



ILLUMINATED ARBORETUM



Welcome

Welcome to the National Memorial Arboretum. You are going to do the light trail called Illuminated Arboretum.



Arrival

When you arrive at the entrance you will come through two big large doors and see Arbie the Owl sitting next to the bench.

You can have a photograph taken here if you would like to.



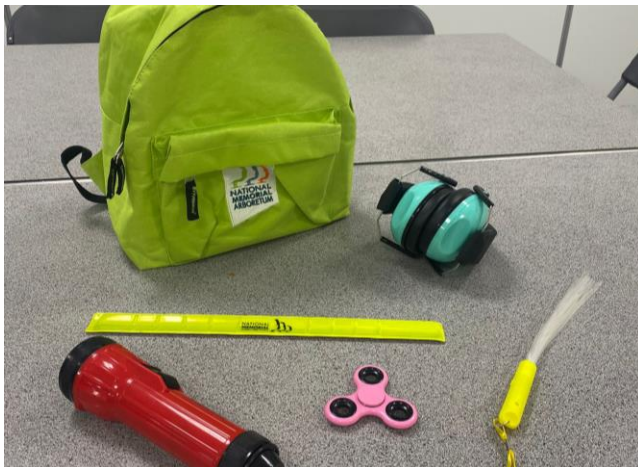
Ticket Scanning

Next you will arrive in the main entrance.

Have your tickets ready.

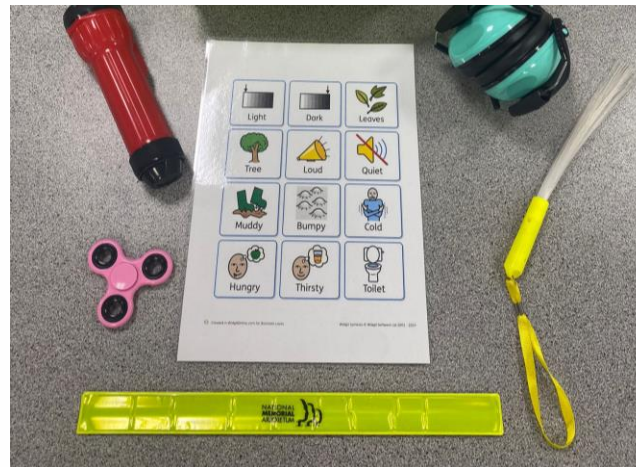
The Arboretum team will scan them.

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Sensory Bag

We have sensory backpacks
If you need to borrow one you can
ask at the welcome desk.



Inside the Bag

Inside the backpack there are fidget
toys and a torch which could be
helpful as the trail is outside and in
the dark.



The year was 1944

You can now walk through the
gallery.

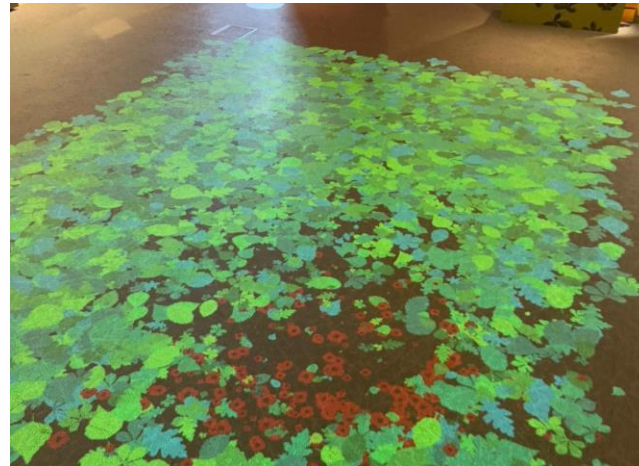
The gallery has been turned into a
1944 house at Christmas. This is
what life was like 80 years ago.

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Follow the footprints

Follow Arbie's footprints on the floor to show you where to go.



Landscapes of Life

You will then walk into another gallery space. In here you will find a floor of poppies that move as you walk on the floor. If you want to you can walk around the outside instead.



A year at the Arboretum

If you want to you can have a look inside this space and watch a film on the big screens.

This film is all about the last year at the Arboretum. If you don't want to watch, you can walk back into the Restaurant area.



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Restaurant Area and Toilets

This is the Restaurant, you can buy drinks and snacks here. We also have toilets near here if you need to use them.

There are also other toilets and places to buy food on the trail.

Low Sound



Canopy of 1000 Dreams

In the corner of the restaurant we have a tree, the leaves have been created by school children, groups and individuals.

This Tree is called a canopy of 1000 dreams.



Heroes' Square – Start of the Trail

The start of the trail is here in Heroes' Square.



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Lights and Footpaths

Lights and footpaths like these in the picture are along the trail and will show you where to go.



Volunteers

If you need any help during your visit you can ask a volunteer.

They are happy to help and wear a green uniform.



Arbie the Owl

Tonight, Arbie the Owl will be showing you around the Arboretum and telling you all about the lights you can see and what they mean.

