Forest trails

Trail information
From Birches Valley Forest Centre

Ladyhill Trail
1.6km/1 mile
An easy, mostly flat, wide circular trail, appropriate for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Includes the popular ‘Fairy Trees’, Gruffalo Sculpture, educational trails, shelter building, plus open space for play, games, BBQ’s and picnics.

Fairoak Trail
4km/2.5 miles
An easy circular trail that takes in the magnificent Fairoak Valley and pools, a rich and important habitat that is home to many wildlife species. The area has an interesting coal mining past and was the location of a colliery in the late 19th century. This trail also provides access to the Cannock Chase Visitor Centre at Marquis Drive and to the blue graded Sherbrook Trail.

Sherbrook Trail
Pepper Slade loop:
12km/7.5 miles
An easier circular trail that takes in the picturesque Sherbrook Valley with its mixture of woodlands and open heathland. Two loops are available, the shorter Pepper Slade loop and the longer Abraham’s Valley loop which visits the Stepping Stones and Abrahams Valley.

Chase Heritage Trail
Birches Valley to Rugeley
3km/2 miles
Birches Valley to Marquis Drive
3km/2 miles
Birches Valley to Hednesford
8km/5 miles
This linear trail linking the towns of Cannock and Rugeley passes through Cannock Chase Forest taking in sites of historic interest along the way. This trail helps explores the people, places and events that have made Cannock Chase and the surrounding area what it is today.

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Key
Car park
Pay car park
Toilets
Information
Visitor centre
Cycling facilities
Cycle hire
Cycle wash
Picnic area
Play area
Walking trails
View point
Camp site
Caravan site
Refreshments
Water
Waymarkers
Multi-use trail
Forest road
Bridleway
Acorn area
Tree house
Gruffalo sculpture
Numbered posts
Golf course
Conservation area
(unguided keep to paths)
Conservation area
(Pay car park)

Wolsey Bridges Pub, Garden Centre & Wolsey Centre
Wolsey Centre
The Horns Pub
Katyn Memorial
Cannock Chase Visitor Centre
Heathland
Tackeroo caravan site
Pye Green Tower
Cadet Huts
Trig Point
Abraham’s Valley
Seven Springs
Birches Valley Forest Centre
Forest office
Play area
Swinnerton Cycles
Pingle Slade Trail start
Ladyhill Trail
Fairoak Trail
Sherbrook Trail
Start of trails:
Ladyhill Trail
Fairoak Trail
Sherbrook Trail
Birches Valley Forest Centre
Entrance
Birches Valley Forest Centre
Penkridge Bank Road
Rugeley
Birches Valley Cafe
Arboretum Entrance
Stile Cop Road
Slitting Mill Road
Rugeley Road
A51
A513
A460
A34
Rugeley
Hednesford station
Cannock
Milford
Brocton
Little Haywood
Slitting Mill
Hazelslade
Pye Green
Rugeley station
Penkridge Bank Road
Birches Valley Road
Marquis Drive
Camp Road
Broad Hurst Green
Chase Road
S5
S6
S3
S7
F2
F1
S4
Silvertrees static caravan site (some for hire)
Cadet Huts
Trig Point
Abraham’s Valley
Seven Springs
Birches Valley Forest Centre
Fairoak Pools
Golf course
Conservation area
(No public access)
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