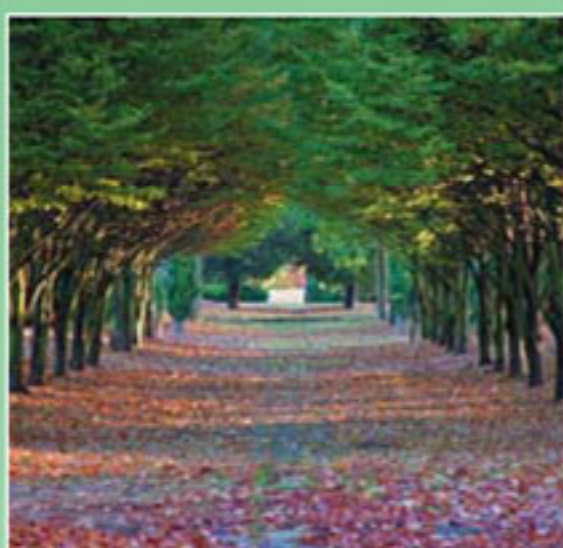


Discovering Places

The City's Parks

A cathedral of trees...

...in the middle of a city



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With an outline based on Norwich Cathedral and its medieval gothic architecture, the city's unique Tree Cathedral was designed in 1986 by landscape architect Neil Higson.

The Cathedral of Trees can be found opposite Willen Lake at Newlands, just off the junctions of V10 Brickhill Street and H5 Portway.

Different species of trees represent the Cathedral's sections:

*Hornbeams for the Aisles
And Limes for the Nave...
Californian Redwoods for the Central Tower,
Cedars of Lebanon trees for the West Gate
And Cypresses for the Spires...
Flowering Cherry and Apple in the Chapels,
Ash trees lining the Choir,
And Holm Oaks forming the Sanctuary...*

In springtime, flowering bulbs are its stained glass windows.

*Liquidamber trees form the Gateway
To Cloisters lined with Hornbeam.
A York stone path leads to their centre
And to cuttings of Glastonbury Thorn.
York stone circles a single Horse Chestnut in the Transept
The Chapter House is crowned with a Laurel Hedge*