



tortworth
FOREST CENTRE
TORTWORTHARBORETUM.ORG

Venue Hire



tortwortharboretum.org/woodland-hire

Off-grid nature connection for your next event

Looking for a beautiful, tranquil, spacious venue this season? By booking the arboretum you are helping to protect historic trees for future generations.

You and your guests can enjoy an ancient arboretum which is completely off-grid. There is no power or running water on-site, so this is your chance to fully immerse with nature and connect with each other.

What's included?

- 20 acres of private woodland, home to more than 600 native and exotic trees, including 50 champions
- A handcrafted timber roundhouse with fire pit
- A banquet table which seats 12
- Fireside benches which seat up to 20
- A compost toilet with rainwater hand wash sink
- Camping included with full weekend bookings

Talk to us if you'd like to add any of the following:

- Firewood
- Drinking water
- Maps with walks to explore and discover
- Guided walks
- Forest school activities
- Bushcraft and nature connection workshops



How do I hire Tortworth?

Step 1: Check our woodland hire page for the latest rates and session times.

Step 2: Email events@tortwortharboretum.org to discuss available dates and adding elements such as drinking water and firewood. Please note we offer three session start times.

Step 3: Read the terms and conditions of hire, and fill in a booking form containing details of your event such as expected number of attendees and contact details.

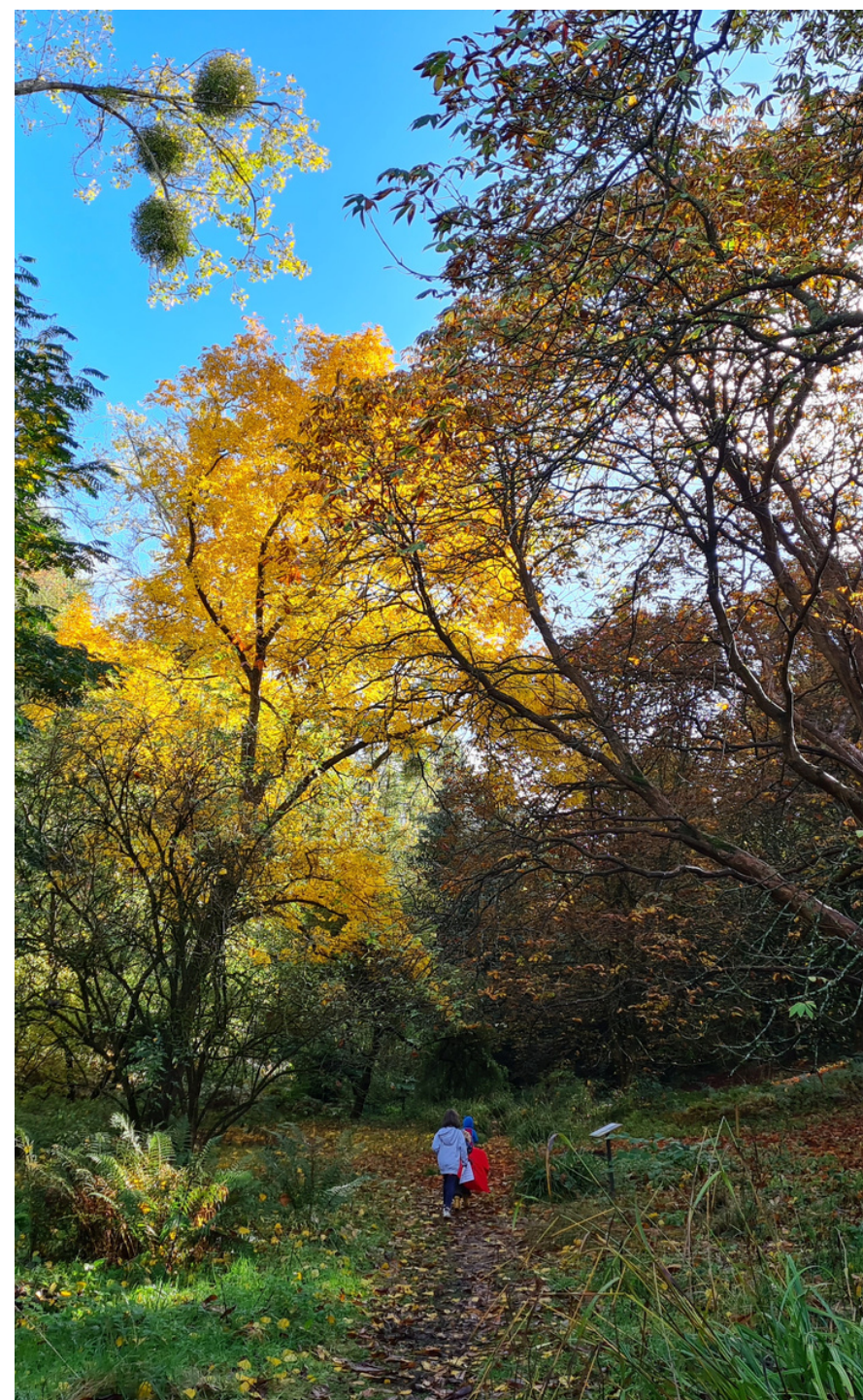
Step 4: Pay the hire fee and, where applicable, the security bond.

