

Riverside Trail

Get walking in the Heart of England Forest

Come and explore the Heart of England Forest by following our Riverside Trail, starting at Barton near Dorsington. This easy-to-follow walk will take you through the beautiful beginnings of your new native broadleaf forest.



Distance: 1.5 miles



Difficulty: Easy



Start /finish:
Dorothy's Wood
car park, B50 4NP



OS Grid Ref:
SP 11632 51325



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Terrain: Clearly
marked woodland
paths which can get
muddy in winter.



Things to look out for



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The River Avon







Also known as Shakespeare's Avon, this picturesque river flows from Northamptonshire through Warwickshire to join the River Severn in Gloucestershire.



Kingfishers

These beautiful birds make their home near slow-flowing water, so keep an eye out for their unmistakable bright blue and orange plumage when walking by the River Avon.

Key

-  Woodland creation
-  Grassland
-  Streams, rivers and ponds
-  Heart of England Forest permissive waymarked footpath
-  Public Rights of Way
-  Heart of England Forest donate car park



An easy walk through magical woodland and along the banks of the Avon, with lots of trees to identify and wildlife to spot.

1. From the car park, cross the road into Dorothy's Wood **1** – a riot of blossom and colour in spring. Follow the trail through the trees until you reach the wide grass path.
2. Turn left onto the path. Continue until you reach a clearing in the woodland with the Tree Dedication area sign **2**. Turn right and follow the path up the hill.
3. At the top of the hill catch your breath and enjoy the stunning views over the surrounding countryside. Continue on up to level ground **3**.

4. Walk straight on and take the left fork **4**, following the signposted arrows. This part of the path is lined with flowering shrubs. Follow this curved path.

5. At the hedge turn left, then opposite the woodland sign exit the wood right **5** and follow the post and rail fence down the field to the road. Cross the road into the woodland on the other side and turn right following the brook to a wooden bridge on your left **6**.

6. Cross the brook on the wooden bridge and enter Roman Field Wood.

Follow the orange waymarkers along the route.



7. Walk up the slope. Bear left and follow the arrows through a gate and cross the road. Join the public footpath through the metal gate **7** for a short stretch.
8. Go through the pedestrian gate on the left **8** into the river meadows and head to the River Avon. Walk left along the banks of the river, past Pilgrim Lock **9** with its large weeping willow.
9. Head downstream along the river and cross over the Noleham Brook via the pedestrian bridge **10**. Follow the access track to the left which leads back into Dorothy's Wood car park.