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GOLDEN AUTUMN 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. While 2020 has changed and even halted a great many things, the change of seasons continues. More than ever the restorative benefits of green open spaces and trees have been appreciated more than ever this year, and the arboretum is a perfect place to experience outstanding seasonal natural beauty safely. With sweeping vistas offering wide open spaces and peaceful hidden glades to explore, the Yorkshire Arboretum offers visitors a taste of the natural world away from these uncertain and troubling times.

The trees at the 120-acre site near Castle Howard are 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 berries are appearing in pink, orange and white.

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 beginning to appear by the end of September; they'll hot-up as October progresses. Judging by the first splashes of oranges, reds and golds we look forward to an autumn of spectacular 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 11am – 4pm every day from 1st March – 30th November. 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 available to book online at www.yorkshirearboretum.org and 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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