



# The Richard Marshall Woodland Walk



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| 1. Norway Maple       | 8. Silver Pendent Lime | 13. Caucasian Wingnut |
| 2. Lombardy Poplar    | 9. Scots Pine          | 14. Sweet Gum         |
| 3. False Acacia       | 10. Common Yew         | 15. Black Walnut      |
| 4. Atlantic Cedar     | 11. Pyramidal Hornbeam |                       |
| 5. Cricket-bat Willow | 12. Gingko             |                       |
| 6. English Oak        |                        |                       |
| 7. Horse Chestnut     |                        |                       |



Please follow the yellow way markers for a circular walk. Alternatively you can obtain a Map & Guide from Reception.

## The Building

A gift of £230,000, by retired London businessman, Mr Clifford Barclay, in the mid 1960s initiated the search for a site to build the Oxford Centre for Management Studies, (Templeton College). The original 16 acres had been owned by St John's College since 1557. It was purchased for the sum of £14,500 in 1964, and the site was landscaped by Alan Mitchell. The building was designed by the architects Ahrends, Burton and Koralek who were also responsible for the design of stations and bridges for the Docklands Light Railway in London and the British Embassy in Moscow. The College was opened on 30 April 1969 by the Duke of Edinburgh.



## Directions

- The walk starts at Reception and takes you down the front steps to walk along beside the ponds to your right. You will find an information panel on your left.
- At the end of the ponds, walk across the pea grit area to take a path on the right between the trees.
- Follow the line of trees on your left until you come to an opening between the trees, take the path that bisect the larch plantation, turn right to walk along the avenue of Cricket-bat Willows.
- An avenue will appear on your right (looking towards the college) walking along this entering the second larch plantation on your left, follow the track to exit back to the Cricket bat willows turning right.
- On your left an opening leads to an old English Oak. Proceed up the bank from this point, walking down a bank at the far end and turning left.
- Walking through a single gate on your right the waymarkers will take you across the W.P. Carey Meadow to another gate.
- Upon exiting this gate turn left and proceed down steps to road
- From here turn right to walk up Egrove Rd, turning left in front of Egrove House follow the pathway.
- To your left a diagonal path leads you downhill. Turn left at the bottom to reach a gate to enter the second W.P. Carey Meadow on your right. Follow the Grass path.
- Exit the field and turn right following the road. Walk across the front entrance to follow the grass path that runs parallel to a banked ditch by the roadside.
- Follow the grass path that leads you alongside the line of trees to your left, following the waymarkers back to the start.





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### Alan Mitchell

In developing its grounds Templeton was very fortunate to be able to draw on one of Britain's most distinguished forestry experts, Alan Mitchell. When the college's first buildings were going up in the late 1960s in the middle of a raw meadow, Mitchell chanced to be working nearby and came into contact with Bill Impey, the Domestic Bursar. Impey commissioned Mitchell to produce a design that surrounded the college with parkland tapering into a belt of 12,000 trees and screened it from the A34, while leaving open a view towards Oxford. Almost immediately his plans made an impact but are now reaching full fruition. Mitchell, who went on to write a series of bestselling books including the Collins Field Guide to Trees and to receive the Victoria Medal for Horticulture, continued to advise the college until his death in 1995.



### William Carey Meadows

William Polk Carey founder of W P Carey & Co LLC, one of the US's leading corporate real estate advisors, has long been a generous benefactor of Templeton College with a close interest in the management and development of its gardens. When 'Uncle Bill' (as he came to be known in college) made his original donation in 1983, he asked that it be used specifically for 'beautifying the grounds'. This gift enabled the college to introduce a range of improvements, including the planting of 5,000 daffodil bulbs near the main entrance and of the massed bluebells and snowdrops at the tree line around the college and the creation of its nautilus-shaped Herb Garden. 'Uncle Bill' has continued to give strong support to the college in the development of its environment, and it is in recognition of his contribution that these meadows are named.



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