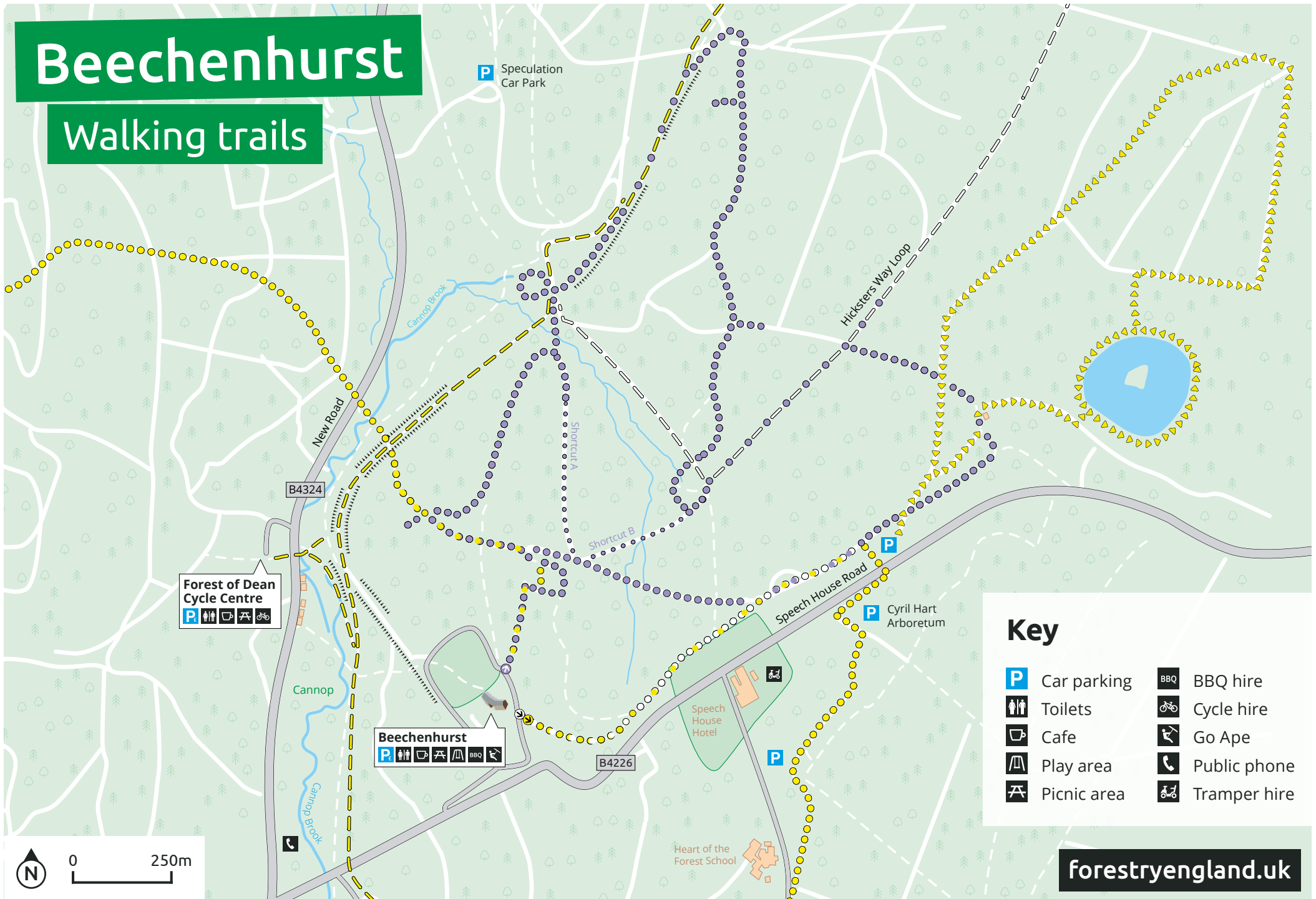


Beechenhurst

Walking trails



Key

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Car parking | BBQ hire |
| Toilets | Cycle hire |
| Cafe | Go Ape |
| Play area | Public phone |
| Picnic area | Tramper hire |

forestryengland.uk



Forestry England

Walking trails at Beechenhurst

There are miles of tracks to discover here at Beechenhurst, or you can explore the woodland along one of these routes.

Trail information

Beechenhurst Trail ●●●

13 km (8 miles)

This 'Ramblers Route' explores the north-west part of the forest. A challenging walk with lots of hills on unsurfaced paths. This trail is not fully waymarked and so an OS Explorer Map OL14 is advised. More information can be found at fodramblers.org.uk

Woogreens Nature Reserve ▶▶▶

2.5km (1.5 miles) lake only
4km (2.5 miles) full trail

From Speech House Woodlands car park follow the yellow waymarkers. The site of an old open cast mine, Woogreens is a haven for wildlife, including butterflies, reptiles and birds. The site is managed with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and can be muddy in wet weather.

Beechenhurst to Speech House link path ○○○

1km (0.6 miles)

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.

Sculpture Trail ●●●

7 km (4.5 miles)
Shortcut A: 3.5 km
Shortcut B: 4.8 km

This thought provoking trail takes in a series of sculptures inspired by the forest; its trees, wildlife and industrial past. The trail uses a mix of hardstone tracks and unsurfaced pathways with two shortcut options available. More information is available at the trail start or a Sculpture Trail leaflet can be purchased from the cafe.

Cyril Hart Arboretum Path (not waymarked)

1 km (0.6 miles)

Established over 100 years ago by plant collector Ernest Wilson, the arboretum has over 200 species of tree. The arboretum is named after a local historian who also held the post of senior verderer in the forest. The path is not waymarked but is easy to follow and surfaced for easy-access.



Emergency info

Key locations:

Beechenhurst. GL16 7EL
Grid Ref: SO614120

Nearest access road: B4226
Speech House Road (Coleford to Cinderford road)

Nearest minor injury unit:

Lydney & District Hospital, Grove Road, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5JE

Nearest A&E hospital facilities:

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Great Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3NN

In case of an emergency call 999.

Inform Forestry England on 0300 067 4800 (Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm)

Forest code

- Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Guard against all risks of fire.
- Take your litter home.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Take only memories away.
- The forest is for everyone. Please be aware of other visitors.

Join today

As a member you'll be supporting the Forest of Dean and get free onsite parking, forest updates and discounts.

forestryengland.uk/membership