

Whinlatter

Walking trails

There's mountains of walking trails here at **Whinlatter Forest**. With unrivalled views across the Lakes, we've got miles of surfaced trails and tracks for you to explore.



Trail information

Starting from the Visitor Centre

Two Gills Trail ● ● ●

Grade: moderate

2.8km (1.75 miles) Allow 1½ hours

The spectacular views along this trail make it very popular and it largely follows the forest road network so it's not difficult to negotiate. It crosses both Black Gill and Comb Gill as they flow down the mountain slopes to Bassenthwaite Lake below.

Comb Beck Trail ● ● ●

Grade: moderate

2.8km (1.75 miles) Allow 1½ hours

Staying mainly off forest roads, this trail winds through glades and beside streams and landscape features. As the trail follows Comb Gill, keep a look out for the ancient sheepfold and disused dam, which once provided a source of power for the mines deep in the mountain below.

Seat How Summit Trail ● ● ●

Grade: strenuous

5.75km (3.5 miles) Allow 3 hours

This circular walk shows you why Whinlatter is England's only true mountain forest. It takes in spectacular views of both Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite Lake, as well as the Skiddaw and Helvellyn mountain ranges, which are some of the highest in England. Climbing to 500m through forest and heather moorland, this trail is one of the treasures of Whinlatter.

Lord's Seat and Barf

Grade: strenuous

8km (5 miles) Allow 4 hours

Follow junction markers

This rewarding route crosses the forest boundary onto open fell, and gives some breathtaking views of Bassenthwaite Lake and the surrounding fells. From the Visitor Centre, access via junctions 2, 3, 5 and 23 leading to the summit of Lord's Seat. Return to the centre via Barf and junctions 21, 8, 9, 10 or 11.

Grisedale Pike

Grade: strenuous

5.6km (3.5 miles) Allow 4 hours

Access to Grisedale Pike can be gained from various points throughout the forest. Please ask in the Visitor Centre for advice on planning the best route.

Starting from Revelin Moss car park

Revelin Moss Trail ● ● ●

Grade: easy

1.6km (1 mile) Allow 1 hour

The mighty Grisedale Pike towers above Revelin Moss and gives a dramatic backdrop to some of the easiest walking in the forest. Revelin Moss is home to the famous **Trail O**, a permanent orienteering course which is accessible to all. Maps for **Trail O** are available from the Visitor Centre.

Starting from Noble Knott car park

Noble Knott Heavy Sides Trail ○ ○ ○

Grade: moderate

2.5km (1.5 miles) Allow 1½ hours

This trail is one of contrasts. The start takes you through some of the mighty oak trees typical of the lower slopes of the forest adjacent to Masmill Beck. The trail then climbs through coniferous woodland traversing the forest boundary along Heavy Sides, before returning to the car park via an area of mature mixed woodland.

Noble Knott Masmill Beck Trail ● ● ●

Grade: moderate

2km (1.25 miles) Allow 1 hour

The quiet picnic site and car park at Noble Knott is the perfect place to begin this gentle circular route. As it meanders through the ancient oaks at Noble Knott, it eventually finds the forest road and returns to the car park taking in some fabulous views of Bassenthwaite Lake.

Words in the Woods Trail ● ● ●

Grade: moderate

2.5km (1.5 miles) Allow 1½ hours

Follow this circular trail through mature woodland and into newly planted native woodland areas. Waymarked posts are inset with thoughtful, poetic and sometimes humorous quotes about trees. A guide leaflet is available from the Visitor Centre.

Waymarkers



Walking trail



Junction markers



Biking trail



Public bridleway



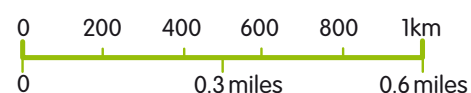
Public footpath



Forest road

Bridleway

Footpath



Key

P Car park

VC Visitor Centre

Cyclewise

Play area

Picnic area

Viewpoint

Refreshments

Junction marker

Follow the forest code

- Guard against all risks of fire
- Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees
- Keep dogs under control
- Take your litter home
- Respect the quiet of the forest
- Take only memories away.

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