



## CELEBRATING OUR CITY'S TREES

**11 & 12 May – 18 & 19 May**

Running over two weekends in May, the Brighton & Hove Tree Festival offers a host of free events for everyone to enjoy.

There are also opportunities to get involved before the festival and throughout May with Tree Trails, a Photography Competition 'I love this tree because...' and the Champion School Trees project.

Read on to see the full programme of events and find out more!

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# THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

## Tree Trails

The city's first digital map of notable trees and App guided 'tree trails':

[cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/tree-trails/](http://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/tree-trails/)

Brighton & Hove has some amazing and unusual trees in its parks and streets including a nationally important collection of rare elms.

For the first time, using your computer or smartphone, you can discover where these trees are and find out more about them.

The trees on these digital tree trails have been identified and selected in a collaborative effort by park Friends' groups and local tree experts including Brighton Council tree officers.

The digital tree maps have been produced by **Dr Simon Edwards** of TiCL Media Ltd, who, with The Tree Council of Great Britain and The National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces have facilitated the creation of such tree trails across the UK. Dr Edwards said: 'It's been a privilege working with the different Brighton groups to create these tree maps. Brighton is lucky to have so many dedicated professionals and volunteers doing such good work all over the city.'

I hope these maps and trails will help residents find some of Brighton & Hove's most wonderful trees. At present the TiCL app is available on iPhone only – we hope to have an Android version released soon.'



The first ever map of our park tree trails  
[ti.cl.me/Brighton/headlines/14142/view](http://ti.cl.me/Brighton/headlines/14142/view)

The map shows two collections of trees across Brighton & Hove ('Special Trees of Brighton & Hove' and 'Great Elms of Brighton & Hove') as well as tree trails of interesting trees in parks across the city. Follow the 'More' links and then 'URL' to see each collection and park trail on its own map on your computer.

- Blakers Park** – 30 Cleveland Rd, BN1 6FG
- Craven Wood** – southern end of The Causeway, BN2 0FP
- Easthill Park** – East Hill Way, Portslade, BN41 2FA
- Hove Park** – Goldstone Crescent, BN3 6BG
- Preston Park** – Preston Park Avenue, BN1 6SD
- Queen's Park** – 1 West Drive, BN2 0QY
- St Anne's Well Gardens** – Somerhill Road, BN3 1RP
- Stoneham Park** – Stoneham Road, BN3 5FS
- Withdean Lilac Park** – 36 Peacock Ln, BN1 8NA

**Great Elms of Brighton & Hove**  
[ti.cl.me/Brighton/headlines/13963/view](http://ti.cl.me/Brighton/headlines/13963/view)

**Special trees of Stanmer Park**  
[ti.cl.me/Falmer/headlines/13945/view](http://ti.cl.me/Falmer/headlines/13945/view)

**Special trees of Brighton and Hove**  
[ti.cl.me/Brighton/headlines/13814/view](http://ti.cl.me/Brighton/headlines/13814/view)



### **Photographic Competition: 'I love this tree because...'**

Photographers are invited to submit up to three photographs featuring their favourite tree chosen from all those growing within the city boundaries.

Each entry must include at least one 'portrait' of your tree. Plus, you can choose to extend your vision and submit two additional evocative pictures of the tree or elements of it; these could include wildlife, buildings or even friends and family. You can blur the lines between documentary and art and explore ways of visually expressing emotions or feelings related to trees. Please also include a brief caption "I love this tree because..."

Winning entries will be exhibited at the **Foyer Gallery, Jubilee Library, Jubilee Street, Brighton,** from the **3 to the 8 of June.**

Submission deadline: **7 May**

**Download the full competition information here:**  
[cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/i-love-this-tree](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/i-love-this-tree)

### **Champion School Trees**

During the spring and summer terms, children and teachers across the city will be measuring the tallest, widest tree in or near their school.

Entry packs for primary and secondary schools includes a 'how to' measuring guide and submission forms to complete and submit.

The children's work will be shown at the **Champion School Trees Exhibition at the Jubilee Children's Library from 3 to 8 June.**

**Download your pack here:**  
[cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/champion-school-trees](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/champion-school-trees)

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## SATURDAY 11 MAY

### Special Trees Walk 10.30 to noon

Local resident and tree expert **Alister Peters** is your guide for this look at some of our city's most special trees.

