



### Summer's here – so ask a tree to tea!

Why not take advantage of the glorious weather and the school holidays and hold a tree party this summer? No, that's not a typo – the Woodland Trust are giving away special goodie boxes full of fun and free activities to add something tree-mendous to your summer. All they request is that when planning your party – whether it's a garden party, woodland picnic, or just an ice-cream and a walk in the park – you "Ask a tree to tea". Learn about the flora and fauna around you while enjoying the best that the UK summer has to offer – what's not to like?

Sign up online at: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeparty/>  
(Over-18s only; one pack per household)



The Woodland Trust have also just launched a free Tree ID app (currently only available on iPhone 5 and newer models, with an Android app version in development). The app enables you to identify ALL the UK's native trees and a variety of non-native ones, too, using bark, twigs, buds, leaves, flowers or fruits. You can also browse the A-Z tree guide, which is packed full of clear images and fascinating facts about each species. The app also allows you to save your favourites and record them on your own map – great when you're outdoors this summer, and an ideal way to get you out and about later on, to observe the changes in these trees during the seasons. Download the app here: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/identify-trees-with-our-tree-id-app/>.

While you're out in the sunshine, identifying the flora and fauna with your Tree ID App or the resources in the Tree Party goodie box, why not choose a favourite tree and

nominate it for the Woodland Trust Tree of the Year award – but hurry, as nominations close on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Each winning tree (from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) wins a ‘Tree LC’ pamper package, aimed at keeping it in tip-top condition for future generations to enjoy and to provide educational/interpretive resources enabling the communities around it to engage with it. The story behind why this tree is your favourite will also be included in the Charter for Trees, Woods and People (<https://treecharter.uk/>). For more information and to nominate your tree, go to: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/tree-of-the-year/>.

**Local woods to visit include:**

Formby – Holm Wood – a mixture of mature broadleaf and pine trees, newer planted broadleaf woodland and areas of open ground. In the middle of an urban landscape surrounded by houses, gardens and roads but less than a mile walk from the pine woods and sand dunes on the Sefton coast, including Formby Point and its resident population of red squirrels

Liverpool – Childwall Woods – a mixture of shady woodland and open fields with great views, this council-managed urban wood is a great place for a walk

Runcorn – Big Wood – an urban haven for wildlife with ponds, broadleaf trees including sycamore, silver birch, oak, beech, hazel, holly, elder and a small remnant of heathland . Home to frogs, toads and newts, a rich variety of birdlife, grey squirrels and foxes

St. Helens – Griffin Wood – a mixture of mature woodland and newer planting, with a number of sculptures to see as well

Warrington – Spud Wood – broadleaved woodland and grassland meadow, great views, with the option for a stroll along the Bridgewater Canal and maybe spot a kingfisher

Wirral – Upton Meadow Millennium Wood – broadleaved woodland and an ecologically important wetland habitat

For more information, visit the Woodland Trust’s searchable database of woods: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/>

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**Notes to editors**

**The Woodland Trust** is the UK’s leading charity championing native woods and trees. It has over 400,000 supporters.

The Trust has three key aims: i) plant native trees and woods with the aim of creating resilient landscapes for people and wildlife ii) protect ancient woodland which is rare, unique and irreplaceable iii) restoration of damaged ancient woodland, bringing precious pieces of our natural history back to life

Established in 1972, the Woodland Trust now has over 1,000 sites in its care covering approximately 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres). Access to its woods is free.