

# RHS Garden Wisley

## Self Guided Activity Ideas for Schools

### Discovering Trees

#### TREE IDENTIFICATION

*Curricular Links: Science and Numeracy*

**How long will it take?**

As long as you like!

**What do we need to bring?**

Pictures of tree leaves or bark pictures (The RHS shop has some bark postcards from trees at RHS Garden Wisley). The Woodland Trust has identification sheets – but please check which trees are available at RHS Garden Wisley or use laminated, pressed real leaves collected during your pre-visit. (Please only collect leaves from the ground for this).

**How do we do it?**

Use the pictures or the sheets and as small groups try to match the trees to the pictures.

**Where can we do it?**

Anywhere in the garden but it might be best to choose one area e.g. Battleston Hill, the Pinetum or the Arboretum.

**When is the best time?**

Summer or early autumn for leaf identification or autumn/winter for bark only.

**Who will it work best with?**

Years 2 – 6.



#### Follow-up activity at school

Make tree dominoes using real or drawn leaves; make a tree key (years 5-6).