

Beech

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 38

Latin Name: *Fagus sylvatica*

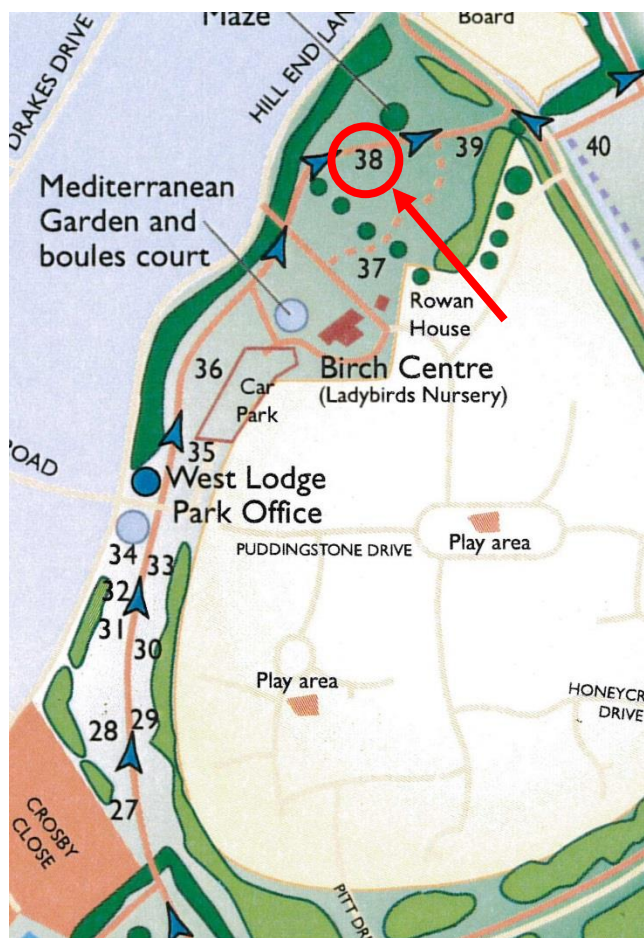
Origin: Central and western Europe

Height: to 40m

Uses: Timber for furniture making and as an ornamental tree e.g. in copper beech variety.

Described as a large graceful, high-domed rounded deciduous tree, with long branches ascending or arching gracefully, it occurs extensively on drier and lighter soils often forming woods. Beech nuts which ripen in October are edible (when cooked) although slightly bitter, they provide a source of food for wildlife and have been used as pig feed for thousands of years.

Why is it our tree of the month? This must be one of the most magnificent trees in the park and is looking particularly splendid as it start to develop its autumn colours.



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