

Dogwood

There are many examples throughout the park, this one is in the garden next to YMCA

Latin/Botanical Name: *Cornus sanguinea*

Range: Widespread throughout most of Europe except extreme north and south. Prefers calcareous soils. Often found along woodland edges.

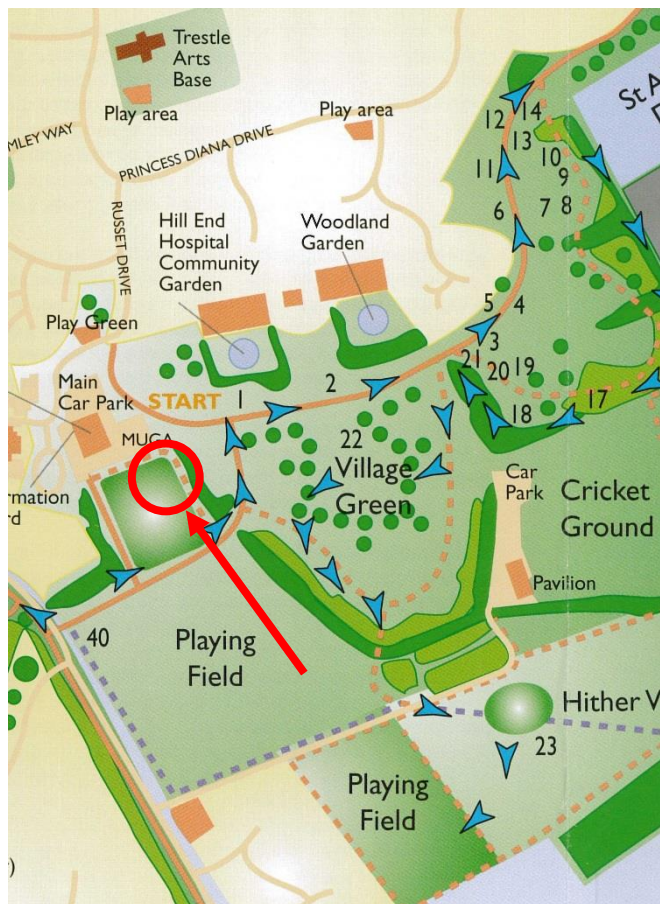
Height: up to 4m

Uses: ornamental plant in gardens, where it provides autumn colour

Description: A deciduous shrub with distinctive dark red twigs, very conspicuous in winter when leafless. The bark is grey and smooth with shallow ridges which develop with age.

Leaves opposite on stem, oval, pointed and untoothed, 3-4 pairs of reddish green veins becoming strong red in autumn. Flowers, produced in June-July are greenish white, in terminal clusters, showy *en masse*. Fruit globose 5-8mm and black when ripe.

Interesting Facts: The origin of the name comes from the smooth straight twigs, which were used to make butchers' skewers. Skewers used to be called 'dags' or 'dogs', so the name means 'skewer wood'.



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