



Play guidelines

At Westonbirt we really want families to experience our trees through hands-on play. However, we ask you to follow some simple guidelines for the benefit of both visitors and trees.

Respect our trees and landscape

Pick up anything from the ground, but if something is still attached to a plant, then the plant still needs it! Please do not pick leaves, bark, flowers or fruit from any of our trees.

There are lots of great trees to climb, but some are delicate and valuable. Choose larger sturdy trees and don't climb on branches smaller than a child's wrist. Our trees are living things that don't like to be snapped, broken or pulled apart!

Our landscape is internationally important and we have to look after it. Use fallen natural objects to build fantastic creations, but please tidy away after you finish, particularly in mown grass areas where sticks can damage our mower.

Respect other visitors

Be aware that other visitors may be seeking a quiet experience or studying our specimens. Please have a good time, but not at the expense of other visitors.

You are welcome to play ball games on the Downs area near the main facilities, but not in the tree collection.

Small bikes with stabilisers are permitted only for children under six. Please ensure your children ride carefully and respect other visitors. Bikes are not allowed from September to November due to the large number of visitors at this time.



Let your imagination run wild!



Den building

Build your own home, explorer's tent or natural den, and imagine a great adventure!



Tree roots

Balance, duck under, clamber over and follow the roots wherever they go.



Road to where?

Skip, hop, or step on our 'road to where?' Look up and down and listen to what's around.



Tree forts

Defend your den, climb in, climb on, hide, play tag, or just sit and plan your next expedition.



Knock on wood

Signal your friends or call a woodpecker. What music can you discover among the trees?



Troll bridge

A special bridge and secret path for families to explore.



Bamboo

Find a panda (or perhaps imagine one).
A great spot for hide and seek, or relax in peace...

