

# 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

