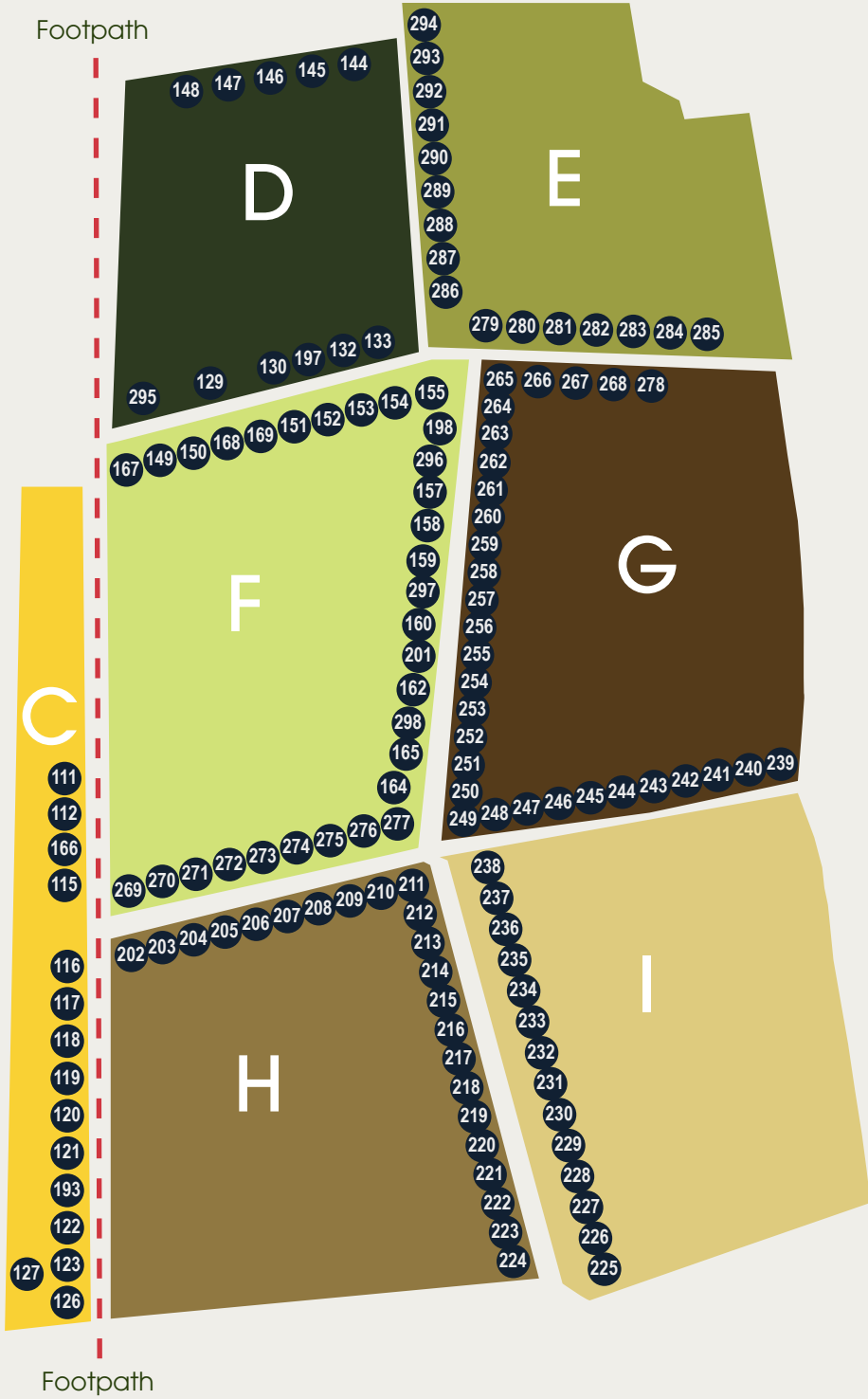