Step 5: A few days before your event you will receive the entrance codes for the car and pedestrian gates as well as any additional detail about the woods which you may need to know.

Step 6: Arrive for your event, let yourself in and enjoy the peace and tranquility of this ancient space exclusively for yourself and your guests.

Step 7: Before your hire time ends ensure you have left the woods as you found them including thoroughly extinguishing the fire, removing all rubbish, litter picking the area and locking up.

Step 8: Await the return of your deposit, where applicable.



About Tortworth Forest Centre

We are a community restoring the Dell at Tortworth Arboretum to create a woodland where people and trees thrive together.

Founded in 2015, hundreds of volunteers have worked tirelessly to restore the arboretum which had become overgrown, inaccessible and unsafe for the public to visit. We have been reducing brambles, rhododendrons and other invasive species, to allow native flora to thrive alongside a collection of exotic trees.

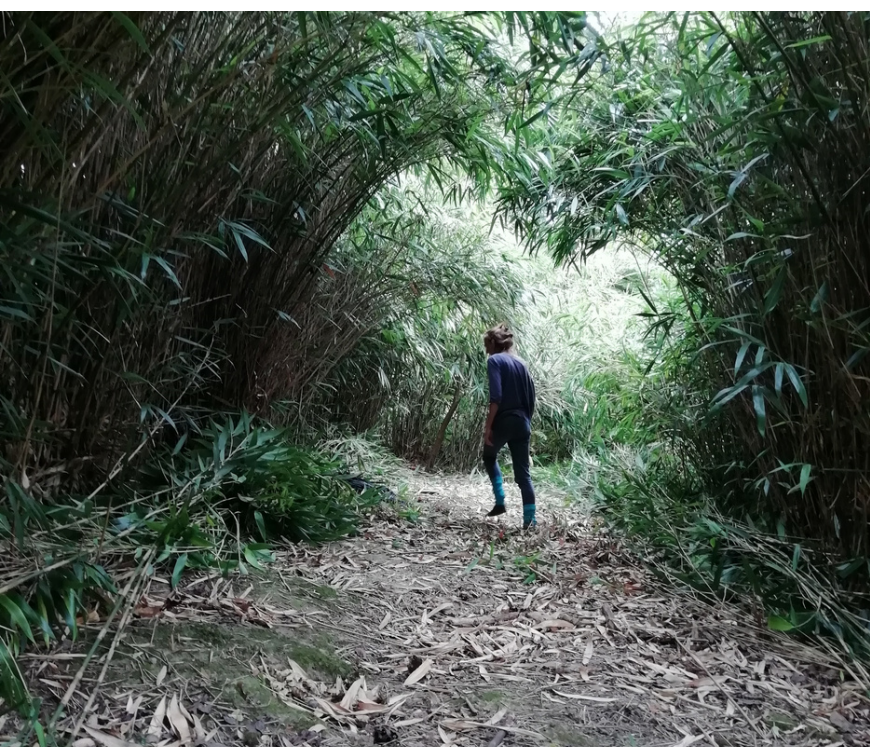
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I find the inclusive and kind approach to volunteers exceptional. Leadership is provided in a way you hardly notice, allowing people to try new things in a safe environment, and gently guiding to the correct technique. Superb!

