



# BEECHENHURST

Immerse yourself in this special area, with its historic oak woodland and network of coal mines. Discover the Sculpture Trail, play area, cafe, climbing tower and Tree Top Junior. A great place for the whole family to start your forest adventure

## Beechenhurst trails

**Sculpture Trail** ●●●  
7km (4.5 miles) 2-3 hours

The Forest of Dean Sculpture Trail is a collection of artworks that have been inspired by the unique heritage of this forest. The trail uses a mix of hardstone tracks and unsurfaced pathways with two short cut options available. More information is available at the trail start or a specific Sculpture Trail leaflet (including map) can be purchased from the café or downloaded separately.

**Shortcut A:** 3.5 km (2.2 miles) 1½ hours  
**Shortcut B:** 4.8 km (3 miles) 1½ - 2 hours

**Beechenhurst to Speech House link path** ○○○  
1km (0.6 miles) 30 mins

An uphill link to Speech House Woodlands, passing close to Cyril Hart Arboretum and the historic Speech House. If you do venture off the path, take care crossing the road.

**Beechenhurst Trail** ●●●●  
13km (8 miles) 3½ hours

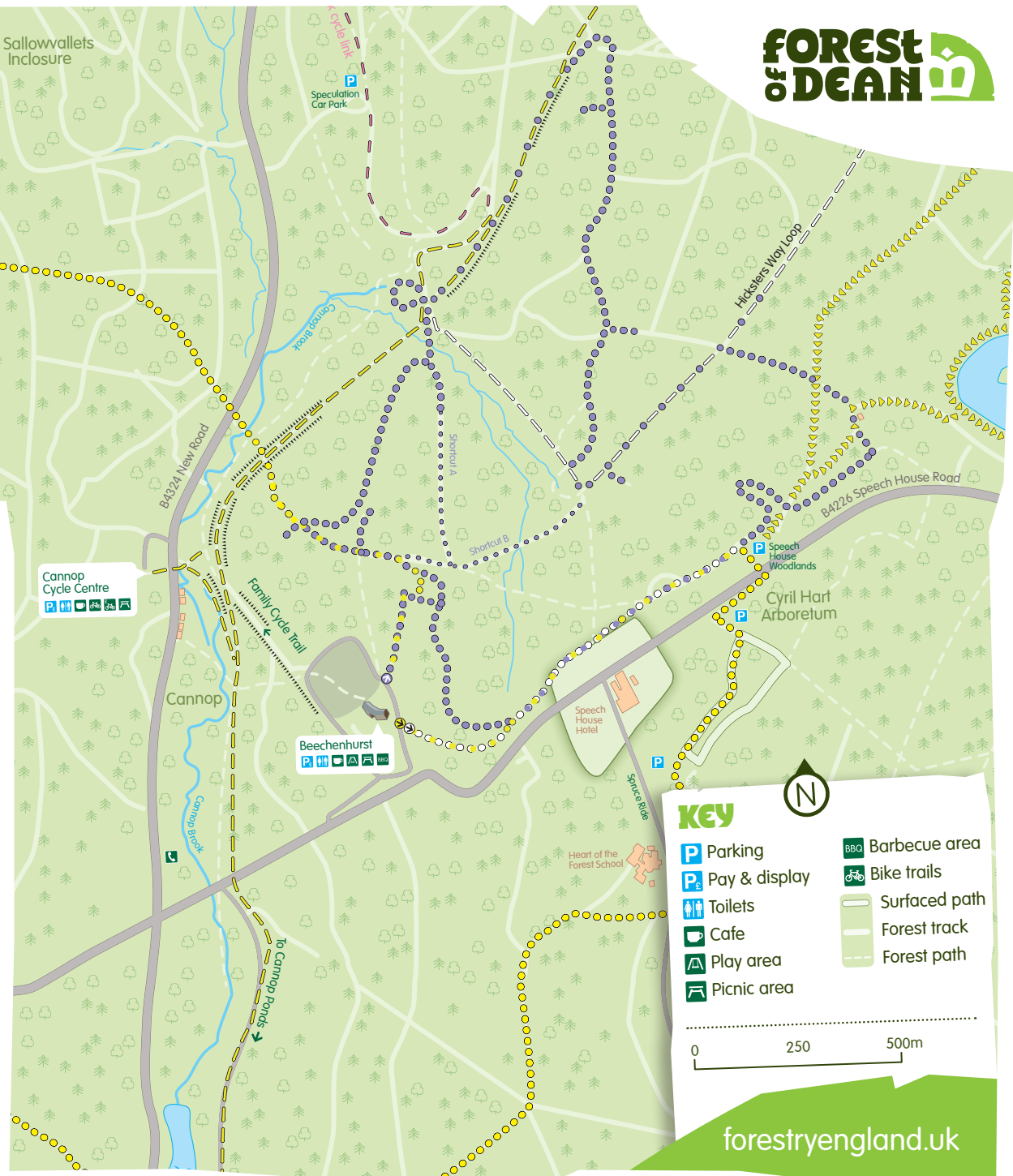
This 'Ramblers Route' explores the north-west part of the forest. A challenging walk. Walkers should expect several ascents and descents on unsurfaced paths. OS Explorer Map OL14 is advised for this trail

**Woogreens Nature Reserve** ▶▶▶  
2.5km/1.5 miles (1 hour) lake only  
4km/2.5 miles (1½ hours) full trail















From Speech House Woodlands car park follow the yellow way markers. The site of an old open cast mine, Woogreens is a haven for wildlife, including dragonflies, butterflies, reptiles and birds. Please note the lakeside trail can be muddy in wet weather.

**Cyril Hart Arboretum Path** (not waymarked)  
1km (0.6 miles) 30 minutes

Established over 100 years ago by plant collector Ernest Wilson, the arboretum has over 200 species of tree. The path is not waymarked but easy to follow and surfaced for easy-access.



# KEY

-  Parking
-  Blue Badge parking
-  Pay station
-  Toilets
-  Cafe
-  Picnic area
-  Play area
-  Bookable BBQ
-  Climbing tower
-  Refreshments
-  Sculpture Trail
-  Beechenhurst Trail
-  Speech House link
-  Activity trail



## Beechenhurst

- Cafe
- Play area
- Sculpture trail
- Tree top junior
- Climbing tower
- Family cycle trail access


## Emergency info

**Name and grid ref. of main visitor location:**  
Beechenhurst Lodge. SO614120  
**Nearest access road:**

B4226 Speech House Road  
(Coleford to Cinderford road)

 **Mobile phone coverage:** Poor

 **Nearest public payphones:**  
On the public road heading towards Cannop Cycle Centre.

 **Minor injuries Unit:**  
Dilke Hospital, Speech House Road,  
Cinderford, GL14 3HZ

 **Nearest A&E hospital:**  
Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Great  
Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3NN

**In case of emergency:** Call 999.  
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