



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



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After a very mild winter, the spring has been cooler, particularly in April with a strong northerly airflow that has kept many of the trees in the Beale Arboretum firmly shut.



However the national collection of **Hombeams** (*Carpinus betulus* c.v.) is always one of the first to burst, as you can see here with *C. betulus* 'Pendula' to the left in contrast with *C. betulus* 'Fastigiata' to the right.

The **footpaths** around the arboretum have had lots of work during the winter months, and are looking really good ready for the season ahead.



The early flowering **magnolias** provide welcome relief after the winter. Here is *M. stellata*.



And one of my favourite of the magnolias is the dwarf *M. liliiflora* 'Nigra'.



Our widening collection of crab apples (**Malus**) is still young, but early flowerers include *M. snowcloud* here.

For The usual comprehensive **winter tree planting programme** has included:

Pinus montezumae ‘Sheffield Park’	Nyssa sinensis
Pinus armandii	Castanea sativa ‘Albomarginata’
Pinus ayachuete var. Vetchii	Aesculus laciniata
Pinus greggii	Liquidambar styraciflua ‘Lane Roberts’
Pinus nigra	Catalpa fargesii ‘Duclouxii’
Picea pungens ‘Edith’	Tilia mongolica
Picea bicolor ‘Acicularis’	Cercis canadensis ‘Pink pom poms’
Juglans sigillata	Cercis canadensis ‘Lavender Twist’
Carya illinoensis	Cercis canadensis ‘Ruby Falls’
Carya ovata	Cercis chinensis ‘Shirobana’
Cladastris kentukea	Cercis canadensis ‘Whitewater’

The **Spring NGS Garden Open Day** is on **Sunday 15th May from 2-5pm** with tours around the arboretum with Trevor Beale, Grant Cook and Andrew Beale. Admission £5 to charity, free for children under 16. Tea and coffee and biscuits are available outside, along with full afternoon teas in the hotel.

If you are interested in **planting a commemorative tree** in the grounds this autumn, perhaps to celebrate the life of a loved one, or for a special occasion, please contact Grant Cook, Estates Manager on grantcook@bealeshotels.co.uk or 07973 538254

If you are interested in putting together a group for a **guided tour** of the Beale Arboretum, please contact Jane Gray - headoffice@bealeshotels.co.uk or 0208 216 3904 - Tours are free of charge midweek and £3.50 per person at the weekend.

If you are interested in **volunteering** for work in the Beale Arboretum, in exchange for a range of benefits at West Lodge Park Hotel, please contact Grant Cook, Estates Manager on grantcook@bealeshotels.co.uk or 07973 538254.

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