

Tudor Grange Park, a Tree Trail by Solihull Tree Wardens

Tudor Grange Hall was built in 1887 and Alfred Bird lived there in Victorian times, his egg-free “Bird’s Custard Powder” sold worldwide. In 1946 the hall and farmland were purchased by Solihull Urban and District Council. Tudor Grange Park was opened to the public in the early 1950’s.

1 Sweet Gum / Liquidambar
 The glossy green leaves have 5 – 7 pointed lobes, and in the autumn, they turn orange and red. The winter seeds are called “gumballs”.

2 Hawthorn
 Small hardy tree with thorns, its variably shaped leaves are followed by pungent smelling flower clusters in the spring and bright red berries in the autumn.

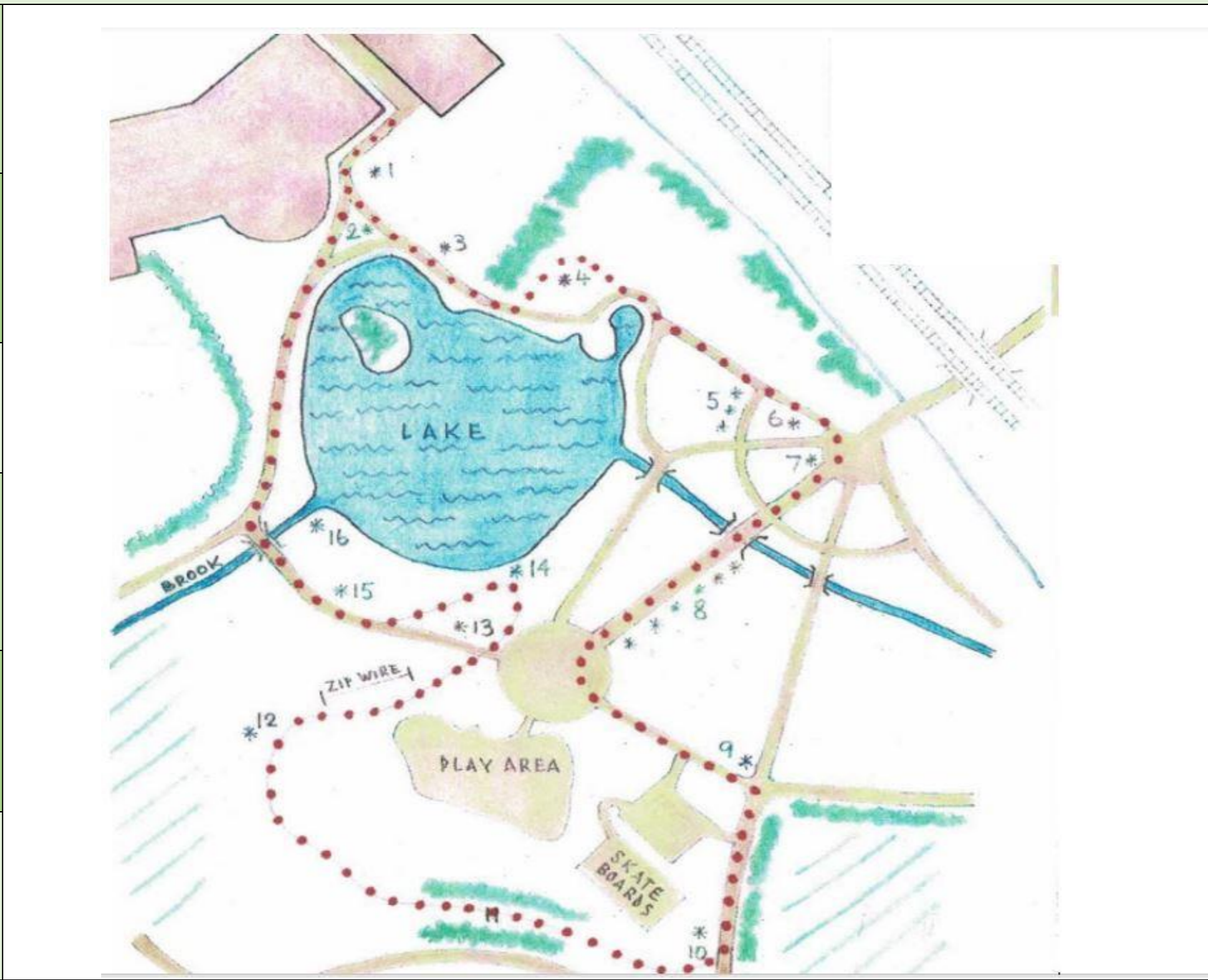
3 Snake Bark Maple
 The bark looks like snake skin with red/brown vertical stripes.

