

Do you know your Ash from your Elder?

Richmond Park Tree quiz

Welcome to our Richmond Park Tree Quiz *for all the family*

Which trees are deer's favourites? Sloe gin is made from fruit of which trees?

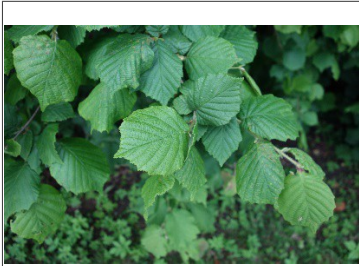
Which tree is used to make Longbows? - they're all found in Richmond Park!

Note: all the trees in this quiz can be found in Richmond Park outside Pembroke Lodge Gardens and Isabella Plantation.

Q1.

Leaves: match the following photos A to H with these Richmond Park trees 1-8 (1 point for each; 8 points)

- 1) Beech; 2) Crack Willow; 3) English Oak; 4) Field Maple; 5) Hazel; 6) Lime; 7) Scot's Pine; 8) Sweet Chestnut



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H

Q2.

A lot of trees in the Park, especially oaks & willows, had branches cut a long time ago to harvest wood for many purposes. Trees, like the Royal Oak (pictured), are subsequently shorter, more compact and less vulnerable to strong winds. This ancient practice has probably extended the life of the Royal Oak by maybe 100 years or more. What is this practice called?

- a) Pruning b) Pollarding c) Coppicing

(1 point)



Q3.

Identify, from the photo clues below, these four types of tree that have been planted in the Park to provide food for deer (1 point each, total 4 points).



Q4.

Which tree (pictured right) has a common name of the month when it flowers? It was also known as the 'bread and cheese' tree because young leaves were used for the ploughman's lunch in times of hardship. 1 point for its 'name of the month' and 1 point for its other proper name.



Q5. Which water-loving tree (below), thought to house evil spirits, was used in Venice because its wood does not rot in water? It carries small cones much of the year and has round leaves. (1 point)



Q6. Which is the longest-living type of tree in Britain, often seen growing in churchyards and used to make longbows (right) in the middle ages? (1 point)



Q7. Fill in the missing tree name from this well known saying: "oak before ____, in for a splash; ____ before oak, in for a soak", (referring to the time of leafing). There is a fine mature example of this tree (left) to the north-west of Prince Charles's Spinney (towards the Pen Ponds car park). This species is under severe threat because of a fungal disease. (1 point)



Q8.

What is the main reason why:

a) Dead wood is left lying on the ground



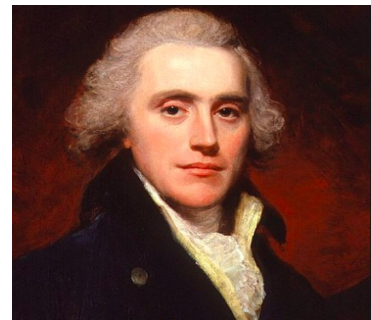
Richmond Park?

b) Veteran trees (like the Royal Oak) are fenced off?

(1 point for each correct answer, up to 2 points)

Q9.

The Prime Minister pictured was responsible for creating some 15 woods in Richmond Park, including the largest in the Park which was named after him. Who was he? (1 point) (Picture: William Beechey)



Q10.

Which tall tree (below), found near the Park's ponds and streams, used to be one of the commonest trees (clue: you could say it was 'popular'!) on the floodplains of southern England thousands of years ago but it is now rare? This one is between Cambrian and Bog Gates by the side of a stream. (1 point)



Q11.

Which tree (right) grows profusely in some areas of the Park, especially where the ground has been cleared, and is known as the 'lady of the woods'? This white-barked tree used to be well known for its use as an instrument of corporal punishment! (1 point)



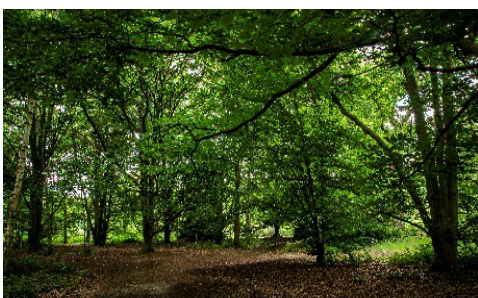
Q12. This well known national flag depicts a leaf of a tree which also grows in Britain. Can you name the tree for 1 point and the country for a 2nd point?

Q13. Why do a lot of the trees in the Park have yellow discs, like the one pictured right, on them? (1 point)



Q14.

Which tree with long thorns produces these berries that go into making delicious sloe gin? (1 point)



Q15.

This tree (left) casts a deep shade and makes up about a fifth of all the trees in the Park. It is known as the "queen of the woods" and forked twigs are used for water 'divining' (finding water). What is it? (1 point)



Q16. Which tree, known as the 'king of the woods', had timber supplied to the Royal Navy to make ships? (1 point) (Picture: Battle of Trafalgar 1805, Richard Grenville)

Q17. This pungent flower makes a delicious, refreshing summer drink and is about to burst into full flower on small trees across the country and the Park. What is it? 1 point



A maximum of 30 points can be scored: how many can you get?

Was your score tree-mendous?

Good luck, hope you enjoyed it!

