

WALKING AT GISBURN FOREST

EXPERIENCE NATURE FIRST
HAND AS YOU EXPLORE
THE FOREST & STOCKS...

Gisburn Forest is an amazing place to discover wildlife, amazing views over the Bowland Fells and Stocks Reservoir, and find peace and tranquility amongst the woodland glades.

The walking trails will take you into the heart of the forest, along historic trackways, former railway lines. You'll maybe see some of the forest's extensive wildlife from the wildlife hides on the Birch Hills Walk.

Most of our walking trails start from the Stocks reservoir car park; you can reach them on foot by following the Gisburn Forest Hub Link Trail. Our car parking tickets are valid at both sites on the day of purchase.

Caring for Gisburn Forest

The Forestry Commission care for Gisburn Forest. We look after forests and woods across England for People, wildlife and timber.

Forestry Commission England is recognised and respected as an international leader in sustainable forestry.

We are proud to be working together with United Utilities to look after this special place. Enjoy your time in Gisburn Forest & Stocks.

For more information go to forestry.gov.uk/england



Gisburn Forest & Stocks is cared for by:



DISCOVER
BEAUTIFUL
BROADLEAVED
WOODS AND
AMAZING VIEWS

WALKING TRAILS

STOCKS CIRCULAR PATH —
Grade: Moderate
Length: 13km/8miles.
A grand tour, all the way round Stocks reservoir. Great views of the forest, reservoir and the wild Forest of Bowland landscape. For your own safety and to protect sensitive wildlife, please stay on the waymarked route.

GISBURN FOREST HUB LINK TRAIL —
Grade: Easy
Length: 3km/2miles one way
A linear trail to Stocks Reservoir car park, with view point, café and toilets. Look in at Dalehead Chapel for local interpretation on your way.

BIRCH HILLS WALK & TRAMPER TRAIL ○○○
Grade: easy
Length: 2.1km (1.3miles)
An easy path through mixed woodland, with views over Stocks reservoir. The old vicarage garden picnic area and two wildlife hides are passed on the way. This trail has been adapted to be tramper friendly.

EGGBERRY TRAIL ...
Grade: moderate
Length: 3.5km (2.2miles)
Passing through mixed woodland this route follows, in part, an old farmstead track known as Eggberry Road. There are views over Bottoms Beck to the ancient broadleaved woodland of Park Wood.

DALE HEAD RAMBLE —
Grade: Strenuous
Length: 5.3km/3.2miles
A steady climb through Birch Hills is followed by a descent to Bottoms Beck, with great views over the forest and Hesbert Hall farm. The trail follows the course of an old railway alongside the beck to join with Eggberry Road, with fine views of Park Wood and Stocks reservoir.

Key to map

- Car park
- Toilets
- Cafe
- Cycle trail
- Walks
- Picnic area
- Bird hides
- Viewpoint
- Gravel road
- Forest rides

Waymarkers

- Permissive footpath
- Public footpath
- Walking Trails
- Biking trail

Emergency info
Name of this location: Gisburn Forest Hub, Stephen Park, Gisburn Forest, Slaidburn, Lancashire BB7 4TS
T: 01200 446387
OS Grid ref. SD 745560
Nearest A&E hospital facilities: Royal Blackburn Hospital, T: 01254 745550
Nearest phone: Forest Den Cafe
Mobile phone: Network coverage in the forest is poor. The EE / Orange network is available outside the cafe building and should pick up 999 calls made from other network phones. See map for areas of best reception.
If rescue required call 999.