



National Poetry Day, Thursday, 7th October 2010

This Thursday is National Poetry Day. The Woodland Trust would like to encourage you to get out and about in one of its beautiful, autumnal woods in Merseyside and Cheshire, select a tree, and recite your favourite poem to it – not under it, especially if it's a horse chestnut! We've picked a couple of "nature" poems to get you started:

Trees in the Garden, D H Lawrence

The Wild Mushroom, Gary Snyder

Even better, during your stroll through one of our woods, let nature inspire you to compose your own poem, then pop onto www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk to check out where you can go to recite it, or enter it into a competition. This year's theme is 'Home', and we're sure that we are not alone in being able to link our feelings of home to our trees and woods: the Christmas tree in the hall, shedding needles everywhere; brushing up red, copper, and gold leaves from our paths; drilling holes through shiny brown conkers; topping up the bird feeder on the tree in the garden - see what you can add to this list.

If you are inspired by Gary Snyder's *The Wild Mushroom* poem, you may be interested in the Woodland Trust's **FREE Feast of Fungi Walk and Mobile Phone Photography Workshop, on Saturday, 30th October, at the Mary Ann Plantation, Westbrook, Warrington**. For details of this and other exciting events taking place in local Woodland Trust woods this autumn, please contact: Gill Dobson (telephone 01352 742143 or email gilldobson@woodlandtrust.org.uk).

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