

Post 10

EASTERN HEDGE

Follow this path through the trees for approximately 450 metres. See how many different types of tree and shrub you can spot between this post and the next one. Are there more species in this hedge than at post 4? How many points did you score?

Ash Light green leaflets in pairs, each up to 10cm, bark smooth & silvery, buds black
5 points



Hazel Round, pointed-tipped leaves with softly prickly hairs, clusters of green nuts in autumn
5 points



Yew (poisonous) Dark green, flattened needles, bark red & flaking, pinkish-red fruit on some trees in late summer
10 points

Oak Short-stalked, deeply lobed leaves, with acorns on long stalks in the autumn.
10 points



Field maple Leaves (4-8cm) deep green, bark corky, two-winged seeds like 'helicopter blades'.
15 points

Beech Leaves thin & wavy-edged, yellow-green when young, turning dark green and then brown in autumn. Thin twigs and pointed, cigar-shaped buds.

15 points



Holly Tough, shiny, dark green evergreen leaves with sharp spines. Red berries in autumn.

15 points

Elder

Bark deeply furrowed on older trees, large pores on younger branches. Clusters of pale yellow flowers in June, black berries in late summer.

10 points



Silver birch

White, scaly bark with black patches. Leaves almost triangular, toothed with smaller teeth between those formed by the main veins.

15 points



Sycamore

Large dark green leaves
(up to 15cm) with 5
pointed, lobed leaves,
two-winged 'helicopter'
seeds at right angles

10 points

**Walk to the next arrowed post.
You have now finished the Farthing
Downs section of the trail. To make
your way back to the car park, turn
right up the hill. To continue with
the Happy Valley trail, follow the
arrow through the trees to post 11
on the other side of the bridle path
(see map below).**

NATURE TRAIL MAP

