



To the
Castle
and
back
again

Welcome To Oxleas Woodlands

This walk, from Oxleas Café to Severndroog Castle and back will take between 50 – 65 minutes depending on whether you opt for the extension or not.

Distance 1.2 – 1.6 miles

1. With the Café at your back take the right-hand path own hill (where the Green Chain sign points to 'Woolwich Common' & 'Maryon Park', etc.)
 2. At the fork take the right-hand path which curves right and uphill. Carry on up past the tree stumps and ignoring the path on the left.
 3. At the T-junction by the Green Chain sign, turn left on the tarmac path
(The rose garden and brick terrace on your right was the site of Jackwood House, built by Sir James Plaistead Wilde (Lord Penzance) in 1862 and demolished in 1927)
 4. At a cross path just past 2 litter bins on the right, turn left where Green Chain arrow points
 5. Coming to a fork by a large oak tree on the right, take right hand path (Can be muddy at first)
 6. At a cross path at the corner of a walled garden on left, go straight ahead ignoring the track to left and right
 7. When you reach the tarmac drive with Rose Cottage on the left, take the right-hand drive uphill with holly hedge and trees on either side – you will soon see Severndroog Castle above you on the left
(Rose cottage was once the stable block to Castle Wood House built by William Henry Barlow in c.1869 and demolished between 1921-25. Rose Cottage was its stable block).
 8. Coming to a T-junction at the top of the hill by an information board, turn left to the castle.
- AT THIS POINT YOU CAN RETURN VIA THE SAME ROUTE OR EXTEND YOUR WALK BY FOLLOWING 9-11
- From point number 8 head north along the drive. As the drive curves left you will see Castle Lawn on your left.
9. At the junction just before the car park gate, turn left past another gate onto another tarmac drive and follow this drive as it curves left round the hill. You will soon see the castle again above you on the left.
 10. At a junction, ignore the tarmac path on the right and keep left. The drive soon bends sharply to the left.
 11. You will arrive at the Castle Wood Rose garden and find a huge Giant Redwood Tree in front of you. Turn immediately left on the drive that climbs along the north side of the rose garden, passing between two sets of steps. Continue on until you reach the front of Rose Cottage again at 7. On the map.

If you want to learn more about the history of the woods and its houses, why not join the Friends of Oxleas Woodlands?

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