



Foliage Garden

The Foliage Garden is particularly beautiful during autumn with deciduous trees and shrubs changing colour (note the *Cercis canadensis* 'Forest Pansy' AGM as you leave this garden), flowering grasses (including magnificent *Cortaderia*) and autumn flowerers such as salvias, fuchsias, *Prostanthera* and sedums. Later in the season, evergreens begin to come to the fore.



Lake

At this time of year, the lake area is stunning, with all the autumn colours reflected in the still water. Yellows, reds and oranges of the acers, *Parrotia* and *Sorbus* line the banks supplemented by the brightly coloured stems of *Salix* and *Cornus* later in the season.



Orchard

Eating apples, cooking apples and cider apples all have a place in our established apple orchard. Our new Devon Apple Orchard in the adjacent field is full of promise and already producing fruit.

Rock Gully

Just by the small bridge over the stream, *Acer japonicum* 'Vitifolium' AGM looks glorious in all its autumn colour. Late flowerers such as the purple spires of *Liriope muscari* AGM and *Tricyrtis formosana* (toad lily) flourish in the more open areas; *Strobilanthes nutans*, *Impatiens stenantha* and *I. arguta* are found amongst the rocks in the shade.



Exotic Garden

The Exotic Garden is still full of colour, especially in early autumn with *Tibouchina*, *Cautleya*, salvias, *Fuchsia* and begonias. The huge leaves of the bananas and *Ensete* stay lush until the first frosts.



Stone Garden

In autumn, this garden sees the striking red leaves of *Disanthus cercidifolius* AGM, the red/orange autumn foliage of *Stewartia* and the fiery tints of acers contrasting beautifully with the blue slate of the pathways.



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GARDEN MAP AND AUTUMN TREE TRAIL



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Festival of Trees Trail

One of a series of seasonal walks, this leaflet is designed to help you get the best out of your visit to Rosemoor by highlighting the areas and plants of greatest autumn interest. At the entrance to each garden area, look out for the framed panels for additional information.

The Tree Trail

The tree trail will take about 1.5 hours. Advice on how to lengthen your walk and see more garden highlights will be given along the way. Trees marked with † are available to buy in the plant centre. We have selected trees suitable for small gardens, with good features and seasonality, easy to grow and with no special cultivation requirements.

Throughout Rosemoor you will find a wonderful array of trees with stunning autumn colour, interesting bark and colourful fruits to bring autumn interest to your garden. Evergreens are invaluable in providing structure and as a backdrop to the colours of autumn.

RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM) plants have been through a rigorous assessment programme by the RHS.

The trail starts on the Visitor Reception terrace where you will see a pair of our first tree either side of the entrance to the garden.

1. *Acer palmatum* 'Osakazuki' AGM†. This lovely small tree turns brilliant orange-scarlet in autumn.

When you get to the bottom of the steps or ramp, turn left and tree 2 is on the corner leading to the West Country Town Garden.

2. *Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Lane Roberts' AGM. One of the best liquidambar with autumn leaves of a fiery red.

Follow the path around the Winter Garden noting the birches planted in the lawn with trunks of bright white. As you walk along this path you may notice that some of the winter flowers have started to bloom, in particular mahonias. Autumn colour is provided by *Hamamelis* cultivars, *Stewartia*, *Leucothoe*, *Prunus* and *Acers*. *Euonymus* near the first entrance to the learning centre have bright red to pink leaves and striking red to orange berries.

