

### Magnolia

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 19

Latin/Botanical Name: *Magnolia x soulangeana*

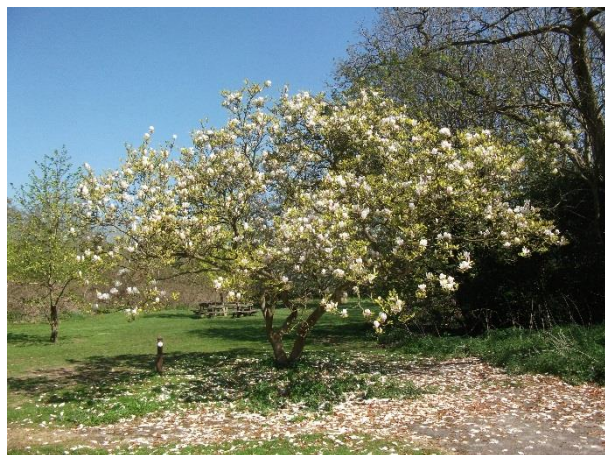
Range: Its ancestors are originally from Asia, but this hybrid is widely planted throughout Europe and USA

Height: up to 6m

Uses: Widely planted as a park and garden tree, grown for its large, fragrant goblet shaped blossoms which gives the tree its name of saucer magnolia.

Description: A spreading deciduous tree often multi-stemmed with bright, attractive grey bark. Leaves are oblong up to 20cm in length and develop after the flowers. Flowers develop in the spring and are creamy white often shaded in pink or purple.

Interesting fact: *Magnolia x soulangeana* was initially bred in the 1820s by French plantsman Étienne Soulange-Bodin, a retired cavalry officer in Napoleon's army, at his Château de Fromont near Paris.



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