

Giant Redwood or Wellingtonia

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 18

Latin/Botanical Name: *Sequoiadendron giganteum*

Range: Native of west coast USA

Height: over 90m in USA, rarely over 50m in N. Europe.

Uses: Ornamental in larger parks and gardens, the wood is very brittle making it unsuitable for construction.

Description: Evergreen, very large tree, narrowly conical in shape, the are leaves long, and arranged spirally on the shoots. The bark is fibrous, furrowed and thick providing excellent protection from forest fires which occur in its native habitat.

Interesting fact: On its introduction to Britain in 1853, it was named *Wellingtonia gigantea* after the recently deceased Duke of Wellington. However, this scientific name was not legitimate because the name *Wellingtonia* had been used earlier for another plant (although *Wellingtonia* is still the common name used in the UK).



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