



This is the leaf of the Ginkgo Tree – one of the oldest [170 million years] and most primitive tree species in the world. Leaves are the solar panels of the natural world; they absorb light and impurities such as CO2 and excrete oxygen.



The History

The Park has been a major feature of the town since the Norman Conquest when it was laid out as part of the establishment of the Priory; it was the kitchen garden for the Priory and principal source of food.

Although the cultivation of the area waned after the dissolution, it was still an important part of the town as the main town spring ran through it.

Celebrate the life of Dudley Brook, one of Malvern's most notable characters with this new Priory Park Tree Trail.

Dudley Brook, a well-loved member of the community spent many years researching the trees in Priory Park, which were planted in the Victorian Times during the heyday of the Water Cure.

Follow in Dudley Brook's footsteps with this handy guide and discover 20 trees which were imported from around the world. Find out the tree names and where in the world they came from.



The Cold Water Cure reached Malvern from Europe in 1842. By 1850 what is now Priory Park, Promenade gardens had been established as a popular place for the wealthy patients to exercise and show themselves off after their treatments in nearby Water Cure Establishments run by Dr James Wilson (now Park View apartments) and Dr James Gully (Tudor and Holyrood Houses on the Wells Road ..) Exotic trees were planted to add interest to the walks, including two of oldest species in the world.

The Friends of Priory Park are working with the District Council to restore the Park and Swan Pool.



Priory Park Trees of Interest

TREE NO.	COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	ORIGIN	TREE NO.	COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	ORIGIN
42	Blue atlas cedar	<i>Cedrus libani</i> subsp. <i>atlantica</i> 'glauca'	Algeria/Morocco	148	Ginkgo [Maidenhair tree]	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	China
68	Cedar of Lebanon	<i>Cedrus libani</i>	Lebanon	150	Tulip tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	North America
80	Western red cedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Canada	154	Red oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	North America
87	Tree of heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	China	155	Deodar cedar	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	India
92	Red oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Canada	163	Oriental or Caucasian spruce	<i>Picea orientalis</i>	Caucasus and north-east Asia
96	Holm oak (evergreen)	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Mediterranean	164	Oriental or Caucasian spruce	<i>Picea orientalis</i>	Caucasus and north-east Asia
97	Copper beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'purpurea'	Europe	165	Corsican pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i> var <i>maritima</i>	Italy
119	Lime (American)	<i>Tilia Americana</i>	Eastern Canada and America	170	Magnolia		Asia
120 } 121 }	Hop hornbeam	<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Southern Europe	171	Wellingtonia	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	Western America
125	Turkey oak	<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Southern Europe	175	Western red cedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Canada
132	Coast redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	California	187	Handkerchief Tree [Dove or Ghost Tree]	<i>Davidia involucrata</i>	China
145	Maidenhair tree	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	China	188	Corsican pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i> var <i>maritima</i>	Italy
146	Cockspur thorn	<i>Crataegus x lavalleyi</i>	North America				

Grange Road

THE DUDLEY BROOK TREE TRAIL

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In Memory of Dudley Brook, 1925-2018,
Friend of Malvern and President of
the Civic Society 2012-2018

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