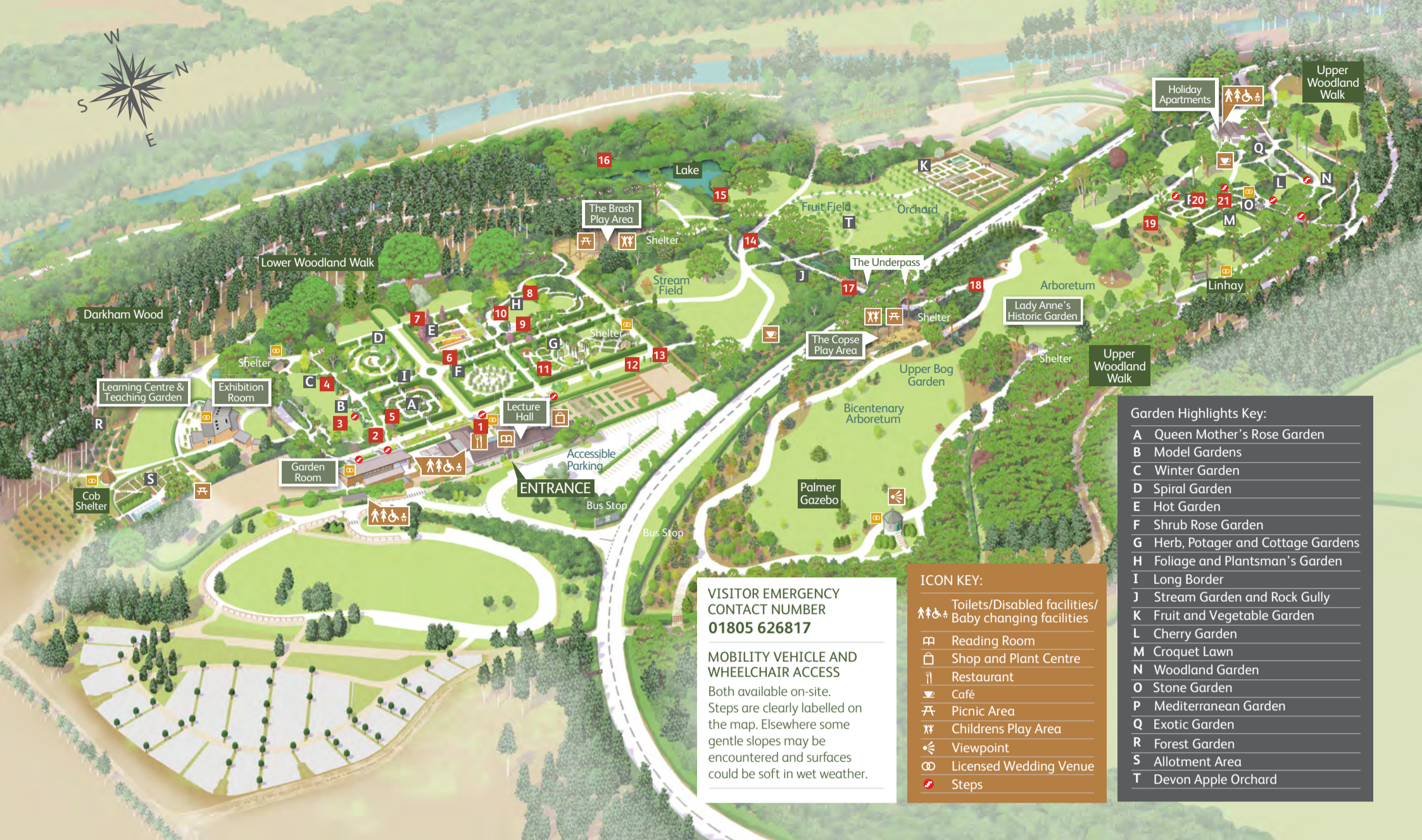
In the bed next to the lawn just opposite the Learning Centre entrance you will find tree 3.

3. *Prunus rufa*†. This small tree features glossy, peeling, dark red-brown bark.

Here you can make a diversion into the Learning Centre where the Forest Garden is burgeoning with fruit, berries, nuts and seeds. Wildlife is well catered for near the pond with berry producers such as *Sorbus*, *Euonymus* and hawthorn. Carry on following the path through the Winter Garden and when you come to a group of three silver birches on the left, take a right turn and head towards the West Country Town Garden. On the way, you will pass a group of our 4th tree:

4. *Acer griseum* AGM†. You will instantly see that the most striking feature of this small tree is its peeling, papery chestnut-brown bark.

In the West Country Town Garden, the pergola is clothed in *Clematis* 'Bill MacKenzie' AGM with lovely fluffy seedheads in early autumn. Other plants with early autumn interest include sedums, fuchsias and grasses. Towards the top of this garden we have tree 5:



Garden Highlights Key:

A	Queen Mother's Rose Garden
B	Model Gardens
C	Winter Garden
D	Spiral Garden
E	Hot Garden
F	Shrub Rose Garden
G	Herb, Potager and Cottage Gardens
H	Foliage and Plantsman's Garden
I	Long Border
J	Stream Garden and Rock Gully
K	Fruit and Vegetable Garden
L	Cherry Garden
M	Croquet Lawn
N	Woodland Garden
O	Stone Garden
P	Mediterranean Garden
Q	Exotic Garden
R	Forest Garden
S	Allotment Area
T	Devon Apple Orchard

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MOBILITY VEHICLE AND WHEELCHAIR ACCESS
 Both available on-site. Steps are clearly labelled on the map. Elsewhere some gentle slopes may be encountered and surfaces could be soft in wet weather.

ICON KEY:

♿	Toilets/Disabled facilities/Baby changing facilities
📖	Reading Room
🏪	Shop and Plant Centre
🍽️	Restaurant
☕	Café
🌳	Picnic Area
🎪	Childrens Play Area
👁️	Viewpoint
🏡	Licensed Wedding Venue
👣	Steps

5. *Pyrus calleryana* 'Chanticleer'[†]. Vivid autumn colours of reds and purples adorn this beautiful tree.

Now return to the path where you started and turn left, and go past the Shrub Rose Garden where there may still be a few roses flowering along with penstemons, dahlias and geraniums. Turn left, walk down to the Long Border, then turn right and the borders on both sides of the path contain tree 6:

6. *Pyrus salicifolia* 'Pendula' AGM[†]. The weeping branches and silver-grey, willow-like foliage of this small pear make a lovely feature in our Long Border.

Take the next left into the Hot Garden, pause on the terrace and look towards the back of the garden where two magnificent specimens of tree 7 flank the exit path.

7. *Fagus sylvatica* 'Dawyck Purple' AGM[†]. The deep purple summer foliage of this narrowly-upright tree turns a golden-brown in autumn.