4 Oak
 This Majestic tree is over 150 years old, and the green leaves are lobed. Oak trees produce acorns in the winter

5 Paper Birch
 Note the white bark which peels in the thin papery strips. The leaves are dark and small.

6 Common Lime
 The large, heart shaped leaves are a dull, dark green colour. Seed pods appear on long stalks in late spring/summer.

7 Copper Beech
 Almost identical to the common beech but with purple/copper-coloured leaves in the spring, turning to green in the summer. The seed husks are covered in coarse bristles.



8 Cherry Trees
 There are six cherry trees lining the path. Their bark is a red/grey colour with a slight sheen and is marked by shallow horizontal cracks.

9 Field Maple
 8 Cherry Trees
 The leaves have five rounded lobes and are a dark green colour. The bark becomes cork-like with age.

16 Weeping Willow
 Willows are widely grown alongside lakes and streams. This one is adjacent to Alder Brook. Its grey/brown bark gets deep fissures over time.

15 Beech Tree
 This large old tree has small, pointed leaves. Its autumn seeds are called beechnuts and have a bitter taste.

14 Crack Willow
 This large veteran tree is growing by the side of the lake, it likes to be near water. The grey/green leaves are narrow in shape.

13 London Plane
 The bark on this tree has many layers, look carefully at the trunk and you will see many colours. This tree’s leaves are large and shallow lobed, and it can live happily in polluted city streets.

12 Cherry Plum
 This is a small old tree with small leaves producing blossom in the spring and fruit in the autumn.

11 whips and wildflowers
 Two newly planted hedgerows consisting mainly of hawthorn and Rowan whips, form a walkway through the grass. A large variety of wildflowers are planted in the area.

10 Purple Beech
 Here is another beautiful beech tree, with wonderful purple leaves in the springtime, changing to green in the summer.



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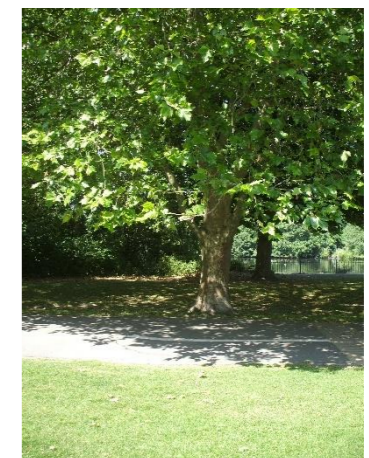
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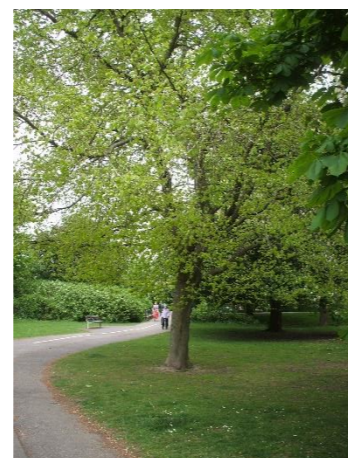
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Solihull Tree Wardens were formed in 2000 to champion and protect the local environment's trees, hedges, and woodland. The Tree Warden Scheme is a national initiative run by The Tree Council which encourages people to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woodlands.

**Activities the group participate in:
Organising tree walks and talks.
Local woodland management.
Tree planting and aftercare
Street tree watering.
Tree ID and surveys.**

**What does it take to be a Solihull Tree Warden? Passion, and a love of trees! To plant, protect and promote trees.
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