The start of the walk will focus on the amazing variety of trees in Pavilion Gardens before heading out of the gardens into Marlborough Place and Valley Gardens to look at the many different species of special trees, native, naturalised and exotic, growing here.

Alister works for Connick Tree Care, one of the Tree Festival sponsors. Connick maintains trees in our streets and takes care of the city's National Elm Collection.

Meet at the **Pavilion Café, Royal Pavilion Gardens**.  
The walk will finish at **St Peter's Church, York Place**.

Limited to 15 walkers (first-come first-served basis)

To book go to [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/special-trees-walk](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/special-trees-walk)

### The City's Unique Elm Trees Walk 2pm to 3.30pm

This walk is focused exclusively on elm trees and will feature some of the same trees as the Special Trees Walk in the morning. Your guide is national elm expert and researcher **Peter Bourne**.

The start of the walk will focus on the historic elm trees in Pavilion Gardens before heading into Marlborough Place and Valley Gardens to look at the wide variety of special elms. Brighton is home to the National Elm Collection and has more varieties of elms than anywhere in Europe.

Meet at **Pavilion Café in the Royal Pavilion Gardens**.  
The walk will finish at **St Peter's Church, York Place**.  
Limited to 15 walkers (first-come first-served basis)

To book your place go to [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/the-citys-unique-elms-walk](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/the-citys-unique-elms-walk)

### Lilac Walk, 2pm and again at 3pm

The lilacs in Withdean Park were designated, in 1982, as the National Lilac Collection by the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens. However, it sadly lost this status in 2009 due to lack of funding and loss of the expertise to maintain the necessary documentation, propagation and upkeep. The Friends of Withdean Park are working hard to maintain and to identify more of the 250+ types of lilac found in the park. When the lilacs are in bloom it is one of the most beautiful places to be in Brighton.

Meet at **Withdean Park notice board on London Road**, five minutes before each walk. **Withdean Park, Peacock Lane, BN1 8NA**.

To book go to [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/lilac-walk](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/lilac-walk)  
Limited to 20 walkers (first-come first-served basis)

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### **Apple Orchard Walk: National Collection of Sussex Apples 11am to 12.30pm**

Join **Peter May** for a guided walk through the Home Farm Orchard and Meadow Orchard. Peter is a horticulturalist who has propagated more than 1,000 Sussex apple trees. He is jointly responsible for the management of several community orchards and runs regular courses for Brighton Permaculture Trust and Plumpton Agricultural College on a range of orchard skills. He is also co-author of Apples & Orchards in Sussex.

Meet at **The Fruit Factory, Brighton Permaculture Trust, Stanmer Park Village**. The walk ends back at **The Fruit Factory**.

**To book go to** [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/apple-orchard-walk](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/apple-orchard-walk)

Limited to 20 walkers (first-come first-served basis)

### **Pollinators in the Trees Workshops, 1 to 2 and 2 to 3**

Join the Buzz Club for one of two family-friendly workshops. The Buzz Club is a citizen science club directed by **Professor Dave Goulson** at the University of Sussex

Come and learn more about how we can help pollinators in our own outdoor spaces and how trees support them. Make an artificial breeding habitat for hoverflies to take home, play games and take part in a self-led tree trail where you will learn how to record insects.

#### **Location: University of Sussex, Falmer Campus**

This event is suitable for everyone aged 4 and up, but children must always be supervised with no more than 2 children per adult. Maximum of 20 people including children at each workshop.

We will be at a woodland pond which is in the middle of the campus, quite hidden in the woods so please see the information below:

**by car:** Park in the Science Car Park (P1 on attached map). Once parked, head to the Friston building, which is in the lower right hand side of the car park (if you are looking down hill). Take the bark path to the left of the building and you will spot us very quickly!

**by train:** Exit the train station, and walk towards Campus (the opposite side of the tracks to the AMEX and under the A27 bridge into the campus. Follow the map to the Richmond building where a member of staff will meet you.

**by bus:** Get the 23, or 25 to North-south Road. Walk up the road towards the Fulton building. Before you reach the

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Fulton Building, the Richmond building is on the right.  
A member of staff will meet you there.

