



# Education Service



At the end of the experience your group will return to Arley station in good time to catch your return train.

Lunch will be taken in the grounds of the Arboretum. A tearoom can be made available for your party to eat lunch in should the weather be unkind.

Toilets are adjacent to the tearoom.

National Curriculum

Key Stage 1 & 2 - Science , Unit 1B, 2B, 3B

Children need to know plants are living things which change and grow, to know the names of plants and their parts, to learn about plants and animals in their immediate environment and their habitats.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

A train journey, in reserved seats, usually by heritage steam train to Arley and admission to the Arboretum. The services of an Education Service guide, who will meet your party and lead the day for you.

### BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS, COSTS & TIMINGS

'The Secret Garden' operates on weekdays from May to October 2010.

Suggested timings are given below.

## Suitability - Years 2 - 6

Arley Arboretum is one of the best kept secrets in the Severn Valley and is a must for a school visit.

For instance can you unravel the mystery of our layered beech tree? Do you know all about the bark on the outside of a tree trunk and why it is there? Can you unwrap the mystery of those rings that you can see when a branch is cut through?

The Secret Garden is designed for children up to the age of 11 years. It uses the excellent resource of Arley Arboretum to bring to life the story of trees and their importance to the world in which we live. An Education Service guide is provided to lead the day for you.

Following the train journey to Arley your group will be escorted on foot, across the River Severn by footbridge, and through the village to the Arboretum. After lunch the children will be encouraged to use their powers of observation to learn all about trees and their importance to our planet.

They will see and interact with some magnificent specimen trees from all parts of the world and will be encouraged to take bark rubbings, collect samples of leaves, seeds and cones from the 'litter' on the woodland floor and learn how to recognise different species by their leaves and fruits.

For older children their work will take them into the realms of why leaves are green, photosynthesis, hard and soft woods and deciduous and evergreen trees.

TRAINS FROM KIDDERMINSTER			TRAINS FROM BRIDGNORTH		
	May 4 - June 18 Sept 6 - Oct 1	July 5 - Sept 3		May 4 - June 18 Sept 6 - Oct 1	July 5 - Sept 3
Kidderminster depart	10.25	10.25	Bridgnorth depart	10.10	10.55
Bewdley	10.39	10.39			
Arley arrive	10.55	10.55	Arley arrive	10.54	11.38
Arboretum part 1	11.30	11.30	Arboretum part 1	11.30	12.00
Lunch	11.45	11.45	Lunch	11.45	11.45
Arboretum part 2	12.15	12.15	Arboretum part 2	12.15	12.15
Arboretum depart	1.45	1.30	Arboretum depart	1.45	2.10
Arley depart	2.30	2.15	Arley depart	2.30	2.51
Bewdley	2.46	2.32			
Kidderminster arrive	2.57	2.43	Bridgnorth arrive	3.07	3.28

The cost of this visit is £7.95 per child. 1 adult travels free per 10 (or part of 10) paying pupils. Any additional adults, above the free allocation, are also charged at the child rate.

Please note - A minimum of 20 paying pupils applies to this event.

We strongly recommend a telephone booking in the first instance to avoid disappointment.

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