Volunteer



Alongside our woodland restoration work, we enable and empower those who wouldn't usually access the countryside through a series of wellbeing groups. Our experienced session leaders create a safe space to be outdoors in nature. Together, participants learn new skills and connect with others, without the fear of being judged.



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Coming here has given me the confidence to interact with other people for the first time in seven years. Also I am confident to join a craft group because of being here and learning new skills and confidence in trying new things. Thank you.

Project participant

Our supportive groups offer opportunities to contribute, but without pressure, with people enjoying shared experiences and new interactions. There is a calmness inherent in the place and its historic and unique tree collection, which offers time and space for people to form connections with nature and with other people. We strive to remove barriers to participation to enable as many people as possible to enjoy the place and all it offers.

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When my anxiety is high before coming I remind myself it's a safe place, with understanding people and that I can take myself out of an activity if it's not right for me. I also find the grounding exercise helps to calm me and arrive at the woods. It's also really nice to enjoy good food with good company.

Project participant



Free nature-based wellbeing and volunteering opportunities

Transport options included!

“For years I would yearn for moments of feeling safe. Since joining this group I have a safe place, safe people and safe day EVERY week”

We are a community restoring Tortworth Arboretum to create a space where people and trees thrive. We foster a safe, supportive and welcoming space, and are committed to reaching people who find it difficult to access a place like this. Our projects improve resilience, mental health and overall wellbeing using nature connection, volunteering and craft activities with opportunities to meet new people.

The Hawthorn Project

Wellbeing sessions for people whose identity includes woman

Wednesdays 11.00am - 2.30pm

The Oak Tree Project

Wellbeing sessions for people of all genders

Thursdays 10.45am - 2.15pm

Woodland Management Days

Practical days for people experiencing mental health challenges

Tuesdays 10.00am - 4.00pm

Community Volunteer Days

A fun day of arboretum restoration, email: volunteer@tortwortharboretum.org

Sundays 10.30am - 4.00pm (monthly)

