



West Lodge Park
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Irrespective of whatever part of the arboretum you are in, especially at this time of year, you, will find yourself stopping in your tracks on many occasions. Assuming your stroll commences at the newly created area for alfresco dining, we recommend you head towards the large spreading and distinctive **Cedar**. It is not only the largest tree in the collection, but is still intact unlike so many others which have withstood the ravages of the storms we have experienced.



A few yards past this tree you can admire the **newly created pavilion** where wedding receptions may be held now that the ground has been drained with a bespoke system.

Returning to the path you cannot help noticing the **Giant Redwood** which is native to North Carolina. It is the largest living tree in the world and it possesses soft, spongy bark which protects the vital inner parts of the tree when forest fires decimate areas of the woodland.

Keep strolling along the path away from the hotel and an array of spring flowering trees will be seen. The pink flowers of **Prunus Sargentii** make it a popular species.



Nearby is one of our Champion Trees declared by David Alderman of TROBI (Tree Register of the British Isles) – **Pyrus 'Chanticleer'**. It is lacking any pears of note but makes up for this loss by the abundance of white blossom it produces.



A selection of Magnolias, including one with delicate pale yellow flowers, awaits us. Undamaged by frosts and emitting a pleasant perfume. The collection terminates with the increasingly popular evergreen species – **Magnolia Grandiflora** - which has brown tomentose on the underside of its polished foliage. Its large and highly scented flowers arrive in the Summer.

The arboretum contains a vast number of **conifers** each possessing fascinating features to capture your attention.

Donations of trees from various sources are always gratefully received, such as the collection from the late Henry Girling, but gifts of fish are more of a rarity. A range of fish including a number of Koi Carp are now taking up residence in **the lake** by the main entrance to the hotel and by all accounts they seem happy in their new, more spacious surroundings.



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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 020 8216 3904 - Tours are free of charge midweek and £3.50 per person at the weekend.

The Beale Arboretum

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