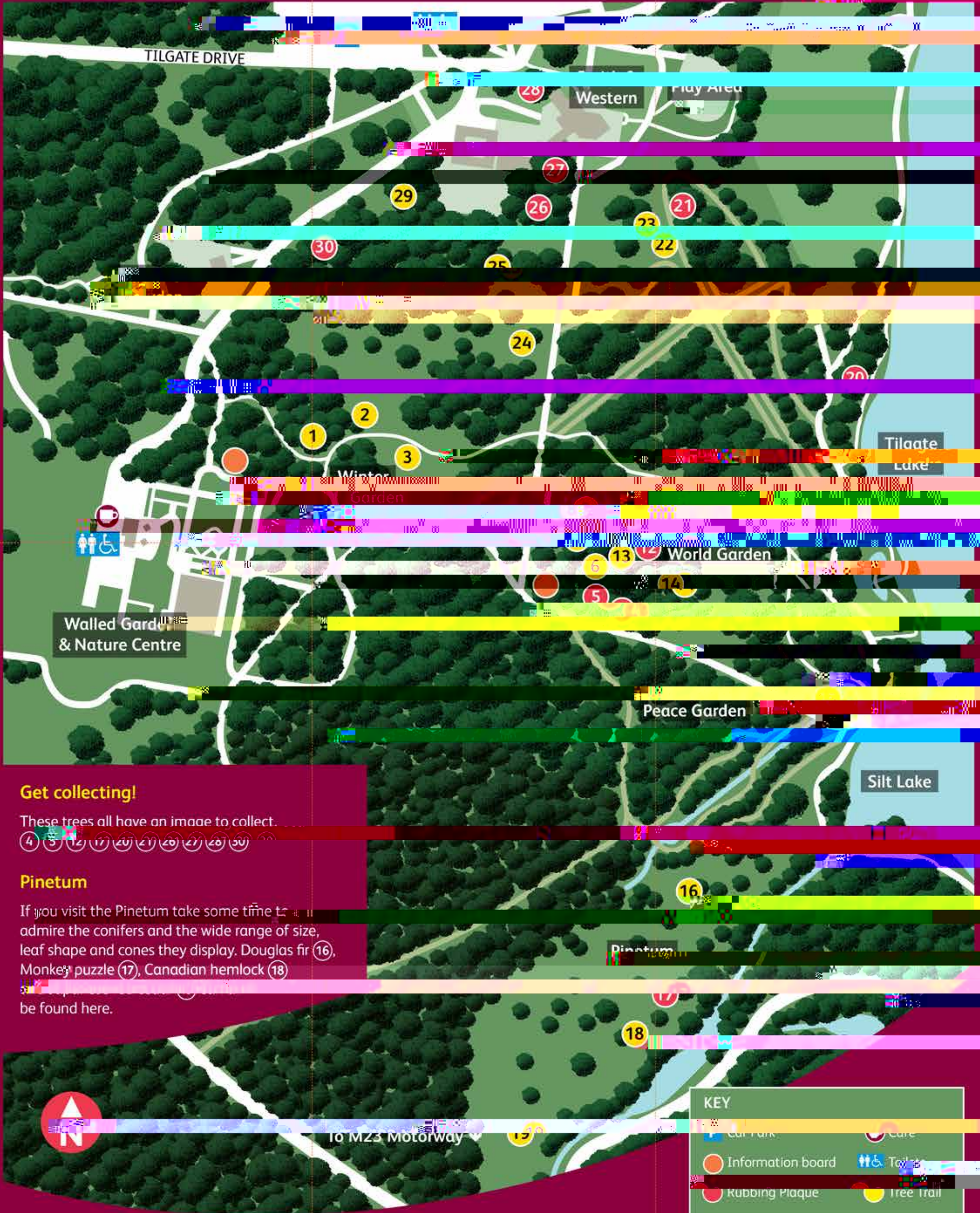


Tilgate Park Tree Trail



Get collecting!

These trees all have an image to collect.

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Pinetum

If you visit the Pinetum take some time to admire the conifers and the wide range of size, leaf shape and cones they display. Douglas fir ⑯, Monkey puzzle ⑰, Canadian hemlock ⑱

can be found here.

KEY	
	Car Park
	Cafe
	Information board
	Toilet
	Rubbing Plaque
	Tree trail

Discover some amazing trees from around the world on this self-guided trail

Each trail tree has been identified with a number that corresponds to its entry on the map.

Children and adults alike can enjoy collecting the 10 rubbing images.



Enjoy exploring and looking up into the branches, feeling the bark, smelling the flowers, collecting some leaves, hugging a tree and learning about all the amazing trees Tilgate Park has to offer. We hope you enjoy the trail!