For more information about how to get to campus, please see here:

[sussex.ac.uk/about/directions](https://sussex.ac.uk/about/directions)

[sussex.ac.uk/sef/services/transport/campus-parking/parking-for-visitors](https://sussex.ac.uk/sef/services/transport/campus-parking/parking-for-visitors)

To book a workshop please go to [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/pollinators-in-the-trees](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/pollinators-in-the-trees)

Event site



University of Sussex, Falmer Campus

### Join the friends of Craven Wood from 3pm

Everyone's invited so bring a picnic and enjoy being out in the woods!

Meet in the 'meadow' in the middle of the woods. Please note there are very few flat areas in our Wood and the meadow is on sloping ground, Access into the wood is from:

1. the southern end of **The Causeway BN2 0FP**
2. the southern end of **Parham Close, BN2 0FD**
3. the junction of footpaths from **Walpole Road BN2 0AB** and **St John the Baptist Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road BN2 0AH**

There will be direction signs at each entrance to the Wood  
Getting there: take the number 2 bus route to 'Top of Queensway' or the number 21 to 'Top of Manor Hill', it's a short way from there down to The Causeway.

This event is unfortunately not suitable for people with mobility problems.

**No booking required**



## SUNDAY 12 MAY

### **Wilding Waterhall – explore, walk and talk 10am to 12.30pm**

Explore Brighton's newest nature reserve with ranger **Paul Gorringe**. Join us up on the Downs to discover why trees are important in a landscape dominated by ancient grassland habitats and enjoy a cup of tea and cake after your walk.

Meet at the **Waterhall (ex-golf) clubhouse  
Waterhall Nature Reserve (ex golf course),  
Saddlescombe Road, BN1 8AX**

Google map:

[google.com/maps/place/Wilding+Waterhall/](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Wilding+Waterhall/)

What 3 words map:

[map.what3words.com/lined.future.orchestra](https://www.map.what3words.com/lined.future.orchestra)

**To book your place please go to**

[cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/wilding-waterhall](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/wilding-waterhall)

### **DIRECTIONS: For people who book only**

**By car:** A27 Westbound: Take the Hove exit. At the top of the slip road go round the double roundabout taking the 5th exit onto Devil's Dyke Rd.

**OR** A27 Eastbound: Take the Hove exit.

At the top of the slip road take the first left onto Devil's Dyke Rd. Continue straight on Devil's Dyke Road turning right about 400 metres after the Devil's Dyke fork. The car park is at the bottom of the access track.

**By bus:** No 77 'Brighton Breeze' starts at the Palace Pier, the last stop is Devil's Dyke. Get off at Dyke Approach car park (Saddlescombe Rd and Devil's Dyke Rd junction). Cross the road and go through the gate into the pony field. Walk parallel to the main road (northeast) to the gate into Waterhall. Walk down the paved track to the clubhouse.

### **What lives in the woods?**

**Come and find out more about who lives in the trees on these family-friendly walks:**

### **Wildlife Walk 5.30pm to 7pm**

Find out what lives in the woods at Stanmer with members of the Brighton Wildlife Forum.

Meet outside **Stanmer House, Stanmer Park, BN1 9QA**

The walk will take around 1.5 hours. Please dress appropriately for a woodland walk.

**No booking required**

### **Evening Bat Walk 8.30pm to 10.15pm**

Enjoy an evening walk with **Huw Morgan** from the Sussex Wildlife Trust and learn more about our bats. There will be a chat about bats from 8.45pm and then a walk among the trees.

Meet outside **Stanmer House, Stanmer Park, BN1 9QA**

Limited to 15 people, under 18's must be accompanied. Please dress appropriately for a woodland walk.

**To book your place, please go to**

[cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/what-lives-in-the-woods](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/what-lives-in-the-woods)

Please consider donating to Sussex Wildlife Trust for this event here: [sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/make-a-difference/donate](https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/make-a-difference/donate)

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### **Birds & Bees**

**2pm to 5pm**

Come and find out more about the lives of our bees and birds and how we can all help them thrive.

