

# Dog Walking Map

Start your walk by following the orange trail in either direction. Look out for the finger posts to help guide your way. The map indicates the locations of dog waste bins and the dog friendly Coffee Shop where you can sit with your dog whilst you enjoy a freshly ground coffee or homemade cake.

Please keep dogs on a short lead at all times during your visit to the Arboretum



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Watersmeet is a native British riverside wood overlooking the confluence of the Rivers Tame and Trent. It features silver birch and black poplar trees. Rest your legs at the picnic benches located near to the wildlife pond here.



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The Riverside Zone features memorials to The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces, The Royal Corps of Signals, and The Household Cavalry Regiments, amongst many others. Whilst you are here, take a look in the Shot at Dawn shelter to learn more about some of the memorials in this zone.



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This area of the pathway follows the River Tame past memorials including The Nursing Memorial, which carries the names of nearly 1300 nurses identified as having died during or as a direct result of their war service.



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The RAF Wing features memorials to the RAF Association, Medical Services and Physical Training, as well as many individual Squadrons.

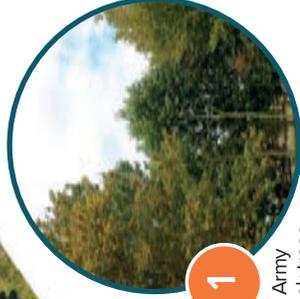


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The Royal British Legion Poppy Field looks its best during the summer. It is planted with poppies and other wild flower seeds.

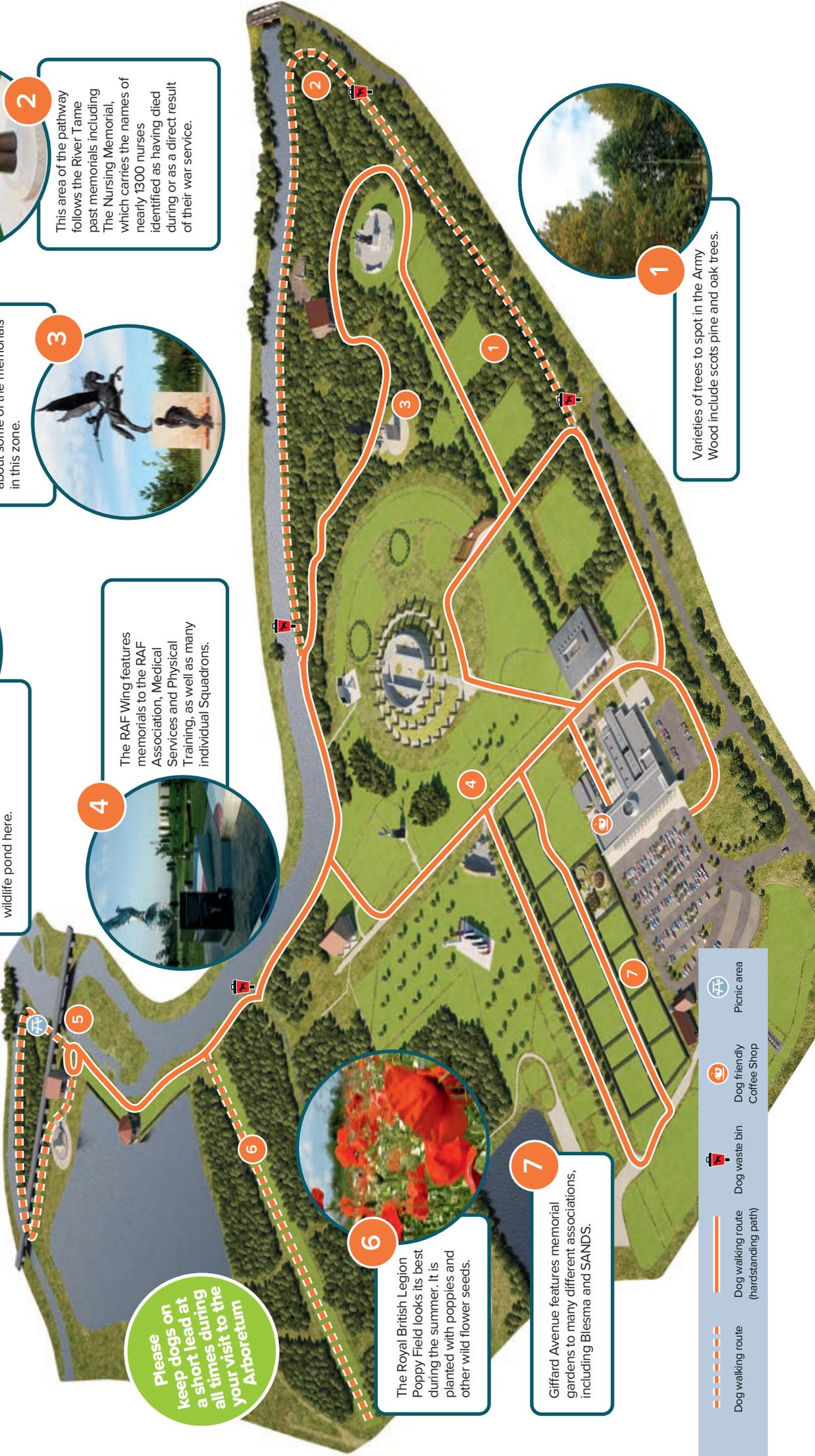
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Giffard Avenue features memorial gardens to many different associations, including Blesma and SANDS.



