



FAMILY TREE TRAIL



Explore Osborne and find out more about 12 special trees as you go!



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There are countless interesting trees at Osborne. Some date from before the estate was bought by Queen Victoria, but many more were planted by the new royal owners and their guests.

Prince Albert planted many trees – some to make the landscape look beautiful, others as experiments to identify trees that would be good for timber. The royal family and important visitors also planted many trees themselves as a way to mark special occasions.



Whilst exploring Osborne look out for the 25 special trees which have been picked out and labelled. 12 of these have a green badge on their label which means they are part of this Family Tree Trail.

 **How many can you find?**

We welcome education visitors all year round and have new resources to support outdoor exploration. Visits are free, find out more at <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/osborne/school-visits>

Interesting trees are spread out all over Osborne. Use this map to help you find them all.





Look out for green circles on some tree markers – these trees are part of the family trail








Allow about 20 minutes to walk to the beach for great views!

Look out for animal sculptures on this path

Don't miss a look around the Swiss Cottage, where the royal children played. They had their own garden patches, a fort, and even kept a museum!

-  Family Tree Trail
-  Osborne Tree Trail

-  House
-  Walled Garden
-  Petty Officers' Quarters (Admissions)
-  Swiss Cottage
-  Beach

MONTEREY CYPRESS

This tree is much older than many of its type, look at its bent and twisted shape!

How many people do you think it would take to join hands around this tree? Have a go!



Princess Louise was 13 when her father died; she planted this tree soon after. She was a skilled artist.

Try making a sculpture with found (not picked!) natural items collected nearby. Don't forget to put things back where you found them afterwards!

STONE PINE



Osborne's red squirrels also enjoy the trees in this area! Can you see any signs of squirrel activity?

Look for: leftovers of a meal (scattered scales around the remains of a cone, usually out in the open) or some squirrel poop (dry and knobby like mouse poo but the size of a kidney bean).



Here are two unknown gentlemen admiring this very tree in 1873. It was already quite large! Can you recreate the photo today?

MONTEREY PINE



In their native California these pines have to survive forest fires. Extreme heat makes their cones explode, spreading seeds to get a head start on newly-scorched earth. Osborne's summers are rarely hot enough for this to happen!

The roots of a Coastal redwood only reach 2-4 metres deep in the soil. They spread wide instead – up to 50 metres from the tree. Stand feet together, hands by your sides. Do you feel you might topple over? Now spread your feet and arms wide. Does that help?

COASTAL REDWOOD



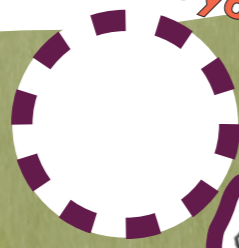
GREY POPLAR



Maybe Osborne's trees inspire you to make a poem? Here are some words to get you thinking... shade / rustle / silver / secret / strong / ancient / shiver.

The first British explorers to see these trees were astonished at the huge size of these 'monster' trees. The stump of one attracted tourists – over 30 people could dance on it! Can you act like a vegetable monster?

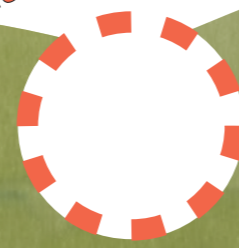
Collect your tree imprints in the circles!



CORK OAK

Look at the amazing bark! This is where corks come from. We have several cork oaks at Osborne. Can you find another nearby?

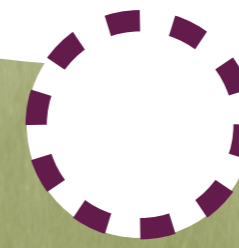
Pretend you are a champagne cork popping out of a bottle. How far can you fly?



GIANT SEQUOIA

In 1852 plant collector William Lobb raced to be the first to bring it to Britain.

The royal family celebrated many birthdays by planting a tree – what kind of tree would you want to plant on your birthday?



RED OAK

This tree was planted to mark a royal jubilee – an anniversary of the year a king or queen was first crowned.

Try recreating a coronation crown with your hands. If it's sunny have a look at the shadow. Send us your pictures to #EnglishHeritage

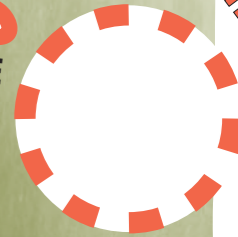
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LARGE LEAVED LIME

This is the rarest of the types of lime resident in the UK.

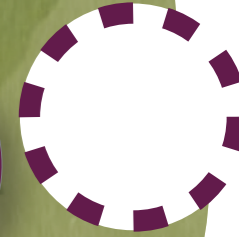
Queen Victoria planted this tree to mark 60 years on the throne! Imagine! Can you even HOP 60 times?



COMMON LIME

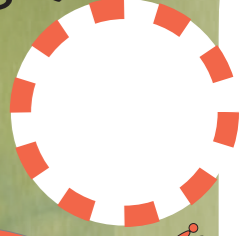
What shape are the leaves? No wonder lime trees are often used as a symbol of love!

How many heart-shaped things can you find in nature today? Make a collection by photographing any you find.



GIANT SEQUOIA

Big or tall? Coastal redwoods may be the tallest trees on earth, but they are slim. These grow almost as tall and wide too. They are the biggest in the world.



Once you have found the tree and completed the activities collect the tree symbol:

- Look for the tiny tree symbol on the green panel.
- Hold your leaflet over the panel so the symbol sits under the matching space on the leaflet.
- Push down on your paper with your thumb to get an imprint.

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