



### Delamere Forest Club Site – Forest walk

Camping and Caravanning



#### Route Summary



A lovely walk in Delamere Forest that climbs to the summit and viewpoint of Old Pale and Pale Heights before dropping back into the forest again. Forest tracks and paths are used to reach the lake of Blakemere Moss and the north and east shores are followed before a return to the Club Site.

#### Route Overview



Category: Walking

Length: 7.800 km / 4.88 mi

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Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Moderate

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#### Description



### **PALE HEIGHTS AND BLAKEMERE MOSS - A WALK FROM DELAMERE FOREST CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB SITE**



#### **START**

From in front of Reception at Delamere Forest Club Site head to the bottom right corner of the site (away from reception) where the site narrows. Here go right through a kissing gate into Delamere Forest.

Note: The kissing gate is found between pitches 12 and 13.

Go immediately left and walk down the edge of the site following the path ahead when the site fence ends. Follow the path with a fence and railway line left and dip up and down in the forest. Continue on the path to rise up past the 'Go Ape' facility and join a good forest track.



### Passing the Go Ape course in the forest

Go left on the track passing a gate to pick up a large forest road/track near houses and go left on it. Cross a railway bridge and go right to follow the path to the car park. Continue through it to the café and Visitor Centre. Go left of the Visitor Centre and follow the path by the road past a cream house on the right.



### Delamere Forest Visitor Centre and café

Just after a junction right, and before the 'Outdoor Fitness Building', go left over the road to take a track left of a car park. Pass the car park and continue on the track beyond to reach a junction of tracks. Go left here, rising to continue on (left fork) at the next junction. Follow the track along the the edge of the forest to reach a junction by a post with the number '10' on it.

2. Go right at the junction, heading up into the forest. At the next junction of tracks go right to wind a way steeply up the wooded hillside. Continue upwards as the slope eases to pass through a hedge gap and curve right in more open ground.





### Climbing in the forest

Rise above the forest between fences. Continue to rise and stay ahead when the fences end to reach the standing stones and summit marker stone on Old Pale.



### At the summit of Old Pale

3. Head southerly taking the track to the right of the summit masts. When the path forks in a short distance (before a gate opening) take the right fork downhill. Descend and go over a crossroad of tracks. Keep ahead on The Sandstone Trail to pass through a hedge gap.

Continue following the high level path by fence posts and soon descend more steeply to pass through another hedge gap and curve right. Continue on a more level path past a sign for 'Old Pale Woodland' and reach a path/track junction by a sign for 'the Alternative Sandstone Trail'. Go right continuing on the track through the forest to exit it by a 'Sandstone Trail' sign through a kissing gate.



**View over the forest from the summit of Old Pale**

Take the descending track ahead between fences and drop down past Edisbury Lodge Cottage (on right). Continue past farm buildings to descend to a crossroad of tracks facing the entrance to Eddisbury Lodge.

4. Go left on The Sandstone Trail, following signs for 'Barnsbridge Gates', then go right on the same trail, again heading towards Barnsbridge Gates. Descend a narrow path to rise to a track junction and go ahead staying on The Sandstone Trail. Continue in the forest crossing a railway bridge. Follow the track beyond, ignoring any turnings off right or left. Descend to a track junction by picnic benches. Go ahead on The Sandstone Trail to rise to a crossroad of tracks by a bike track trail sign. Continue ahead to go right at the next track junction leaving The Sandstone Trail, and follow red arrows on marker posts to descend the path/track. When it forks stay right towards picnic benches and descend to a track and large signpost.



**Typical Delamere Forest walking on good tracks**

Now go left rising gently on the good track. At the next junction, where the red route leaves left, stay ahead passing a bench with the lake of Blakemere Moss on the right. At the next junction curve right past a small section of fence to go right of houses and re-join the red route. Continue to curve right around the head of Blakemere Moss to reach a

barrier left at Hardmans Gate.



**Information board at Blakemere Moss**

5. Go ahead keeping Blakemere Moss right and walk across the head of the lake. At the next junction (with a barrier and 'Delamere' sign up left) go right, following signs for 'Visitor Centre Avoiding Rope Course' and continue on the red route. At the next junction leave the red route and the lake and go half left to continue past and through the Go Ape facility. Continue to rise up and when the track splits go half left picking up your outbound route.



**Walking near Blakemere Moss**

Follow the fence around Go Ape and drop past the picnic area. Follow your outbound route alongside the railway line to re-enter Delamere Forest Club Site via the kissing gate.

## Waypoints



# Choose your trail



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