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Amphitheatre – Flickers

These lights are called flickers. You can walk into the Amphitheatre and have a look. There are also 39 pieces of artwork that have been created by year 9 students from The Royal Sutton School.

Flickering Lights
Low Sound



Illuminated Arboretum Signs

These are large signs you can touch. Push the colourful bulbs to change their colours.

Low Sound



Rainbow Symphony

The lights on the trees flash and dance along to the music which is from the 1940's. The music is called 'In the Mood'.

Flashing Lights
Loud Sound

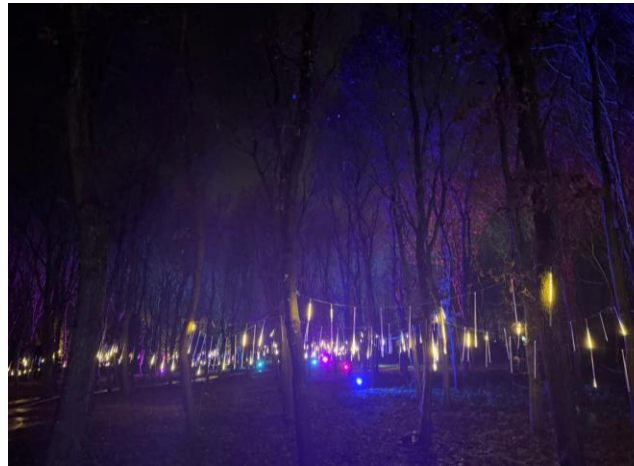
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Say Again

This is a guessing game, you will need to be a WWII secret Agent. A sequence of lights will play you need to remember them and press the buttons.

Flashing Lights
Low sound activated by the buttons



Droplets

These lights, like droplets, are hung in the trees to create a special light effect.

Flashing Lights
Medium Sound



Festive Dwell and Stepping Stones

In this area you can buy a hot drink and marshmallows to toast in a firepit. There are also colourful stepping stones. As you walk on them, the colours will change. If you don't want to do this you can walk around the edge.

Low Sound

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Moon and Stars

Here you will see the moon. It will change to show a video of Arbie on the screen. He will talk to you. There are also some star lights that hang down from the trees above.

Mid Level Sound – Single Male Voice



Stickman

Say hello to Stickman.

You can take a photograph if you'd like.

Low Sound



Votive Woods

In votive woods you will be able to hang a light between our trees. This is a moment to think about a loved one or someone you miss and want to remember.

Low Sound

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Tree of Cherished memories

The special sculpture remembers people. If you look closely, you will find names have been written on some of the leaves and figures on the sculpture.

Low Sound



Vortex

This is a tunnel of flashing and changing light. Walk through it to get to the other end. If you don't want to, you can walk around the outside.

**Flashing Light
Loud Sound**



Sky Trackers

Here you can now control and move the lights by moving the controller with your hands this will make the lights move in the sky.

Low Sound

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The Tide is Turning

Look into the trees as the lights flash and change to the music.

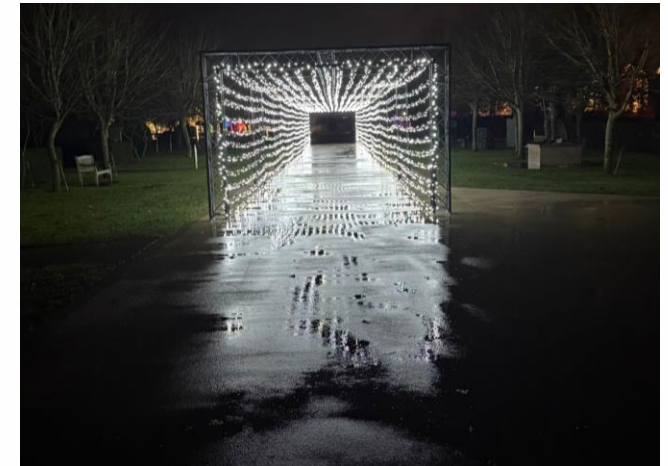
Flashing Lights
Loud Sound



The Year was 1944

There are different light pictures on the floor, all showing different things from 1944. The pictures turn around in a circle.

Moving Light
Low Sound



Tunnel of Light

This is a still tunnel of white light, you can walk through this or if you don't want to you can walk around the edge.

Low Sound



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Polar Bear

Polar bear is friends with Arbie. He has a jolly voice and will speak to you.

Mid Level Sound – Single Male Voice



Beacons

Walk up the steps to the top of the Armed forces Memorial. You will see beams of lights in the sky.

Low building to Loud Sound



Boyes Garden

This is the end of the trail you will walk through the garden and lights back to Heroes' Square back to where you started.

Low Sound



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End of the Trail

You are now back at the Remembrance Centre. Here you can buy food and drink or use the toilet before you go. There is a Shop on the way out.

Low Sound



Sensory Backpacks

Please return any sensory backpacks and the contents to the Welcome Desk.

We hope this helped you on your visit.



Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed visiting Illuminated Arboretum and this pack was useful.

Thank you for coming. We hope we can visit us again soon.