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SPECTACULAR AUTUMN COLOUR AT THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM

If you felt the change in the air recently, then you know that autumn has well and truly arrived, and it brings with it nature's spectacular display of colour at the Yorkshire Arboretum. The 120-acre site near Castle Howard is already beginning to turn with vibrant reds, golds and yellows that will only intensify over the coming weeks. The 'October Glory' red maple is beginning to live up to its name and superb crops of fruit are appearing in pink, orange and white.

In July, a new hard path was created allowing visitors to better explore the site's southern boundary. The 1.2km path loops back to the main arboretum track, opening up the arboretum for access throughout the seasons, and allowing visitors to admire the brilliant white birch, hornbeams and beech vying for attention in the autumn sun.

Yorkshire Arboretum Director, John Grimshaw, said "The beginning of October sees the definite change of season from summer to autumn, with green leaves fading and autumnal tints flourishing by the end of the month. The hornbeams around the visitor centre are laden with beautiful fruits, and the imminent bursts of oranges, reds and golds promise spectacular autumn colour for visitors to enjoy over the coming weeks."

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PHOTOS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Yorkshire Arboretum and Ray Wood are gardens of the Castle Howard Arboretum Trust, an independent charity (registration number 1044931) established to maintain and protect these

unique collections. Founded in 1997 as a partnership between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Castle Howard, the Trust's patron is HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Yorkshire Arboretum is located opposite the entrance to Castle Howard and is open from 10am – 4pm every day from 1st February – 30th November, with extended opening at weekends from 1st May – 31st October. In addition to the 120 acre garden of trees there's a children's woodland playground, a café offering delicious home-cooked seasonal food and drink and a gift shop. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Admission is £7 for adults, £3.50 for juniors (12-16) and £17.50 for families. Under 12s are admitted free. Find out more at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

The arboretum's annual event programme includes a wide range of family and outdoor activities, botanical and horticultural education, and arts and crafts workshops. Full details are available at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

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