



PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE USE

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THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM IS OPEN DAILY – TAKEAWAY CAFÉ SERVICE AVAILABLE

The Yorkshire Arboretum is now open daily from 10am-4pm with takeaway café service available from Friday 2nd April.

From March 29th, the arboretum began welcoming visitors from further afield as travel restrictions ease and groups can begin meeting outdoors. The arboretum continues to offer spacious, safe days out for all the family – the perfect place to escape to and experience natural beauty. Good Friday also see the reopening of its popular café, offering takeaway drinks and a selection of homemade cakes, with a range of sandwiches added to the menu from April 12th. Hand sanitiser stations are in place at the entrance to the Visitor Centre and at the café counter.

Arboretum Director Dr John Grimshaw said: “We know how much the Arboretum Café is valued and enjoyed by so many people, and it gives us great pleasure to see it open again. The arboretum is looking spectacular as we move into spring, with cherry blossom – in particular *Prunus* ‘Tiltstone Hellfire’ - and rhododendrons beginning to appear, and many trees in the collection beginning to wake up after the long winter. Our vast lawns are perfect for enjoying a takeaway coffee or for families looking for somewhere to spend the Easter break. There’s something to inspire everyone here – and plenty of space to explore.”

The Arboretum Café is open 10am-4pm throughout Easter weekend, then every Thursday-Monday thereafter.

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PHOTOS

Images available by WeTransfer: <https://we.tl/t-2UPHTirnrh>

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.

Book admission at www.yorkshirearboretum.org/admission-booking

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