



Plant
Hunters'
Fairs

The National Memorial Arboretum Sunday 23rd May
10am – 5pm

We are really thrilled to have been asked by The National Memorial Arboretum to help them put on a Plant Fair at this inspirational and beautiful venue. Admission is free.

The Arboretum is a unique haven of peace, contemplation and hope for the future and is the site of the Armed Forces Memorial. It consists of 150 acres of wooded parkland within the National Forest in Staffordshire where visitors can both enjoy and learn about the trees and their surroundings, and reflect upon their special symbolism. Many of the memorials are placed in peaceful gardens.

Although still a 'young' arboretum, there are already in excess of 50,000 trees on the site which are rapidly growing into a unique living tribute.

The Arboretum covers 60 hectares of reclaimed gravel workings and within this area is a wide variety of natural habitats including emerging woodland, hay meadows, riverbank and marsh. Each of these has its own flora and fauna. The site benefits from a very wide range of special trees, many chosen for symbolic reasons and offering a varied study of leaves, growth, uses and origin

The variety of habitats within the Arboretum site reflects the biodiversity of the area. Birds and animals include several species highlighted in the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan - these include the skylark, lapwing, brown hare, otter and several species of bat.

The Arboretum has a lot to offer both young and old. Come for a day out to enjoy the peace and tranquillity, the trees, the memorials, the history, the sense of national pride. Have lunch or drinks in the Arbour Restaurant; above all enjoy the experience

Admission to Arboretum and Plant Fair

Entry to the arboretum and plant fair is free. Coach parking is free and drivers are issued with a voucher for light refreshments. It is essential that all visiting coach groups pre-book. Visitors arriving independently by car should be aware that there is a parking charge of £2.00 per day. Parking is hard standing with a dropping off point outside the Visitor Centre.

How to get there

The Arboretum is located between Birmingham and Derby, just off the A38 north of Lichfield and south of Burton on Trent. You will see brown signs from the A38 directing you to the A513 junction signposted for Tamworth, where you will find the Arboretum. The address is Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7AR

Nurseries attending

We have a top notch line up of nurseries for this prestigious venue: (More to be announced):

- **39 Steps Nursery** (South Wales) Trillium, Liliium, Arisaema, Hardy Orchids plus many rare and unusual plants for shade
- **Bouts Cottage Nurseries** (Worcs.) with an superb range of hardy perennial Violas (RHS Medallists)
- **Chris Cooke** (Worcs.) will be bringing his award winning range of rare and unusual woodland and spring-flowering plant specie including Arisaema, Disporopsis, Nomocharis, Polygonatum, Roscea.(RHS Gold Medallist)
- **Green's Leaves** (Worcs.) will feature Prostantera cultivars, choice foliage plants with flowers - Beschornierias, Libertia, Epimediums, Dark Foliage plants, Grevilleas,
- **Heritage Fruit Tree Co.** (Worcs.) Hand grafted heritage apple, pear, plum and cherry trees.
- **Hillview Hardy Plants** (Shrop.) hold two National Collections - Acanthus and Albuca. They will also be bringing Primulas, a large range of Canna (National Collection applied for) as well as other unusual perennials. (RHS Medallists)
- **Holden Clough Nursery** (Lancs.) a specialist in Crocosmia, will also feature a wide range of shrubs, perennials, ferns, ornamental trees and heathers. (RHS Medallists)
- **Hooksgreen Herbs** (Staffs) - A very wide range of classic and unusual herbs (RHS Medal Winners)
- **Keith's Plant Books** (Warwickshire) – a great selection of books on gardening, garden design, plant monographs, botanic art etc.
- **Mayfields Plants** (Cheshire) will have a wide variety of cottage garden perennials including unusual varieties of Digitalis.
- **Packhorse Farm Nursery** (Derbyshire) will bring a range of Trees and Shrubs including a great selection of Acers. (RHS Gold Medallists)
- **SpecialPerennials.com** (Cheshire) with a range of summer perennials for planting now including the National Collection of Helenium, proposed National Collection of Centaurea, Geums, Phlox, Day Lilies, Achillea, Rudbeckia and many more beautiful and garden worthy plants.
- **Stonyford Cottage Nursery** (Cheshire) with a great range of perennials, trees, tender plants and many rare and hard to find Sempervivums.
- **Sue Proctor Plants** (Yorkshire) will feature a terrific range of Hostas and complementary plants including many new varieties.
- **Tissington Nursery** (Derbyshire) will be bringing a good selection of quality unusual perennials with especially good ranges of Nepeta, Penstemon, Geranium and Geum