

Dawn Redwood

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 20

Latin/Botanical Name: *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*

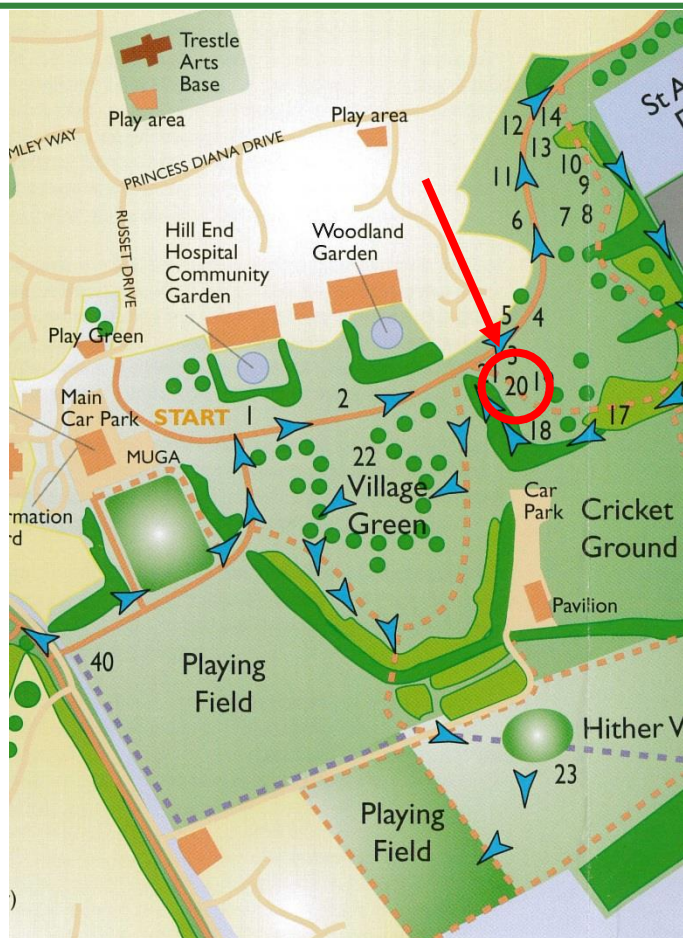
Range: Native to central China, now planted in warmer parts of northern Europe and USA

Height: up to 20m (taller in the wild)

Uses: Ornamental

Description: A fast-growing, deciduous tree. The bark is a pale orange-brown flaking away in plates, it has beautiful ferny foliage, bright, light green in spring, turning russet-brown with tints of coppery pink in autumn. Male cones are very small usually only found in warmer areas, female cones are larger and produced on long stalks.

Interesting fact: This prehistoric tree, previously only known from fossil evidence dating back 100 million years, and thought to have been extinct for 5 million years, was discovered growing in the grounds of a temple in China in 1940s and first planted in Britain in 1948.



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