

Aden Tree Trail

Aden was home to a wide variety of native and exotic trees. Years later, some of the original coniferous and deciduous trees can still be found in the Victorian arboretum and other areas of the park. Follow this trail to see a selection of these trees. The numbers on the trail map relate to numbered marker posts, which you will find by each tree.

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SILVER BIRCH (*BETULA PENDULA*)

These small native trees have distinctive white to silver coloured bark. Birch trees are hardy, and so were one of the first trees to colonize northern Europe after the last ice-age. They can produce up to 1 million seeds each year. Birch twigs are used to make besom brooms for gardens and forest-fire beaters.

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BEECH (*FAGUS SYLVATICA*)

This particular beech has a fantastic twisted trunk. Look also for characteristic smooth grey bark and spiky fruits, or beech mast. Early manuscripts were made from thin tablets of beech wood, which were bound in beech boards. Beech wood is fine grained and knot free and ideal for furniture, especially chairs.

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COMMON YEW (*TAXUS BACCATA*)

Yews can live for thousands of years. This yew is a mere youngster compared to the Fortingall Yew in Perthshire, which is thought to be at least 4,000 years old. Both leaves and red berries are poisonous. The close-grained wood of the yew has elastic qualities and highly prized in the Middle Ages for making longbows.

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MONKEY PUZZLE (*ARAUCARIA AURAUCA*)

Climbing this tree, with its sharp close-set leaves, would puzzle even a monkey! According to tradition, that's how it got its name. Otherwise known as Chile pine, this tree was introduced to Britain in 1795 by Archibald Menzies. He saved the edible seeds deciding to plant them instead.

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IRISH YEW (*TAXUS BACCATA FASTIGIATA*)

The Irish yew is more upright and narrow and needs less space than the spreading common yew. In the 1700s, two seedlings were found growing on a hillside in County Fermanagh. They were both dug up and one replanted at Florencecourt. Today, and from this source, millions of Irish yews have been grown.

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LAWSON CYPRESS (*CHAMAECYPARIS LAWSONIANA*)

The Lawson Cypress can grow to 60m in its native habitat. Sprays of scale-like leaves. Carmine-red male cones grow at the ends of the branches. The female cones have four pairs of shield-like scales. No other conifer grows in so many different forms.

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SYCAMORE (*ACER PSEUDOPLATANUS*)

Look for five-lobed leaves, and 'helicopter' winged seeds. Probably introduced by the Romans. The hardwood of the sycamore was used for many household utensils, and for the work tops of kitchens and dairies. It was often planted around farms to provide shade and keep the dairy cool.

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WELLINGTONIA (*SEQUIADENDRON GIGANTEUM*)

This is the tallest tree in Aden at around 30m (100ft). In its native California, where it has lived up to 3,400 years, it can become one of the largest trees in the world. The thick, reddish, spongy bark has no resin, so is fire-proof. It also provides ideal roosting sites for small birds and insects

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DOUGLAS FIR (*PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII*)

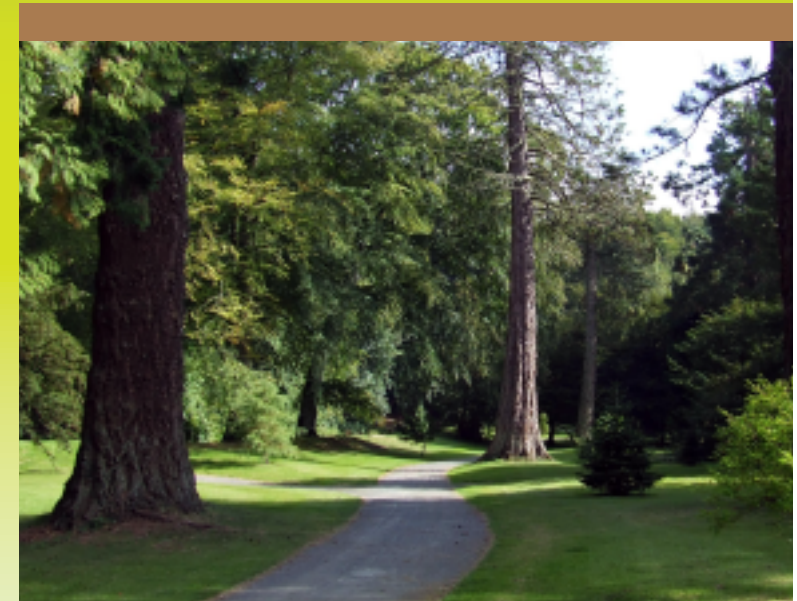
This tall evergreen has fissured, corky bark. Distinctive cones have long, protruding 3-point bracts. One of the most commercially important timber-producing trees in the world, reaching heights in excess of 75m (245ft). It is named after Perthshire plant collector, David Douglas, who introduced it to Britain in 1827.

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HORSE CHESTNUT (*AESCULUS HIPPOCASTANUM*)

Large leaves have five to seven leaflets, and showy 'candles' of flowers produce which go on to produce conkers in autumn. The wood is light and not very strong, but can be easily shaped into toys, and until recently, was used for artificial limbs. It is also used for fruit trays, as it is absorbent.



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Discover the spectacular trees
in Aden Country Park

ADEN COUNTRY PARK TREE TRAIL



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