

Delamere Forest Club Site – Winter walk

Camping and Caravanning



Route Summary



A great route for a winter's day from Delamere Forest Club Site – but there's nothing to stop you doing it anytime of year! The route explores hidden areas of the forest and follows a lovely stream. In December Whitefield car park (point 2) is a grotto with Christmas trees for sale.

Route Overview



Category: Walking Rating: Unrated Surface: Rough

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Difficulty: Easy

Length: 5.840 km / 3.65 mi

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Description







Sign in Delamere Forest



Walking by the stream on the return

Exit Delamere Forest Club Site via a kissing gate between pitches 12 and 13 and enter the forest. Go left and after the site ends continue along a fence with the railway line on your right to follow an undulating path to reach the Go Ape facility. Turn right in front of it and walk down the other side of the building.



Continue through the Go Ape area on a good path. When you reach a track junction facing the lake of Blakemere Moss, go right passing a marker for the red route. Follow the track with Blakemere Moss on your left. At a junction of tracks near the end of Blakemere Moss leave the Red Route turning right and climb to a barrier. Pass by it and cross the road carefully. Take the track beyond into Whitefield car park.



At the Go Ape site



Walking near the start

2 - Pass through the car park to exit via a barrier. Take a path into the forest. As the track bears left, at a track crossroads, go left. Descend into a dip and reach a junction on the left at marker post 21.





Walking beyond Whitefield car park

At this marker post go left on a descending track. When it levels continue past a junction on the left until you reach a path junction by a bridge and a stream.



The stream and bridge

3 - Turn left to walk alongside the stream and pass a boggy marsh on the left.





Walking near the boggy marsh



Following the path by the stream

Continue by the stream and just before a road, when the path forks, go left and follow the path over a bump. Then head through a fence gap to reach the road.

4 - Cross the road carefully and go left alongside it. After the national speed limit sign, go right to pass a barrier at Hardmans Gate. You'll see a track on the right – turn onto it and follow it around Blakemere Moss to reach a junction and go left. Continue alongside Blakemere Moss until you pass the end of it. Then pass an open area on your left.



The open area at the end of Blakemere Moss

Follow the track left around the head of the open area. Continue on the track to descend slightly to three marker posts near a picnic bench. Here leave the main track to go right on the Red Route to pass picnic benches and rise through trees on a winding path. Reach a junction and go left to reach a large track junction by a sign for The White Moor Trail.

5 - Go left following a good track through trees to reach a track crossroads by a Gruffalo statue.





Gruffalo statue

Continue ahead following the track passing several junctions on the left. Continue ahead passing a barrier and houses on the right and head towards the railway bridge. Just before this bridge there's a gate left. If you want to visit the Forest Visitor Centre and café, go over the bridge and to the right at this point.

To continue the route, go left past the gate. Head right, picking up your outbound route to go left and pass right of the Go Ape building. Now follow the path near the railway and fence to pass through the kissing gate right back to Delamere Forest Club Site.

Waypoints



