

The Playing Field

Chedzoy Nature Walk



Not all plants are edible and some are unsuitable for children, during pregnancy or when suffering from certain medical conditions. Please research their suitability based on your personal needs and enjoy!

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The Bug Hotel

Created with pallets and filled with: leaves, bricks, wool, pine cones, cardboard and twigs, there are mouse access tubes running through the centre and a straw filled hedgehog house underneath. The top is planted with alpine strawberries, primroses and forget-me-nots.

The Willow Meeting Place

Crafted by Natty B from The Willow Bank, each willow rod is carefully curved and woven into the structure adding strength to the beautiful shape. It's a great place to meet friends and hang out or just lie on your back and watch the clouds go over...

The Raspberry Curve

Seven metres of autumn raspberries, eat them raw, make fruit leathers or add crab apple and have a go at making jam.

[76] **Raspberry Autumn Bliss** *Rubus idaeus*

[77] **Raspberry Glen Ample** *Rubus idaeus*

[78] **Raspberry Heritage** *Rubus idaeus*

Trees

Along the back of the field is a new double row native hedgerow planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. There are two new mini woodlands and perennial flowers are seeded in the centre of the pump track.

[79] **River Birch** *Betula nigra*

This one will eventually have glossy black bark. Birch essential oil is harvested from the leaves of the silver birch tree, it is a powerful antiseptic and the aroma is similar to wintergreen oil used to scent germolene.

[80] **Himalayan Birch** *Betula utilis jacquemontii*

A classic birch with paper white bark.

[81] **Downy Birch** *Betula pubescens*

As the name suggests this species of birch has fluffy leaves, and is a great choice for wet or even boggy sites.

[82] **Crab apple** *Malus sylvestris*

The native ancestor of all cultivated apple trees, the crab apple has a high value to the environment, early spring blossoms provide pollen and nectar, followed by an abundance of fruit enjoyed by a wide variety of wildlife. Crab apple is naturally high in pectin and perfect for pairing with other fruits to make jams and jellies set.

[83] **Hawthorn** *Crataegus monogyna*

[84] **Goat willow** *Salix caprea*

Goat willow has the classic fluffy catkins and this species can live for 300 years. Its leaves support many species of moth and are the main food source for the purple emperor butterfly.

[85] **Holly** *Ilex aquifolium*

[86] **Alder** *Alnus glutinosa*

[101] **Hazel** *Corylus avellana*

[102] **Rowan** *Sorbus aucuparia*

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