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Varieties of trees to spot in the Army Wood include scots pine and oak trees.



- Dog walking route
- Dog walking route (hardstanding path)
- Dog waste bin
- Dog friendly Coffee Shop
- Picnic area



## Explore - Discover - Remember

Welcome to the National Memorial Arboretum. Our 150-acre site contains more than 350 memorials and around 30,000 trees, with a combination of native and specimen samples represented, along with a beautiful mixture of flora and fauna.

Behind each memorial are human stories and the individual designs demonstrate the links to those they represent. A young arboretum, we are a growing, living tribute to those who have served and continue to serve our country.

This easy dog walk will lead you around a large section of the Arboretum, past many of our significant memorials, through The Royal British Legion Poppy Field and to Watersmeet, the confluence of the Rivers Tame and Trent.

Due to the nature of our site and for the comfort of all our visitors, only working assistance dogs are allowed on the memorials, grassed areas and within the Arboretum buildings. **With this in mind, we are only able to accommodate dogs on leads along our designated dog route. These pathways are highlighted in orange on the map overleaf.**

We reserve the right to ask anybody who is not observing this policy to rejoin the dog walking route.



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Why can't dogs go anywhere at the Arboretum?

It is extremely difficult to strike the right balance for dog walkers and for those who believe dogs should not be in a memorial site at all. We have therefore trialled different approaches and concluded the best compromise is to allow dogs, on leads, in some areas of the site. We do accept not everyone will agree with this policy, but the alternative is not to allow dogs at all which we do not want to do.

### Why must dogs remain on leads?

The nature of our site means that some visitors may require peaceful contemplation. Whilst we accept most dogs and their owners will be respectful of others on site, this can only be guaranteed if dogs are kept on a short leash at all times.

### Why is water not available along the whole route?

Drinking water is available for dogs in Heroes' Square. We do not provide drinking bowls along the whole route because our site is exposed to lots of wildlife which may make the water unsafe for pet dogs. We recommend dog walkers carry their own water whilst on site.

### Do you have tether points?

Yes, tether points are available periodically alongside the river walk. Dog owners tether their pets at their own risk and should not leave animals alone for long periods of time.

## Our Facilities

### Toilets

Toilet facilities are located within the Remembrance Centre.

### Dog Waste Bins

To help us preserve the appearance of our grounds, please pick up and remove all dog waste. Dog waste bins are signposted on the map overleaf.

### Picnic Areas

Picnic benches, with beautiful views of the confluence of the Rivers Tame and Trent and our wildlife pond, are available at Watersmeet.

### Dog Friendly Coffee Shop

Dog walkers are invited to use our dog friendly Coffee Shop which offers a range of hot and cold drinks and snacks. Visitors with dogs are also welcome to use the outdoor seating area in Heroes' Square to consume food purchased from the Restaurant within the Remembrance Centre. Only working assistance dogs are permitted within the Remembrance Centre itself.

## Help us to remain a free-to-enter site

The National Memorial Arboretum is a registered charity which relies on visitor donations to remain a free-to-enter site. A £5 per person donation is recommended to help support our day-to-day running costs of £4,000 per day, but you can also help in other ways; become an NMA Friend, make a regular donation, support our special events throughout the year or give the gift of time and become a volunteer.

## Events & activities

Throughout the year, we hold a variety of events and activities including Paws for Remembrance, Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas events. A varied programme of school holiday activities is also available throughout the year.

When you have finished with this map, please recycle it. The information in this map was correct at the time of print.

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# Self-guided Dog Walking Map

This gentle walk follows hardstanding paths and off-road tracks whilst enjoying views of a number of our memorials. Parts of the trail may be unsuitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters.



We politely request that dogs do not deviate from the route highlighted in this map. Dog walkers off route will be asked to return to the designated pathways. Thank you for your cooperation.