

# Get walking in the Heart of England Forest

Come and explore the Heart of England Forest by following our Riverside Trail, starting at Barton near Dorsington. This easy-to-follow walk will take you through the beautiful beginnings of your new native broadleaf forest.



Distance: 1.5 miles



**Difficulty:** Easy



Start/finish: Dorothy's Wood car park, B50 4NP



**OS Grid Ref:** SP 11632 51325



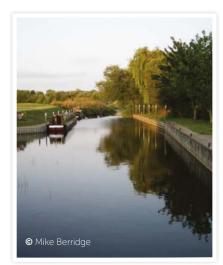
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**Terrain:** Clearly marked woodland paths which can get muddy in winter.



Things to look out for



### The River Avon

Also known as Shakespeare's Avon, this picturesque river flows from Northamptonshire through Warwickshire to join the River Severn in Gloucestershire.



# Kingfishers

These beautiful birds make their home near slow-flowing water, so keep an eye out for their unmistakable bright blue and orange plumage when walking by the River Avon.

#### Key



## An easy walk through magical woodland and along the banks of the Avon, with lots of trees to identify and wildlife to spot.

- 1. From the car park, cross the road into Dorothy's Wood ① − a riot of blossom and colour in spring. Follow the trail through the trees until you reach the wide grass path.
- 2. Turn left onto the path. Continue until you reach a clearing in the woodland with the Tree Dedication area sign 2. Turn right and follow the path up the hill.
- **3.** At the top of the hill catch your breath and enjoy the stunning views over the surrounding countryside. Continue on up to level ground **3**.

- **4.** Walk straight on and take the left fork **4**, following the signposted arrows. This part of the path is lined with flowering shrubs. Follow this curved path.
- **5.** At the hedge turn left, then opposite the woodland sign exit the wood right **3** and follow the post and rail fence down the field to the road. Cross the road into the woodland on the other side and turn right following the brook to a wooden bridge on your left **6**.
- **6.** Cross the brook on the wooden bridge and enter Roman Field Wood.

Follow the orange waymarkers along the route.



- 7. Walk up the slope. Bear left and follow the arrows through a gate and cross the road. Join the public footpath through the metal gate 7 for a short stretch.
- **8.** Go through the pedestrian gate on the left 3 into the river meadows and head to the River Avon. Walk left along the banks of the river, past Pilgrim Lock 9 with its large weeping willow.
- **9.** Head downstream along the river and cross over the Noleham Brook via the pedestrian bridge . Follow the access track to the left which leads back into Dorothy's Wood car park.