Meet us In the park near **Hove Park Café,**  
**Park View Road, Hove BN3 7BF**

**Honey Bees** – Marvel at the life of bees with the Brighton & Lewes Beekeepers

**Save our Starlings** – Find out more about our wonderful starlings and swifts and what can we do to help them with ‘Save Our Starlings’ founder, photographer Steve Geliot

**Shaping a greener future for the city** – Find out more about what CPRE Sussex, the countryside charity are doing to help shape a greener future for our city and the countryside surrounding it!

**No booking required**

### **Music of the trees**

**2pm to 5pm**

Relax and join well-known community songwriter and musician, **Robb Johnson**, for a fun session of music and poetry about trees at the Lewes Road Inn. Robb will be joined by an exciting line-up including:

**John Hegley**, widely known as one of the country’s most innovative comic poets and a regular sell-out at The Edinburgh Festival

**Rachel Rankin-Hayward**, the award-winning steel pan player

Regular shindig hosts the Acoustic Irregulars, **Sian Allen & Fae Simon**

### **Location**

**The Lewes Road Inn, 158 Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 3LF**

**No booking required**





## SATURDAY 18 MAY

### **Forum: Fantastic Elms & Other Amazing Trees 3pm to 5pm**

Meet the tree experts for a lively afternoon of talks and discussion followed by a chance mingle and meet the panellists over afternoon tea.

The event will be chaired by **David Shreeve MBE**,  
Director of The Conservation Foundation

Speakers include:

**Keith Sacre**, a director at Barcham Trees and one of the UK's foremost urban foresters

**Paul Wood**, author of 'London's Street Trees' and 'London is a Forest'

**Alister Peters**, experienced urban forester working with Connick Tree Care, one of the Tree Festival sponsors.

#### **Location**

**The Friends' Meeting House, Ship Street,  
Brighton BN1 1AF**

Maximum seats of 80 are available so please **book your tickets here** [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/fantastic-elms-and-other-amazing-trees](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/fantastic-elms-and-other-amazing-trees)



## SUNDAY 19 MAY

### **Elm Trees Walk – Pavilion Gardens** **10:30am to 12 noon**

This walk is focused exclusively on elm trees in and around the Pavilion Gardens. The gardens contain a wide variety of elms including some of the oldest in the city. Local tree enthusiast **Pete Comley** will talk about Brighton’s historical connection with elm trees. The serious problem of Elm Disease and the ways the city has been trying to combat it.

Meet at **The Pavilion Café, the Royal Pavilion Gardens**  
Limited to 15 walkers (on a first come basis)

To book go to  
[cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/elm-trees-walk](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/elm-trees-walk)

### **Stanmer’s Wonderful Woods – Walk** **2.30pm to 4pm**

Come and find out more about who lives in the trees at this family-friendly event.

Discover the park’s history as we stroll through the woods at Stanmer Park and visit some of our veteran trees, trees that have have been part of Stanmer for over 200 years. We’ll also find out more about the age-old practice of coppicing woodland for the benefit of man and nature.

Your guide to Stanmer’s rich woodland is **Rob Dumbrill**, the estate manager and expert woodsman

Meet outside **Stanmer House, Stanmer Park, Brighton**  
The walk will take around 1.5 hours. Please dress appropriately for a woodland walk.

To book go to [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/stanmers-wonderful-woods](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/stanmers-wonderful-woods)



## PRE-FESTIVAL EVENT

# SUNDAY 28 APRIL

**Apple Blossom Day**  
**1pm to 5pm**  
**at Stanmer Home Farm Orchard**  
**and Fruit Factory**

The orchards at Stanmer Park are a magnificent sight when the trees are in full bloom!

On apple blossom day there will be a host of events including activities for children, performers, stalls and guided tours around the orchards, including those holding the National Heritage Collection for Sussex Apple varieties. And of course the scrumping team will be selling all manner of apple-related products including crumble, juice and cider.

Come and enjoy being out and delight in the beautiful blossom.

Meet at **The Fruit Factory, Brighton Permaculture Trust, Stanmer Park Village**

**This event is free.** For more details nearer the day visit [brightonpermaculture.org.uk/apple-blossom-day/](https://brightonpermaculture.org.uk/apple-blossom-day/)

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