

CAR FREE DAYS OUT TC07

... how to enjoy St Austell without the car!



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St Austell Tree Trail

Approx 3 km - 1 hour
Easy / moderate walking on surfaced roads / paths

Take a good tree guide book with you **to find out more about** the named trees and identify others not listed.

How to get to St Austell Tree Trail without the car!
From the St Austell bus station walk down the hill and start at Holy Trinity Church in the centre of the town

See grid ref 'D:3' on the St Austell Discovery Map



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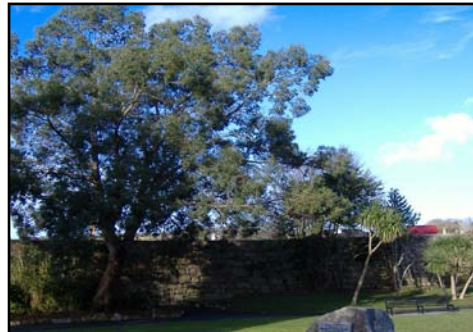
Discover the trees in and around the town.

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The older part of St. Austell itself is surprisingly leafy, blessed by being in a well treed setting, with wooded valleys to north and south, both of which can be accessed on foot or by bicycle, plus prominent tree groups in the grounds of many larger 19th/ early 20th century properties fringing the town.

This is a short walk around the town, starting (and finishing) at Holy Trinity Church where if you arrive in late summer you may be lucky enough to see the line of Eucryphia on the southern edge of the church yard in full flower.

Walk through Fore Street (the main shopping street) and down hill into Truro Road (to the right of the "café" mural). In the grounds of the properties to your right are several fine trees including copper beeches, apparently a much planted tree in the town during the early years of the last century. On the other side of the road Truro Road park contains a number of notable trees and shrubs including a large funnel fruited gum and in front of the flats, a foxglove tree, at its best when in flower in early summer. (Make a short diversion through the park to get a closer look?)



At the traffic lights, walk over the pedestrian crossing and river bridge before turning left into River Walk. The tall trees on your right are limes, while the less impressive riverside trees are sycamores. Emerging into Ledrah Road, cross over into Pondhu Road and with the river to your left, walk along the road, passing an old oak and sycamore in the gardens of houses to your right.

When you get to the main, Penwinnick Road go over the pedestrian crossing and take a quick tour in the grounds of the Cornwall Council offices. Formerly the setting for a large private house... Pondhu House, now converted to office use, there are a number of fine mature trees including oak...English, Turkey and holm, beech and lime. Also note the veritable arboretum of young ornamentals planted to commemorate past Mayors of the old Restormel Borough Council.

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Walking back to the road, re-cross it and turn right toward the Pentewan Road junction. After passing a group of mature sycamore and ash growing alongside the river, turn left into South Street and then almost immediately cross the road onto a footpath running through open space planted extensively with a variety of trees including Monterey pine, birch and rowan. Walking into the estate note the mature oak, sycamore and beech growing on the old boundary hedge. Follow the estate road into Belmont Road and turn left. On the left is Tolcarne, with some big, old trees including Monterey pines, that are a prominent landmark locally.

Just past Belmont Court, turn left and left again into Eastbourne Road, passing the entrance to Tolcarne. Where the road meets East Hill, take the pedestrian crossing, walk past the entrance into Lidl...note the old, over mature copper beech in the car park before turning appropriately, into Beech Lane. Enter High Cross Street park (through a recent formal planting of fastigiata hornbeam) with its yews...English and Irish (the latter are the upright variety) beech, lime and western red cedar. Turn right at the sundial and out of the top (Carlyon Road) entrance.



Walk past Palace Road and opposite the library, turn left into Poltair Park. Take the path through an avenue of limes and with the bowling club and football ground to your right, emerge on Trevarthian Road opposite the brewery. There are some big cider gums on the roadside, behind a "hedge" of western red cedar .



Walk down the road toward the station. There are some big trees on your left including ash, beech and sycamore. Go over the old railway footbridge and downhill passing a big English yew in the entrance to the church hall and to your right in front of Tregarne Terrace, a very big Monterey cypress... another landmark tree in the townscape.

Head toward the church, with another mature lime near the tower.



You have come to the end of this tree themed walk but if you want to venture out of town, please check out longer walks/bike rides down the Pentewan Valley to Kings Wood or north on the "Green Corridor" to the Wheal Martin China Clay museum.

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