There is still plenty of colour in the Hot Garden in early autumn, but this will give way to the buffs, creams and browns of grasses and yellowing foliage. Seed heads, particularly those of *Monarda* attract birds and small mammals.

Exit the Hot Garden between the two purple beeches and turn right towards the Foliage Garden. Follow the path until you come to our next tree trained on four pillars.

8. *Sorbus thibetica* 'John Mitchell' AGM[†]. Yellow, then bronze leaves last throughout autumn.

If you want to avoid steps, do not go through the *Sorbus* feature, but turn right on the path leading back towards the Hot Garden. It is well worth your while to take time to explore this garden, following the winding paths through the planting before going on to tree 9.

Tree 9 is in the bed to the side of the upright slates and tree 10 is at the exit opposite the Hot Garden.

9. *Acer* 'White Tigris'. A beautiful snake-bark *Acer*.

10. *Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd' AGM[†]. A tall upright conifer that does not take up much room.

On leaving the Foliage Garden turn left, cross the Long Border and on to the Herb Garden. The Long Border is filled with colour, particularly early in the season. *Symphyotrichum* and asters can flower well into October; *Helianthus* 'Lemon Queen' AGM, *Rudbeckia*

laciniata 'Herbstsonne' AGM and *Aconitum* prove their worth into mid-autumn; hypericums produce sunny yellow flowers and *Leycesteria formosa* 'Golden Lanterns' AGM provides interest up to the winter months with yellow leaves, red-purple bracts and purple seeds.

Tree 11 is on the right just before the Herb Garden pond.

11. *Malus × zumi* 'Golden Hornet'[†]. Golden yellow fruits are loved by the blackbirds and thrushes.

On reaching the Potager, turn right and exit onto the path leading to the Stream Field. On your right you will see the next two trees on the trail.

12. *Crataegus × lavalleei* 'Carrierei' AGM. Long lasting orange-red berries and red leaves last well into autumn.

13. *Malus* 'Evereste' AGM[†]. Large yellowish-orange fruits.

At this point, it is well worth visiting the Cottage Garden where there are still plenty of flowers, particularly in early autumn. *Malus × robusta* 'Red Sentinel' AGM produces large red fruits, and late flowering favourites such as heleniums, dahlias, sedums and rudbeckias look good into October.

Now make your way through Stream Field where the reds, yellows, oranges and purples of turning leaves and ripening berries fill the borders.

A group of tree 14 is at the other end of Stream Field, in the triangular bed at the entrance to the Rock Gully.

14. *Prunus serrula*[†] has beautiful smooth mahogany bark that shines in the low autumn sun.

Before going through the rock gully, turn left on one of the paths leading down to the lake. Tree 15 has been planted in the grass and tree 16 is on the other bank.

15. *Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Worplesdon' AGM[†]. Red leaves remain until well into November.

16. *Cornus* 'Norman Hadden' AGM[†]. Red, strawberry-like fruits cling on for much of the season.

At this point, make a diversion to the Fruit and Vegetable Garden and orchard where all the autumn produce including apples, pears, squashes, cabbages, winter greens, chillies, leeks and broccoli are on show.

Now make your way back to the Rock Gully where you will find several species of *Betula* including a multi-stemmed specimen of tree 17.

17. *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii*[†]. White stems glow even on dull autumn days.

Carry on through the Rock Gully, and as you emerge into Lady Anne's Garden, tree 18 is on the right.

18. *Stewartia pseudocamellia* Koreana Group AGM. A focal point of blazing orange-red leaves.

Here, you can make a diversion from the trail to the Bicenentary Arboretum and explore the continents, discovering for yourself the spectrum that makes up autumn colour around the world.

To carry on with the trail turn left and enter Lady Anne's Arboretum, full of interesting specimens, some dating back to Lady Anne's travels. This area is also home to several varieties of autumn crocus (*Colchicum*). Here our oldest and biggest trees will impress but on a smaller scale, near to the Mediterranean Garden, tree 19 will delight.

19. *Prunus × subhirtella* 'Autumnalis Rosea'[†]. Tiny sugar-pink flowers appear in early autumn and continues into spring.

Turn right into the Mediterranean Garden where you will find tree 20.

20. *Cupressus sempervirens* 'Totem Pole'. The same shape as the *Cupressus evocative* of Tuscany, but not as large.

The Mediterranean Garden is full of those plants that thrive in dry places, some are autumn flowering including *Ceanothus*, *Euphorbia*, and *Genista*.

Follow the meandering paths through to the Stone Garden and, on entering, tree 21 is just to the left.

21. *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* 'Boyd's Dwarf'[†]. The fallen leaves of this tree have a fragrance reminiscent of toffee apples.

This is the end of the trail, but don't miss our fabulous Tulip trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera* AGM) next to Rosemoor House with butter yellow autumn leaves, the Woodland Garden full of colour and earthy scents, or the Upper Woodland Walk where you can crunch through the fallen beech leaves.

We hope you have enjoyed this trail and will return to try the other trails in the series (Winter, Spring and Summer).