



A stroll
around
the
Heart of
Oxleas
Wood

Welcome to Oxleas Woodlands

This walk round the ancient Oxleas Wood will take approx. 1¼ hours.

Distance 1.9 miles

1. With the café at your back, facing downhill, turn left and walk straight ahead past the green gym, ignoring the path on the right.
2. At a fork with a large four-stemmed sweet chestnut tree in the middle, take the left-hand fork.
3. At an open 'tarmac' area turn right onto the grassy meadow and take the path across it heading slightly downhill towards the wood.
4. Follow the path as it enters the wood and descends in a straight line downhill.
5. As the path begins to level out, ignore the first cross-path.
6. Turn left at a wide cross-path with two bins on your left.
7. Keep straight on, ignoring the first cross-path.
8. At a junction of five cross-paths, take the turning on the immediate sharp right.
9. At a cross-path with a narrower path going off to the left, go ahead on the main path ignoring the side paths.

10. Where a broad path comes in from the right, turn left by an oak tree with a faint white arrow on it pointing left. Follow this narrow path as it winds through the heart of the wood.
11. When you come to a more open area with a cross-path, just before an ancient stream bed that sometimes has running water in it, turn left keeping the stream bed to your right. Keep to the main path.
12. At a fork take the right-hand path, keeping the stream bed to your right. Cross a fallen tree.
13. At the next T-junction turn right over a wooden-sleeper bridge. Keep ahead with the eastern boundary of the wood to your left. Ignore all smaller side paths.
14. As the wooden fence to your left comes to an end at a tarmac path by an old iron LCC boundary marker, turn right onto a broad path.
15. Your path is soon joined by a broad path coming in from the left, turn right onto the broader path. Keep ahead on this broader path, ignoring all smaller paths.

You come to a wide path from the right by sleepers over the stream; keep going straight ahead.
16. Cross a wooden-sleeper bridge over a shallow stream-bed. Keep straight ahead.

17. At a junction with a broad cross-path (Coulthurst's Drive) with a green finger post and a wooden bench, turn left along the broad path.
18. At the end of Coulthurst's Drive, just past another green finger post, the path opens onto Oxleas Meadow. Turn right on the tarmac path, continuing uphill until you reach the Oxleas Café again.

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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