

Virtual Adventures From Home

Week 3: Gardens, Parks and Woodlands



Getting online from your armchair

- The following slides provide some links to internet sites that can be accessed using any desktop or mobile device (computer, laptop, smartphone). Simply open up your internet browser and copy the links, or click through directly from the links if your device allows.
- There are also some suggestions for apps to download which are available both in the AppStore and Google Play

360° Experiences of Parks Across the World

- Longleat Safari Park, UK: <https://www.longleat.co.uk/news/longleat-launches-virtual-safari>
- Northumberland National Park, UK: <https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/vr/>
- Central Park, New York, USA: <https://www.youvisit.com/tour/centralpark>
- Crater Lake National Park, USA: <https://findyourpark.com/get-inspired/crater-lake-national-park-360-tour>
- Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, USA: <https://www.kqed.org/arts/12223497/360-video-artist-jane-kim-illustrates-golden-gate-parks-entwined-ecologies>
- National Parks Across the World: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--OGJdFF_pE&list=PLhSHFY5MJryb-333gRPZ2br1hE7U3XqKS&index=165
 - Explore 5 USA National Parks at: <https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/parks>
- These are just some suggestions, but if you search in google or any other internet search engine for virtual tours of parks, parklands, or other related words, a whole range of different options will come up for you to choose from.
- Alternatively, select any of your favourite parks, or those you would love to explore and visit them using Google Earth. Start your search at: <https://earth.google.com/web/>

360° Experiences of Woodlands Across the World

- Red Woods: Walk Among Giants: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTIzIGFrL_4
- Relaxing woodland walk, Norway: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WT7MGpCq9jQ&t=33s>
- Autumn walk in the forest: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeeQmfnfarzQ>
- Capilano Living Forest Walk, Capilano Suspension Bridge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llsw0sslKk>
- Pine Forest (static 360 video): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-WpK_Lyr_Q

- These are just some suggestions, but if you search in google or any other internet search engine for virtual tours of woods, woodlands, forests, or other related words, a whole range of different options will come up for you to choose from.

- Alternatively, select any of your favourite woodlands or forests, or those you would love to explore and visit them using Google Earth. Start your search at: <https://earth.google.com/web/>

Virtual Tours of Gardens Across the World

- Kew Gardens, London: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioG_Vfh0Kxw&feature=emb_logo
- RHS Wisley, Surrey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2WealAPZHU>
- Waddesdon Manor, UK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyYuxTfdtKo>
- Hidcote Gardens, UK: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote/features/hidcote-virtual-tours>
- Monet's Garden, Giverny: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjWx2WNXFF4>
- Royal Gardens of Versailles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQlp24C5nA>
- The Cloud Forest, Gardens by the Bay, Singapore: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4viHcv7Rw_M
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9JqMHTnark>
- Singapore Botanical Gardens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i76cJT7bYCQ>
- Huntles Gardens, Barbados: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJuhNpWMfdE>
- US Botanic Gardens, Washington: <https://www.usbg.gov/take-virtual-tour>
- Chicago Botanical Gardens: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aV0Ryaw0hGc&feature=emb_logo
- Hawaii Tropical Botanical Gardens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtZ0dcUzGX8>

- These are just some suggestions, but if you search in google or any other internet search engine for virtual tours of beaches, the coast, the seaside, or other related words, a whole range of different options will come up for you to choose from. Alternatively, select any of your favourite beaches, or those you would love to explore and visit them using Google Earth. Start your search at: <https://earth.google.com/web/>

Webcams in Gardens, Parks and Woodlands

- You can view live-streaming footage of gardens, parks and woodlands through a range of webcams installed across the world. Try out some of the ones below:
 - The Wildlife Trust: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/webcams> (This is a fantastic site with lots of different webcams in parks and reserves across the UK)
 - Cotswold Wildlife Park and Garden: <https://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk/animals-gardens/web-cams/>
 - Tresco Abbey Garden, Isle of Scilly: <http://www.camsecure.co.uk/TrescoAbbeyGarden.html>
 - Redwood forest cam: <https://explore.org/livecams/zen-den/live-redwood-cam-1> (this site has a great range of different webcams in a whole range of environments)
 - Audubon webcams: <https://www.audubon.org/news/top-10-wildlife-web-cams> (a whole range of wildlife webcams)

Timelapses – how does your garden grow?