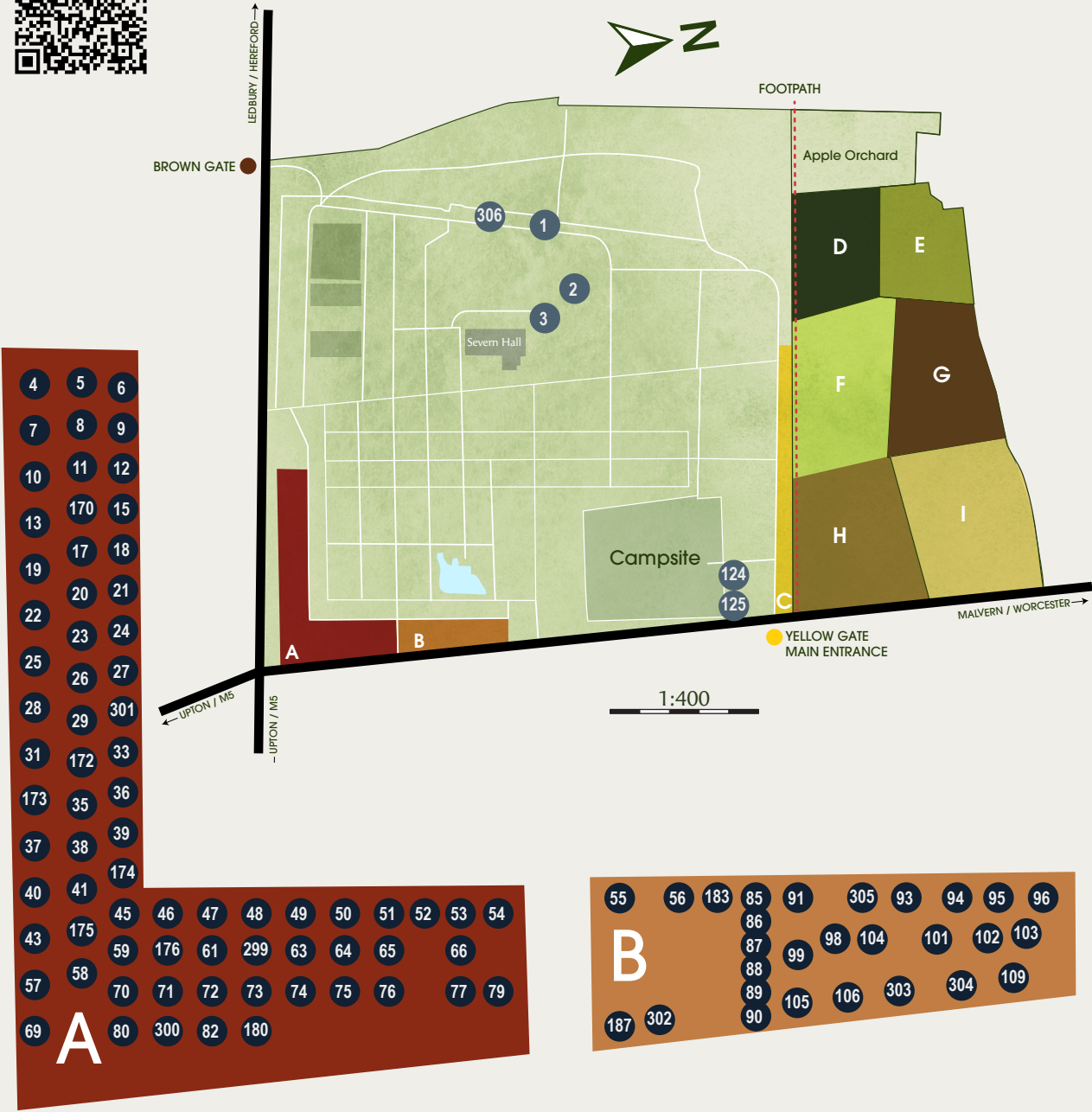


