

Hollybush/Knole – Nature’s Own Sculpture Trail Trees

Trees that inspired artworks are shown in **green**, seen at www.jackiegwyther.com/knoletreegallery

1. Silver Birch and Ivy ///battle.glue.sake Painted in 2021, this silver birch had ivy lightly winding upwards. Returning to it now, the birch has matured and the ivy has grown to cover much of its form. The tree and its companion plant continue their slow, shared journey, a reminder that the woodland is never truly still.	2. Majestic Chestnut ///swift.table.face #magedsticchestnut This statuesque chestnut stands as a focal point within the landscape, inviting people to stop and gather. Its sleeping dragon-like root structure anchors it firmly to the earth. Viewed from a low, upward-looking perspective, the eye follows the deeply grooved fissures upwards, to marvel at its solidity and age.	3. Past Glory ///whites.regard.judges #knole_past_glory Past Glory reimagines a dead tree, bringing life back to its bare branches. Strong sunlight illuminates its angular forms, cutting a magnificent silvery silhouette against the cobalt blue sky. This emotive image simultaneously foreshadows its inevitable end and alludes to its prime.
4. Phoenix Trees ///drew.gently.making Two phoenix trees grow within this glade. Fallen trees whose roots remained partly alive. From the horizontal trunks, vigorous shoots have reached skywards, becoming new trunks. Beside them stands a chestnut whose outstretched branches resemble a stick figure with open arms, a silent watchman witnessing the cycle of renewal and growth.	5. Carved in Time ///look.notice.units On several trees around the clearing, historic carved initials and markings can be found. As the trees have grown, the bark has slowly folded around these scars, fusing traces of human presence with the living wood.	6. Knole Sycamore ///zooms.panic.badly #knole_sycamore Sycamore’s winged seeds spin like tiny helicopters as they fall. They can be carried by the wind far from the parent tree. Look around and you will see the descendants of this remarkable 200-year-old tree, the surrounding sycamores. This work celebrates the processes of inheritance and renewal.
7. Love Note ///towns.fetch.amber #knolelovenote Inspired by carved initials and a rusty drawing pin, this painting imagines the hidden story of lovers who once met beneath the tree. Does a newly pinned note and a bright new drawing pin suggest a rekindled romance? This work reflects on how human lives become intertwined with the woodland.	8. Echo Mount ///hears.spoke.studio This clump of lime trees forms a distinctive silhouette atop Echo Mount, visible from afar. During the autumn rutting season, stags claim this stage. Their rutting stands are patches of churned earth where they display and compete. They remain visible throughout the year, preserving a trace of this seasonal drama.	9. Umbrella Tree ///bricks.exit.refuse With its unusual form, this tree resembles a giant umbrella, its spreading branches creating a playful and distinctive silhouette within the landscape. Comically, it fails to provide shelter in the rain.

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