- Sunflowers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-iPp6yn0hw>
- Strawberries: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_tNMJTvy7I
- Flowers in bloom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjCzPp-MK48>
- Flowers and insects: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cz6YFs3Qyc>
- Garden coming to life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6Uw2DJ9Md8>

These are just a few examples of the wide range of videos (both 360 and fixed frame) that are available on each of these activities. Have a look and see which ones appeal to you.

Timelapses – woodland wonders

- Sunlight in forest: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fYTctvTCGg>
- Plants growing in forest (BCC, David Attenborough): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kX2RtDE9BBw>
- Trees budding and growing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qImPJo6Nc9I>
- Four seasons in a forest: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfa29pq6NFs>

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A Birds and Bugs Eye View

- Birds eye view of parks, forests and gardens:
 - Coed y Brenin Forest Park: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKlf8OQxtjc>
 - Amazon rainforest, Bolivia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knx7RYNM2m4>
 - Western Ghat rainforest, India: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSBmVDrxxvI>
- But, how do animals and insects see the world: A different perspective:
 - How do dragonflies see? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5XUdvBO_TE
 - Animals eye's view – how do they see? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ss-nmT7oAA>
 - See more at the BBC Animal Super Senses series on the BBC Earth YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BBCEarth>

Adventure Sports in Parks, Gardens and Woodlands

- Mountain Biking: foggy forest mtb (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWyBgudQqsl>), Whistler mtb park (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6DPb0szlXM>), Ashton Court & Leigh Woods, Bristol, UK (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18Yr0xYjmg>)
- Rock climbing & abseiling: Port Macquarie, Australia (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USEXaPRCBmk>), Eldorado National Park (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USEXaPRCBmk>),
- Tightrope walking across a canyon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtAzMFcUQ90>
- Ride the Smokey Mountain Alpine Coaster: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37IZN6PqzmA>, or rollercoaster your way through the trees on The Beast at Kings Island: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJuhNpWMfdE> (please note, the videos of coasters can give you motion sickness)

Woodland and Park Walks and Runs

- There are a number of videos available that you can either watch on laptop or smart device and feel like you are walking along the path as the camera moves through the landscape. For example:
 - Hiking in Hornstrandir Nature Reserve, Iceland: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6A5HY7hDeQA>
 - Walking in the Woods, Grand Ridge Trail, Issaquah, USA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rq54xLahoiA>
 - Autumn forest walk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=478TeAxm12g>
 - Highbanks Woodland Trail – Run: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_K_EHDaSew
 - Grand Canyon Rim to River walk/run: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLaLmEW0hWg>
 - Trekking in Torres Del Paine (Chile & Patagonia): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCTY0LI_KeY
- You can also select your preferred woodland walk, run or bike ride with Google StreetView. For example:
 - The Belgian Coast (walk with streetview): <https://www.belgiancoast.co.uk/en/inspiration/virtual-walks-along-coastal-walking-route-google-street-view>

Soundscapes of Parks, Gardens and Woodlands

- As with the first instalment last week, there are lots of videos and recordings of the sounds of parks, gardens and woodlands available online which you can access through a range of different websites. Some examples are:
 - Forest birdsong: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qm846KdZN_c
 - Singing birds: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7dYd-Ra8bk>
 - 15 different birds and birdsongs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHnzaKfxSQw>
- As with each week, have a search through the following links to find your own:
 - British Library Sounds: <https://sounds.bl.uk/> (extensive library of different sounds of parks, gardens and woodlands), shorter recordings)
 - Youtube - www.youtube.com (lots of different parks, gardens and woodlands sounds, often longer recordings)
 - Soundcloud - <http://soundcloud.com> (a range of different recordings of various lengths)
 - Spotify – www.spotify.com (a range of different recordings of various lengths)

Enjoy your virtual adventures!

- Please note, in the current climate, the availability of virtual travel, leisure and recreation experiences is constantly changing with new opportunities emerging every day. What is provided here are some examples to start you off and it is no way even close to an exhaustive list. It is simply some prompts and suggestions. There are many other sites and organisations to explore.
- Wishing everyone the very best in these times. Stay safe. Look out for each other.