Location Map

At the Three Counties Showground, Malvern

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Discover the Home of Perry Pears

The three counties of Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire are considered the birthplace of the perry pear. For over 400 years, the growing of pears for perry has played an important role in the local rural economy. These large and distinctive trees still form a recognisable feature of our landscape and provide a valuable haven for wildlife.

The National Collection at the Showground was founded by Charles Martell in 1991. It aims to preserve the region's perry heritage by including over 100 local varieties, many of which are now extremely rare. The collection is curated by Jim Chapman and maintained by the Three Counties Agricultural Society with the help of 99PINES.

Perry made from the National Collection fruit can be purchased from 99PINES: nationalperrypearcentre.org.uk/99pines-perry



Support our work preserving this living heritage: threecounties.co.uk/make-a-donation



Visiting the Collection

Members of the public can view the northernmost parts of the collection via the public footpath. Contact us to arrange a visit to the orchards. Scion wood for propagation may be collected by arrangement.

We work in close partnership with Hartpury Heritage Trust and our sister National Collection of perry pears at Hartpury Orchard Centre. You can explore the orchards and nature reserve there at any time. Visit the website to explore perry pear varieties, their history, and upcoming taproom events. nationalperrypearcentre.org.uk

Three Counties Shows

You can sample and buy craft perry by visiting Three Counties perry makers' stands during RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Royal Three Counties Show and Malvern Autumn Show. Perry and cider competitions, tastings and talks are organised by the Three Counties Cider and Perry Association. The Orchard and Hopyard Pavilion, with its comprehensive displays of perry pears and apples, provides an excellent opportunity to learn directly from experts at Malvern Autumn Show: malvernautumn.co.uk



National Collection of Perry Pear Trees

At the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire

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National Plant Collections: plantheritage.org.uk

Three Counties Cider and Perry Association: tccpa.co.uk

Variety Name	Location	
Arlingham Squash	A: 299	C: 119
Fruits usually have a distinctive lump at the end of the stem.		
Barland	A: 53	B: 55
Premier vintage by the 17th century; large trees still seen in the perry heartland.		
Barnet	A: 4	28
Formerly common south of Gloucester and, unlike most perry pears, edible.		
Bartestree Squash	B: 106	D: 145
Tall, heavy cropping tree from Bartestree, Herefordshire.		
Bearman's Gennet	B: 302	
Gennet (aka Jennet, Hedge, or Harvest) pears with crab apples added yield early perry.		
Beetroot Wick Court Alex	H: 202	203
Red-fleshed variety, reputedly spread by lightermen (barge drivers) along the River Severn.		
Beetroot Wick Court Ella	H: 204	205
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Beetroot Wick Court Eric	C: 193	H: 206
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Bergamy	H: 208	209
Dual-purpose from south of Gloucester; stores well, so surplus can be pressed later.		
Berllanderi Green	H: 210	211
Discovered in Berllanderi's Farm orchard, Raglan. Similar to Thorn but ripens later.		
Berllanderi Red	H: 212	213
Discovered in Berllanderi's Farm orchard, Raglan. Once owned by the Duke of Beaufort.		
Betty Prosser	124	125
Relatively large fruit on a small tree, propagated around Arlingham, Glos.		
Beurré Diel	A: 54	79
Primarily a prized dessert pear, originating in Belgium.		
Bird Pear	H: 214	215
Relatively large fruit on a small tree, propagated around Arlingham, Glos.		
Blakeney Red	A: 6	23
The most common perry pear, also used for stewing & dyeing soldiers' khaki uniforms.		
Blood Pear	H: 216	217
Red-fleshed variety once common around Ashleworth.		
Boy Pear	B: 99	104
Once widely distributed, rediscovered in Ruardean, Forest of Dean.		
Brandy	A: 19	27
Popular in 19th century West Gloucestershire smallholdings due to smallish tree size.		
Brinarl	H: 218	219
Grown in Bulmer's Broxwood Orchard in 1930s, possibly from French graft wood.		
Brown Bess	H: 220	
Large dual purpose culinary pear, called Gloucester Brown in South Glos.		
Bunch	F: 158	H: 221
Identified by Newent farmer Eric Freeman, remembered from his 1940s childhood.		
Butt	A: 12	B: 56
"Gather your Butts one year, mill them the next and drink the year after."		
Butter	H: 222	223
So named for its soft texture, said to spread on bread like butter.		
Buttersend Pear	H: 224	I: 225
Found in Hartpury, Glos; formerly thought to be Blakeney Red.		
Cannock	G: 278	I: 226
Likely named after Staffordshire miners who moved to work in the Forest of Dean pits.		
Chapman's Orange	I: 227	
Found at Chapman's Farm on the Welsh Gwent Levels; makes orange coloured perry.		
Christmas Pear	A: 37	B: 86
Discovered at The Square, Newent; used mainly as a dessert pear.		
Ciphrous	E: 279	I: 229
Introduced in 1920 near Westbury-on-Severn; sold in Welsh markets and canned.		
Claret	A: 47	I: 230
Large tree of lost origin, included in Long Ashton trial orchards from 1908.		