How to find us

Tilgate Park is situated in the south of Crawley with easy access from the M23, A23 and A264.

Featuring parkland, lakes, woodland, play areas, Walled Garden and Nature Centre the park has something for everyone.

We have volunteering opportunities and venue hire for events and special occasions.

Call 01293 521168, email Tilgate@ Crawley.gov.uk or visit our website at www.crawley.gov.uk/tilgatepark

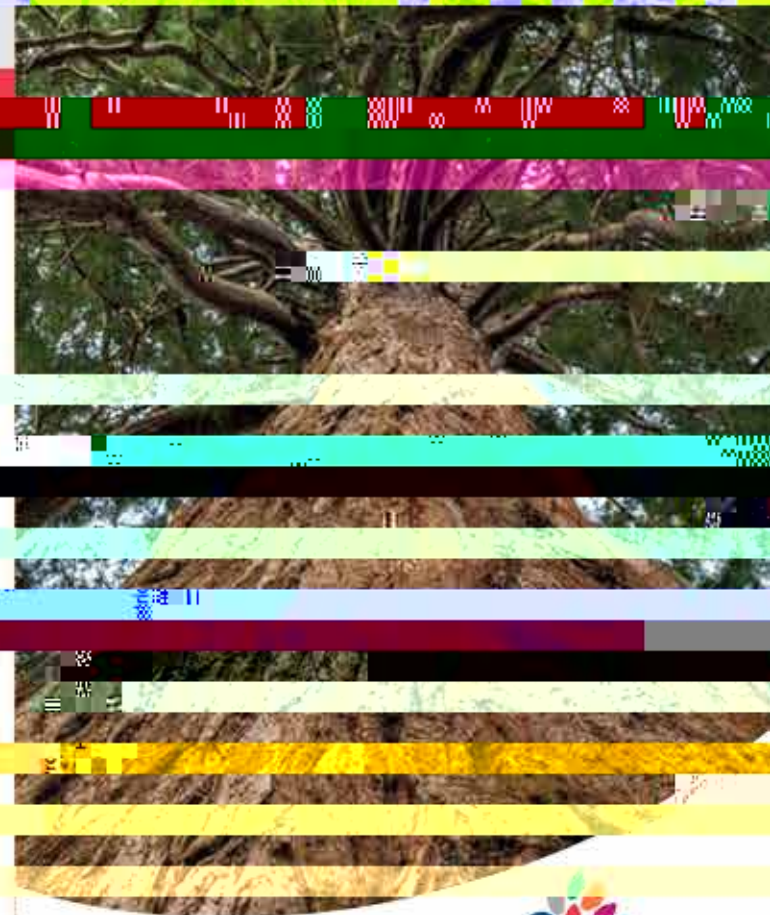
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Discover the Tilgate Tree Trail



major feature of Tilgate Park is the range of trees that have survived over the past 200 years, a practice which we continue to the present day. Many of these trees are not native to the UK. Some examples of lesser known species



that have appeared on the Invertebrate Register of the British Isles for being champion trees of their particular species.

There are trees from Asia, Africa, Europe and

tallest in the world and others whose ancestors rubbed shoulders with the dinosaurs!



All cedars are evergreen.

see the Swamp cypress (15) and Dawn redwood (20). These trees have lovely autumn foliage.



The leaves of the Formosan cypress (1) are said to smell of sweet pine and the twigs of yellow birch (2) have an antiseptic smell when scratched!

Bright and beautiful.

For lovely autumn colour check out the Chinese dogwood (11) and Paper bark maple (3).

A Dawn from the dawn!

The Maidenhair tree, *Ginkgo*

'living fossil' because this species dates back to the time of dinosaurs. You may recognise the name Ginkgo as a herbal medicine often used to improve memory.



Q. When is a petal not a petal?

A. When it's a bract!

A bract is a type of leaf which encloses a flower bud. In some plants these bracts have evolved to be brightly coloured like petals to attract pollinating insects. Look out for the Chinese dogwood (6) and Handkerchief tree (7).

The most puzzling tree of all.

There are several Monkey puzzle trees (17) in the park. Covered with spiny leaves on the branches and trunk, it got its common name because people thought that even a monkey would find it hard to climb.

Reaching skywards.

Douglas firs (18) were once the tallest trees in the world. Sadly all the tallest have been cut down so now the record goes to the Coast redwood (19) at more than 100 metres. Our tree has a long way to go!

Britain's best loved tree?

We have nine examples of the two species of native oak, Spanish oak (4) and English oak (30).

