

WALKING WITH TREES



Photographs: Sara Stevenson, Astley Ainslie Hospital

Meet in the Astley Ainslie hospital grounds on Saturday November 17th. 10.30 – 12 for a free tree walk with local forester, Willie McGhee, to look at amazing trees. Make friends with a tree. This will be a gentle walk to introduce the different species of trees within the grounds of the Astley Ainslie Hospital. They constitute the largest tree-scape in single ownership in South Edinburgh, with about 54 tree species. We provide additional information about the trees, and there will be an opportunity to ‘befriend’ one of the beautiful trees on the site. Please note that the Astley Ainslie Hospital continues to have a few wards with inpatients on the site and we not walk close to the East, West and the Charles Bell Pavilions.

When, where

Saturday 17th November, 10.30 – 12

Meet outside WRVS café, Canaan Lane entrance to the hospital, end of Balfour Pavilion (cup symbol on map enclosed). The café opens at 12 on a Saturday.

Who

This walk is suitable for most walkers. We will walk mostly on paths or on grass and possibly on some rougher grounds so please wear comfortable or waterproof clothing if needed and appropriate footwear.

Confirm attendance

Please use the contact form on the website for registration and to let us know if you cannot attend: <https://aact.scot/contact/>

Befriending a tree in the Astley Ainslie

There will be an opportunity to befriend one of 20 of the trees on the site. Check our website for information on tree befriending after the walk.

Some additional information about the trees, kindly provided by some of our supporters:

Maciej Zurawski photographs of the trees:

<https://maciejzurawski.photoshelter.com/gallery/Astley-Ainslie-Sanctuary/G0000nq1eihxRIM4/>

Lin Li recording of the first ‘Walking with Trees’ walk with Willie McGhee:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/k00ealg1njahabj/trees%20in%20astley%20ainslie.wav?dl=0>