Variety Name	Location	
Clusters	F: 201	I: 231
Heavy cropping variety originating and still seen in Hardwicke, Glos.		
Coppy	F: 198	I: 232
Described as old in 1886, once common in Birtsmorton & Castlemorton, Worcs.		
Cowslip	C: 111	I: 234
Distinctive cone-shaped 'stone' in the eye of the fruit; rediscovered in Dymock, Glos.		
Cygnat	I: 236	237
Very large tree bearing large, general purpose fruit.		
Darell Wick	A: 176	
One of a number of varieties propagated from Wick Court Orchards, Arlingham.		
Dead Boy	B: 105	D: 147
Heavy cropping Ross-on-Wye variety; named for inedible fruit or strength of perry?		
Ducksbarn	B: 95	C: 126
Previously widespread variety, now very rare.		
Early Blunt Red	C: 122	I: 238
Early, squishy variety used to make early maturing perry ready for Christmas.		
Early Griffin	B: 96	303
Selected as a seedling and propagated by the Griffin family near Ross-on-Wye.		
Early Hay	B: 304	F: 157
Rediscovered at Westbury-on-Severn; ripens in August and suits perry or dessert.		
Felix	A: 183	
One of a number of varieties propagated from Wick Court Orchards, Arlingham.		
Flakey Bark	C: 123	G: 240
Trees have distinctive flaky off-white limbs; fruits are intensely astringent.		
Gin	A: 8	38
A perrymaker's favourite due to ease of harvest, milling and quality of perry.		
Green Horse	A: 10	18
Large apple-shaped fruits; can also be stewed or pickled.		
Green Jennet	D: 197	295
Name rediscovered in the Tedstone family orchard plans, Kingsland, Herefordshire.		
Green Longdon	F: 150	G: 241
Probably a very old variety, widely distributed; medium sized tree.		
Green Olive	G: 242	243
A very large, general purpose variety found in Ashleworth, Glos.		
Green Roller	B: 85	103
Fruits resemble miniature conference pears; from River Severn banks.		
Gregg's Pitt	A: 70	C: 117
Once common around Much Marcle, Herefordshire; very large trees still exist there.		
Gummer	B: 305	E: 280
Discovered in an old but well maintained perry orchard near Much Marcle.		
Gwehelog	A: 300	
Discovered and named by Welsh Perry & Cider Society in Gwehelog, Monmouthshire.		
Gewhelog Red	A: 301	F: 296
A pretty early September perry pear.		
Hampton Rough	E: 281	282
Old variety rediscovered in Forest of Dean; also known from the Norrest, Malvern.		
Harley Gum	A: 76	C: 121
From Alvington, Forest of Dean; the name likely mispronounces Arlingham (synonym).		
Hartpury Green	A: 51	D: 132
Very old, widespread variety also known as Chaceley Green.		
Hawkes Hill	E: 283	284
Discovered at Hawkes Hill, Castlemorton, Worcs.		
Hellens Early	A: 9	20
Planted c.1710 in Hellens, Much Marcle to mark Queen Anne's coronation.		
Hellens Green	B: 87	88
Grown at Hellens by C W Radcliffe Cooke, the late 19th century 'M.P. for Cider'.		
Hendre Huffcap	A: 41	72
A valued variety with excellent orchard and perry making qualities.		

Variety Name	Location	
Hessle	F: 277	298
A Yorkshire market pear used locally to make perry.		
High Pear	B: 94	C: 115
Small tree with a distinctive fruit eye, perhaps originally the Eye pear.		
Hillend Green	A: 82	G: 244
Mature tree found a few miles from Hillend Green in Rabbittbury Orchard, Taynton.		
Holme Lacy	A: 59	G: 245
The original Holme Lacey tree yielded 5-7 tons annually in 1790!		
Holmer	D: 148	G: 246
From Holmer, introduced by Thomas Andrew Knight, former RHS president.		
Jenkins Red	D: 133	144
The only Huffcap-type fruit with a prominent red flush.		
Judge Amphlett	C: 166	G: 248
Named after a Worcestershire assize courts judge; a heavy cropping, early variety.		
Knapper	A: 50	69
Early variety for Christmas perry, known from Oxenhall & Kempley, Glos.		
Littlecross Huffcap	G: 249	250
Small, high tannin huffcap shaped pear found near Newport, Monmouthshire.		
Lullam	A: 7	15
Possibly the Lullam mentioned in John Evelyn's Pomona 1662.		
Lumber	F: 153	G: 251
Small tree from Huntley with large, attractive fruits of little culinary or perry value.		
Lyn Downes	C: 127	
Provisionally named after the former Three Counties CEO who supported the creation of the collection.		
Merrylegs	G: 252	253
Found on the eastern fringe of the Forest of Dean; produces sweet tasting fruits.		
Moorcroft	1	F: 152
Widespread vintage variety from Colwall, aka Malvern Hills or Stinking Bishop.		
Nailer	C: 112	G: 254
Gorsley variety named for fruit that's hard to shake off, lasting into the new year.		
New Meadow	A: 46	75
Ledbury russet pear with a scented flower - unusual in perry pear trees.		
Newbridge	C: 120	G: 255
Worcestershire variety from Berrow with pink or red buds and large flowers.		
Old Home	A: 22	B: 101
Disease-resistant dessert pear commonly used as a stembuilder in perry orchards.		
Oldfield	A: 35	74
From Oldfield near Ledbury; an excellent perry pear but disease-prone in wet soils.		
Painted Lady	G: 256	257
Early beautiful "harvest" pear that may also be eaten.		
Parsonage	A: 11	17
Large, spreading tree from Kempley; the earliest perry pear to start spring growth.		
Penny Pear	B: 102	F: 155
Dessert pear used as a perry barrel filler from Ocle Pychard, Herefordshire.		
Pine	G: 259	260
Small tree with small pears from Herefordshire. Its name commonly gets confused with Pint.		
Pint	B: 91	G: 261
Widespread heavy-cropping tree with high-juice, edible fruit.		
Potato Pear	G: 262	263
Found in Monmouthshire and the Forest of Dean; resembles a potato.		
Queen's Wick View	E: 285	
Named for a Wick Court tree linked - dubiously - to Queen Elizabeth I.		
Red Longdon	G: 264	265
Ancient perry pear said to be the ancestor of many of our most useful perry pears.		
Red Pear	A: 13	24
Vintage-quality pear known for 400+ years, probably from Herefordshire.		
Rock	A: 39	B: 93
Believed from early 19th Century Pendock, Worcestershire; known for tannic (astringent) perry.		