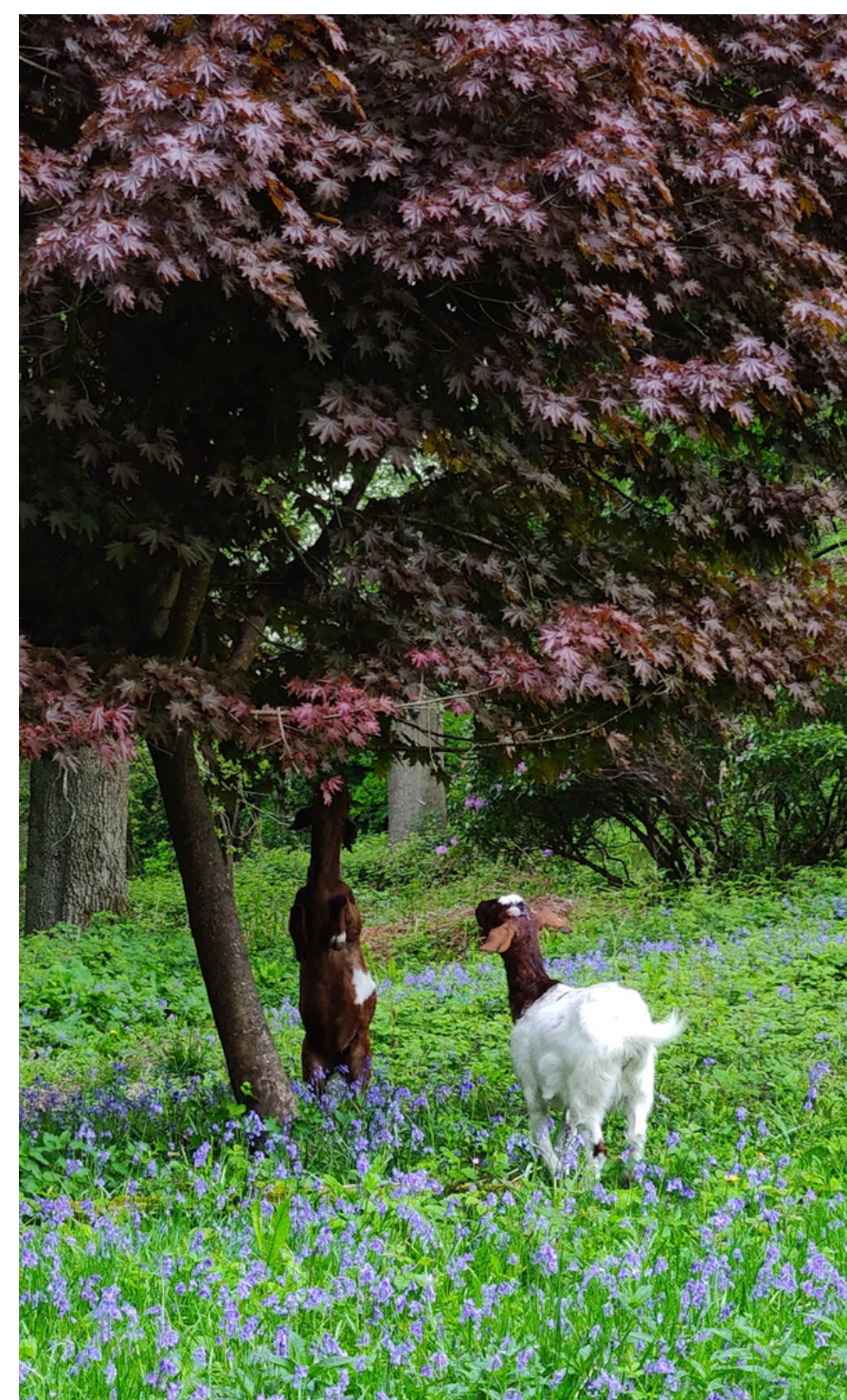
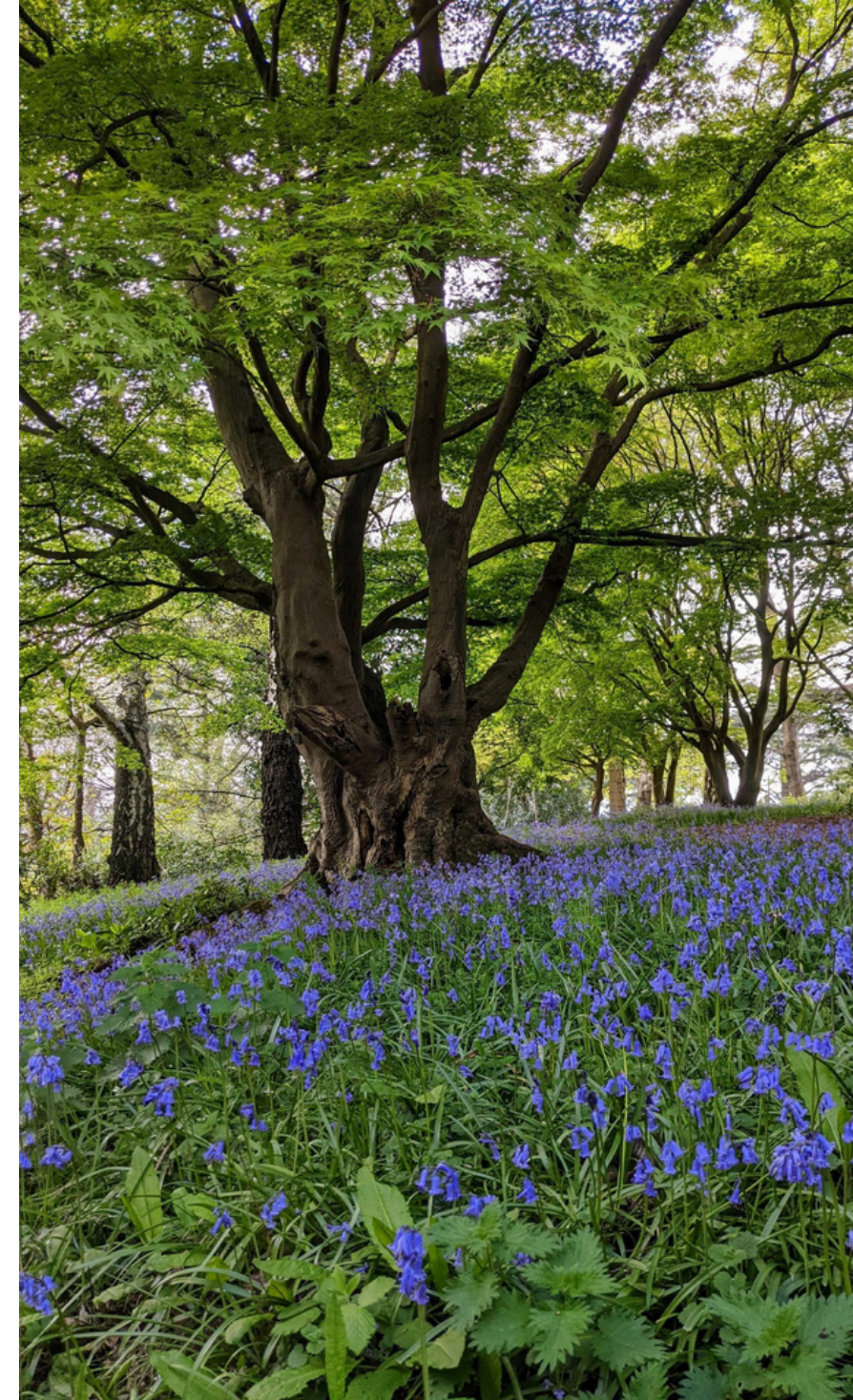
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Are we right for you?

Our site has some limitations to protect nature, our historic trees and the people we support. We are the perfect location for your event if:

- You are able to set up and clear away during your hire hours.
- You understand parking is limited to 30 cars along a single track road.
- You understand we have three session start times.
- You have dogs that are content to remain on the lead around the wildlife.
- You don't need wheelchair access.
- You understand our community works by thinking of others, and leaving the place as you find it.
- You aren't looking for paintballing, mountain biking, amplified sound or music.
- You can bring ample drinking water for your group
- You can take all rubbish and recycling with you.
- You aren't planning a daytime event on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during term times.
- You are happy to check dates and times with us before organising deliveries and collections



How to book:

Hire rates available on our website tortwortharboretum.org/woodland-hire

For more information and enquiries email: events@tortwortharboretum.org

What about the weather?

Whilst we're not put off by a little rain, use of the woods is subject to favourable weather conditions. Safety is our absolute priority, which means events and hire may be cancelled at short notice should forecasts deem it necessary. Full refunds will be issued should events be cancelled due to severe weather.