

Tree Trail Discovery Resource List May 2015 Issue 5



Tree trails that have been recommended to us:

In London:

Ancient Tree Hunt / Trail - pan London (Woodland Trust) https://tinyurl.com/ct9e2gt

Brockwell Park, LB Lambeth https://tinyurl.com/mrmd9hk

Burgess Park-Wild & Edible, LB Southwark https://tinyurl.com/naqcsdz

City of London Tree Trail https://tinyurl.com/mgcaufp

Finsbury Park Tree Trail, LB Haringey https://tinyurl.com/psgz77t Created by Friends of Finsbury

Park https://www.facebook.com/finsburyparkfriends

Ice Age Tree Trail, LB Southwark https://tinyurl.com/oedctly

Morden Park, LB Merton https://tinyurl.com/ojl9ejo

Victoria Park, LB Tower Hamlets (Trees for Cities - in progress) https://tinyurl.com/lqbqsqo

West Ham Park Walks, City of London https://tinyurl.com/k9dkjzv

Further afield:

Canon Hill Park, Birmingham https://tinyurl.com/px5934k Birmingham Trees for Life www.btfl.org.uk

Liverpool - Ness Botanic Gardens, at the University of Liverpool

http://www.nessgardens.org.uk/media/143415/NessTreeTrailAug2013Web.pdf

Tokyo (in Japanese)

http://www.aboc.co.jp/hanasns/conts/

"Tell me, Flower Teacher!" It is the registration based web community for plant lovers. When people come across unknown plants, they can post a photo of the plants with details (when/where, wild/planted, specific features, etc). Whoever happens to know the plant's name will respond (sometime with more interesting info like its legend, place of origin, possibility of mutations, poisonousness, edibility, utility and so on). People exchange their experience with the specific plants/flowers. The site says that knowing the name of the flower is the starting point of communicating with them like in human relationship. People also share their plants diary (journal) on this site. Many Japanese love trees and plants. As they are very sensitive to changes of the seasons which is the core part of their culture, they are keen to capture the every essence of nature in our daily life.

Rethinking Cities under the banner of the *Museum of Walking* run a number of popular participatory walks and walkshops - one of which is called **Tree or False?**You may be reading the web resource because you have taken part in or heard about our **Tree or False? walkshop** around the *Ice Age tree Trail* in the Mary Geraldine Harmsworth Gardens (surrounding the Imperial War Museum in London). If you so you might like to view this gallery of our photos of trees on the trail:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/rethinking_cities/sets/72157630366280728/

Campaigning organisations in London and beyond:



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Brockley Street Trees - local neighbourhood initiative with far-reaching influence and helpful advice: http://brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk/

London Orchard Project: http://thelondonorchardproject.org/ The tagline is: Urban fruit for urban communities.

London Wildlife Trust http://www.wildlondon.org.uk charity dedicated solely to protecting the capital's wildlife and wild spaces

Trees for Cities: http://www.treesforcities.org/ The tagline is: "Breathing life into your neighbourhood"

The Woodland Trust: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/ The tagline is: The UK's Leading Woodland Conservation Charity

Academic and practitioner initiatives / organisations:

Arboricultral Association: http://www.trees.org.uk/ - world leaders in arboricultural best practice.

Arup Cities Alive: http://www.arup.com/Homepage Cities Alive.aspx

Botanic Gardens Education Network: http://www.bgen.org.uk/ - professional development and networking for environmental educators

The Forestry Commission - government research and forest management http://www.forestry.gov.uk/

Citizen Science in action:

iTree project http://www.forestry.gov.uk/london-itree

iTree is a recognised method of valuing the ecosystem service benefits such as carbon sequestration and air pollutant removal that trees provide; it was devised in the US and has been used throughout the world. London has been surveyed by hundreds of volunteers.

Treezilla: http://www.treezilla.org/ The tagline is: 'The monster map of trees" - it is an opportunity for you to map the trees in your local area and find out how they contribute / detract from the environment.

Learning outdoors:

The Institute for Outdoor Learning: http://www.outdoor-learning.org/ encourages outdoor learning by developing quality, safety and opportunity to experience outdoor activity provision and by supporting and enhancing the good practice of those who work in the outdoors.

LEEF <u>www.leef.org.uk</u> is a network for London's most innovative and passionate urban Environmental Educators.

Project Wild Thing: http://projectwildthing.com/ Reconnecting Children with Nature

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