



Trees of Cannizaro Park

Late Spring Trail



See reverse for details of the trail

TEN TREES - CANNIZARO PARK LATE SPRING TRAIL

You can use the guide below with the map on the reverse to find the ten trees that we have selected. The Park is now at its most colourful, with bluebells, wisteria, azaleas and rhododendrons in full flower.

1 Starting at the main gate, walk to the Aviary and turn right. Follow the path as it bends left. With the walled Rose Garden to your right, look for the **Common Hornbeam** (*Carpinus betulus*) on your left. The tree is native to Britain and its common name refers to the hardness of the timber. The leaves are similar to beech leaves, but are more furrowed. **2** Follow the path that runs parallel to the wall then turn left and walk down the avenue of maples. On your left, across the lawn, is the **Cypress Oak** (*Quercus robur* f. *fastigiata*). This is a slender form of the English Oak with the shape of a Cypress tree. **3** Carry on down the avenue and bear right over the grass just past the cottage. The small tree near the gravel track that leads to the side gate is **Henry's Lime** (*Tilia henryana*). The shape of its leaves are similar to the Common Lime, but the margins have bristle-like 'teeth'. The tree is named after the Irish botanist, Augustine Henry, who discovered it in China in 1888. **4** Turn left down the track and branch left to the pond, then go up the steps just beyond the right side of the pond. On your right is the **Handkerchief Tree** (*Davidia involucreta*), or Dove Tree. The tree flowers in April or May. The distinctive large cream-coloured bracts around the flowers flutter in the breeze like handkerchiefs. The tree comes from China. **5** Walk back down to the pond and turn left through the gate into the walled Italian Garden. Walk to the bottom of the garden, exiting through the gate and turn right. You will see the **Tulip Tree** (*Liriodendron tulipifera*). In late spring the tree has yellow tulip-shaped flowers. It comes from North America. **6** Turn around and walk back past the gate and up the path between the walled garden and the stream, which leads up into the woods. At the top, turn left and follow the path up until it comes out to the open land. On your right, behind a railing, is the **Indian Horse Chestnut** (*Aesculus indica*). It flowers in late spring, after the common 'conker' tree, with more delicately coloured flowers. **7** Turn around and take the higher path back into the woods. Staying on this path, just beyond a 'crossroads', look to the left through the rhododendrons to find the **Foxglove Tree** (*Paulownia tomentosa*). You will need to look up high to see the mauve flowers, which appear in mid-spring before the large leaves appear. Another tree from China. **8** Return to the path, and then take the next path down to the right, which will take you past the Azalea Dell viewing platform. At the bottom, turn left and follow the path for some distance until it comes out into a more open sloped area. On the left, before the folly temple of the Belvedere, is the **Variegated Chestnut** (*Castanea sativa* 'Albomarginata'). This is a variant of the Sweet Chestnut, and has creamy-white margins to its leaves. **9** Follow the path round behind the Belvedere and walk along the higher path. On your right, before you come out on the Park's main lawn is the **Roblé Beech** (*Nothofagus obliqua*). One of the southern-hemisphere beeches, from the South Andes, it comes into leaf earlier in the spring than the Common Beech. **10** Walk ahead across the lawn and then take the path through the trees and bushes to a small open area where there are four iris beds. On the opposite side is the **Cork Oak** (*Quercus suber*). It has spikes of greenish flowers in June. The tree's bark is traditionally used for wine bottle corks and the core of cricket balls. From south-west Europe and north-west Africa.



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