





Walking trails at

Chopwell Wood

There are miles of tracks to discover here at Chopwell, explore the woodland along one of these routes.

Trail information

Easy Access Trail •••

0.5km (0.3 miles) Easy

A circular trail through the pine woodland adjacent to the main car park. This trail has a good surface with no inclines, making it ideal for access by wheelchair users.

Old Railway Footpath

2.2km (1.37 miles) Moderate

This trail is perfect for the less ambitious walker looking for a gentle stroll on good surfaced trail with few hills. The most prominent feature of this walk is the old colliery railway line that carried coal from the colliery at Chopwell via High Spen to the coal staithes on the River Tyne.

Boundary Walk •••

A beautiful walk that weaves through the wood on forest roads and footpaths, through conifer and broadleaf woodland. It is possible to enjoy either half of the walk from the car park.

North Loop 3.5km (2.2 miles)

The industrial heritage of Chopwell Wood is apparent as you cross the stone railway bridge over the old colliery line, which you will re-join for a short spell further along.

South Loop 5.5km (3.4 miles)

The trail guides you down the valley side, then heads through semi-natural oak woodland that cloaks the cragsover-looking the River Derwent.

Emergency info

Name of key location: Chopwell Wood, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead, NE39 1LT Grid Ref: NZ 136580

Nearest access road: B6315

Nearest A&E hospital facilities:

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Forest code

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- Take only memories away.
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