



A Ramble around Jack Wood

Welcome to Oxleas Woodlands

This walk, starting from the Oxleas Café, takes an easy ramble around Jack Wood and will take approx. 1 hour

Distance 1.2 miles

1. With your back to the café, facing south, take the right-hand path down the west side of Oxleas meadow
2. At the junction take the left-hand path and follow this down-hill
3. When you reach 2 bins on the left, near the corner of the houses, take the rough path on the right along the backs of the houses. Follow this path keeping the houses to your left. Ignore a broad path on your right that runs uphill.
4. Cross a wooden-sleeper bridge over a stream bed. Just past this, behind a large oak on the right, take the path that climbs diagonally uphill to the right. Keep to this path, ignoring side trails.
5. After 100 yards go straight across an open area with several forked trees, keeping uphill.
6. Where the path opens at a broad cross-trail turn right and uphill.
7. At a crossroads with a clump of pine trees ahead on the left, turn left heading uphill.

8. At the top of the slope turn left at a cross path with a Green Chain marker with yellow arrow on the left. Follow downhill slightly.
9. At a fork with wooden Green Chain Walk post, take the left path downhill.
10. At the next fork, turn right along a narrow path which twists round a tree (mind the tree roots here) and pass through a gap in the wall.
11. Continue on a tarmac path with the fence of Rose Cottage on your right.
12. Take the tarmac path on the left and follow it round a felled oak and then left again.
13. At the next junction near the top of Castle Wood Meadow, ignore the right-hand path and turn left downhill past a topped-oak to the right of the path.
14. Just past this oak take the path on the left back into the wood. You are now on 'Middle Path'.
15. After 30 yards keep straight on past an old tree-stump in the middle of a junction. The path quickly drops downhill again.

After a while you come to an open area of woodland with a broad path coming in diagonally from the right. You have now returned to point 10. Keep ahead ignoring the downhill path on the right.

At the top of the slope you come to the crossroads at Point 7. This time keep straight ahead on a narrower path through the pines.

16. Cross a little wooden bridge over a stream. Keep ahead.
17. The path curves to the right and climbs past a huge old oak. Keep following the path.
18. At the junction with the tarmac path, turn right. Follow the path downhill and round to the left, and you will see the café ahead at the top of the hill.

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