

# The Maple Society Symposium 2026

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**Westonbirt Arboretum, Gloucestershire, England**

**October 25 – 27, 2026 (Sunday – Tuesday)**

**Post-Symposium Tour Oct. 28-30, 2026 (Wednesday - Friday)**

All members of The Maple Society are invited to attend the 2026 International Symposium this October. The Symposium is to be held at Westonbirt, The National Arboretum, and will be filled with informative talks, fascinating field visits, and the opportunity to gather with maple enthusiasts from across the globe. In the Post-Symposium Tour we will go further afield to visit horticultural sites. Travel within the Symposium days and on the Post-Symposium Tour will be provided by motor coach.

*Details of Speakers and Visits Coming Soon!*

*Registration Link Coming Soon!*

## Accommodations

The town of Tetbury, which lies 3 miles NE of Westonbirt, will be used as the main accommodation hub. The following hotels are located in this area, some of which have offered to extend the indicated discount to those booking rooms for the Symposium. You will want to book your room beginning the night of Saturday, October 24 through Tuesday night, October 27. If you are staying for the post tour, you may also want to book the night of October 30, as we will return to Tetbury at the end of the tour. We encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible, as The Cotswolds are a popular tourist destination and hotels may fill.

Transportation to Westonbirt, the Symposium venue, will be provided each morning from one or two collection points (Tetbury and the The Hare & Hounds Hotel). Guests will be returned to the same place at the end of the day.

### **The Close Hotel**

Long Street, Tetbury GL8 8AQ

16th century town house turned stylish country hotel

Free car park while at hotel

15% discount being offered; use code SYMPOSIUM

<https://www.cotswold-inns-hotels.co.uk/the-close-hotel/stay>

### **The Ormond at Tetbury**

23 Long Street, Tetbury GL8 8AA

16<sup>th</sup> century boutique hotel

Car parks nearby; hotel can direct you

[Cotswold Boutique Hotel | The Ormond in Tetbury - Book Now](#)

### **The Priory Inn**

The Priory Inn, London Rd, Tetbury GL8 8JJ

Well appointed hotel/pub in the heart of Tetbury

Free car park while at hotel

10% discount being offered; \* (please contact your branch)

[The Priory, Tetbury, hotel-restaurant-bar-function-room](#)

### **The Royal Oak Tetbury**

1 Cirencester Road, Tetbury GL8 8EY

A charming house dating from the late 18th century and extensively restored in 2013

Free car park; may leave car during post tour

Also, Acorn House (4 bedroom/3 bath) with kitchen & garden, avail. for group rental up to 8

10% discount being offered; use code MAPLE

<https://theroyaloaktetbury.co.uk/>

### **The Snooty Fox**

Market Pl, Tetbury GL8 8DD

Vintage English inn

[Cotswolds Hotel Restaurant & Bar - The Snooty Fox, Tetbury](#)

The following hotel, just outside of Tetbury, is located about ½ mile from Westonbirt:

### **The Hare & Hounds**

Bath Rd, Westonbirt, Tetbury GL8 8QL

A traditional country hotel with Cotswold charm

[Free](#) car park while at hotel

15% discount being offered; use code SYMPOSIUM

Note: for stays of 3 days or longer, The Hare & Hounds offers a 20% discount.

<https://www.cotswold-inns-hotels.co.uk/hare-and-hounds-hotel/stay>

# Travel

Knowing that members will be arriving by various means, and that some will want to extend their stay before or after the Symposium, the following information is provided.

Tetbury lies on the southern edge of The Cotswolds. Malmesbury is also a nice small town and lies about 3 miles to the South East, whilst Cirencester lies about 11 miles to the North East. Cirencester has a medium sized museum that focuses on the Roman era. Bath lies 25 miles to the South. Malmesbury has a fine example of a partially ruined 12<sup>th</sup> Century Abbey and a small museum. Oxford is 55 miles to the East. Tetbury has a nice small high street with the usual range of shops with an extensive range dealing in Antiques. There is also a shop featuring a good selection of Highgrove merchandise.

## **Airports**

The nearest Airport is Bristol (South 40 miles). Heathrow (East 90 miles) and Gatwick Airport is 130 miles to the SE. Birmingham airport is 80 miles to the North.

## **Train Stations.**

Kemble (NE 8 miles), Swindon (SW 22 miles) and Chippenham (South 16 miles). All offer a range of taxi hire but as Kemble is a small station it would be best to book a taxi in advance. All have easy access to London trains.

## **Bus services**

Local buses can be used within the area but the services provided do not always run at the appropriate times. Long distance buses run from Heathrow and London. Some of these link to Cirencester and Chippenham. National Express probably runs the most comprehensive service,

## **Motorways**

Motorways have easy connections to Tetbury. The M4 brings you West out of London and the M42/M5 brings you South from Birmingham Airport. The M4 is a fast motorway link from London and at its nearest point to Tetbury is about 10 miles from the nearest junction. Tetbury lies about 8 miles East of the M5.

## **Parking in Tetbury**

If you drive a car to Tetbury, you will be able to park at or near your hotel during the Symposium. If you are staying for the post tour, you may need to move your car to a city car park. A combination of free and paid lots are available in Tetbury. For further parking information, please consult the following websites. Be sure to read about safe ways to pay for parking.

[Plan Your Trip | Visit Tetbury Town](#)

[Where to park - Cotswold District Council](#)