

# Battle Cemetery Tree Trail

A guide to some of the beautiful trees in our cemetery

Standing with your back to the Chapel door, walk towards the cemetery entrance and turn left along the gravel path by the hedge, past the particularly elegant **Silver Birch** (*pictured*).



Continue down this gravel path by the hedge and then bear left with the **Cypresses** on your left and a **Holly** above your head on your right.

At the end of the gravel path, turn right and walk towards a fine **Sweet Chestnut**, near to the cemetery boundary.



Turn left, then continue down the grass path ahead. You will pass a rather poorly **Sweet Chestnut**, but there is a very healthy **Horse Chestnut** (*pictured*) to your right.



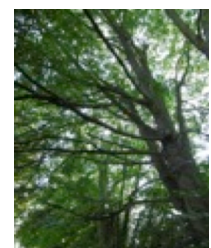
Continue down the cemetery and near to the compost heap you will see a massive **Ash**. Bear left and you will pass a group of three younger trees on your right: **Hawthorn, Yew and Oak**.

Follow the grass path towards the main driveway, with the 'New' Garden of Remembrance on your right. On your left is a **Trembling Aspen**. Watch the leaves in the breeze and you will understand how it got its name! You can hear the leaves trembling, too.



Turn right by the seat and walk down the path near to the Garden of Remembrance towards the bottom of the cemetery. On your left you will see a **Maple**, a **Silver Lime** (note the underside of the leaves) and a **Scarlet Oak** (*pictured*).

At the end of this path on your right is a **Blue Spruce**. Turn left, but before heading back up the main driveway towards the Chapel, head towards the boundary hedge and admire the beautiful, mature **Field Maple** (*pictured*), which is native to Britain. Is the bird box inhabited?

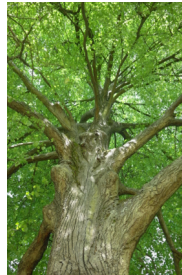




Walking back up the driveway, you will pass a **Copper Beech** (guess how it got its name!) and a dark form of **Sycamore** on your right. Just past these is a **Tulip Tree** (*pictured*), which has large yellow flowers in June. An **English Oak** stands grandly, a little further on. (There are at least 67 species of Oak in the UK!)

Passing the wild flower area on your left, there is a row of **Sycamores** along the hedgerow on the right. Gather their seeds and throw them in the air to play 'helicopters'! A little further up, behind the graves on your right, is a magnificent **Evergreen Oak** (also called **Holm Oak**), which drapes its boughs gracefully towards the lower cemetery.

Walking towards the chapel, there are three **Small-leaved Limes** on your right, which are quite rare and whose delicate flowers can be harvested in late June, dried and then infused to make tea.



*Small-leaved Lime*

Pass the pathway on your right that leads to the Lower Cemetery, where there are two grand **English Oaks**, which are probably over 400 years old, and continue on towards the Chapel.

When you reach the Chapel, turn right. You will notice several yews with their tops cut off – these are **Irish Yews**, which form tight columns that will, unchecked, “grow up to Heaven”. Sit down on the green seat under the **Yew**, which is straight ahead, and enjoy the wonderful view across to the fields and wooded hills.

Walking back towards the entrance to the Cemetery with the Chapel on your left, you will find a young **Cherry**. Between a **Walnut** and a **Magnolia**, there is a **Picea** (*pictured*), which you can estimate the age of, if you stand underneath and count the number of ‘rounds of branches’ up its trunk.



On your way back to the Cemetery gates, you can see a **Beech**, some more **Sycamores** and **Sweet Chestnuts** along the boundary of the woodland at the edge of the Cemetery.

*Battle Town Council hopes that you enjoyed exploring the Cemetery and wish to record their thanks to local naturalist Dr John Feltwell for his help in identifying our wonderful trees.*