



Westonbirt Arboretum, Heritage Vantage Point

A competition design for new viewing stations set at various locations within the arboretum. Designed in collaboration with structural engineers HRW, a branching suspension structure supports a canopy of glass leaves which synthesize energy from the sun. The primary branches rise from a bole, supporting a catenary of cables which in turn support the secondary branch structure of the platform. Whilst the edges of the platform have good proximity to the trees, the foundation is as far as possible from their roots. The demountable stations can be periodically relocated for visitor interest in seasonal change. Display cases, educational material and moving image art installations are housed within the platform.

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