Variety Name	Location	
Rock Wick Court Form	A: 174	G: 286
Variant of Rock discovered at Wick Court, Arlingham.		
Sack	D: 130	G: 266
Very old Newent variety, especially in Gorsley; fruit falls earlier than Turners Barn.		
Saycells	E: 287	288
Discovered in an old but well maintained perry orchard near Much Marcle.		
Snake Pole	F: 164	
Recorded in the late 1950s at Oxenton; rediscovered growing there in 2001.		
Speart Pear	F: 165	G: 267
Very old Arlingham variety named after the local "The Spearts" fields.		
Staunton Squash	3	A: 66
Early variety believed to have originated at Staunton, north Gloucestershire.		
Strawberry Pear	F: 160	G: 268
Primarily a dessert pear from the Gloucester area.		
Swan's Egg	E: 289	290
Late ripening dessert pear used also for perry.		
Taynton Squash Early	A: 33	43
The true Taynton Squash, likely the one noted by Evelyn in 1660, still found in Taynton.		
Taynton Squash Late	A: 57	E: 291
Mishnamed "squash" as this is a later-ripening hard perry pear.		
Teddington Green	A: 61	D: 146
Relatively 'new' variety which originated at Teddington Manor, Gloucestershire.		
Teegar	F: 269	270
Introduced by Herbert Durham of Bulmers in the 1920/30s, possibly from France.		
Tettenhall Dick	F: 271	
Small early sweet pear from Wolverhampton; "Tettenhall Dick, hard as a brick".		
Thorn	A: 5	63
Very old good quality perry variety; also culinary and dessert.		
Thurston's Red	F: 159	272
From Dymock, Glos; bark has deep cracks in rectangular blocks.		
Tirley Brown	A: 48	80
Distributed from Tump Farm, Tirley as Brown Bess but misidentified.		
Tumper	A: 36	52
Early maturing, small-fruited Huntley pear that requires prompt milling.		
Turner's Barn	A: 77	E: 292
From Newent; long-stalked fruit on upright branches above cattle grazing height.		
Washing Line	E: 293	294
Discovered in Castlemorton where the primary tree is used to secure a washing line.		
Water Lugg	A: 58	B: 90
Still part of an avenue of pears planted at Hellens, Much Marcle in 1710.		
Welsh Gin	A: 170	F: 273
Late pear found at Llangattock and named Welsh Gin, but may be from elsewhere.		
White Bache	A: 45	49
Produces vintage quality perry but is a light cropper.		
White Longdon	C: 118	F: 275
Synonyms include Bastard Barland, Dandoe, Garradine, Longland, Port; good perry.		
Wick Early Godsell	A: 180	
One of a number of varieties propagated from Wick Court Orchards, Arlingham.		
Wick Huffcap	A: 173	
One of a number of varieties propagated from Wick Court Orchards, Arlingham.		
Winnal's Longdon	A: 29	71
Raised by Mr. Winnal at Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire c. 1790.		
Yate Wick	A: 175	
One of a number of varieties propagated from Wick Court Orchards, Arlingham.		
Yellow Huffcap	2	306
Widely planted, heavy cropping, large tree; produces excellent perry.		
Zealous Wick	A: 172	
Collected from an old Arlingham tree, likely planted 1820-1830.		