

Hamsterley Forest

Walking trails



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

Trail information

Riverside Walk ●●●

2.4 km (1.5 miles) Easy

The first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile is a level trail that follows the Bedburn Beck to Low Redford Picnic Site and is suitable for unassisted wheelchair users. The terrain on the second half of the trail is steeper but is useable by wheelchairs with assistance.

Bedburn Valley Walk ●●●

4 km (2.5 miles) Moderate

This moderate walk follows the Riverside Walk along the Bedburn Beck for a short distance before crossing the beck and climbing through beautiful mixed woodland high above the valley floor. The route rejoins the Bedburn Beck at Low Redford, returning to the start through an oak wood that was planted in 1937 to commemorate the coronation of George VI. The walk has some steeper inclines than the Riverside Trail and has a narrow bridge crossing.

Three Becks Walk ●●●

7.2 km (4.5 miles) Moderate

This moderate walk is the longest and most rewarding of the Bedburn Walks. Initially following the same route as the Bedburn Valley Walk, the trail descends into the valley near the Grove. Once back on the forest drive, watch out for the Green Man sculpture. The route has several narrow, rougher sections as well as some steeper ascents and descents. The trail also crosses two roads.

Spurlswood Walk ●●●

7.2 km (4.5 miles) Moderate

This moderate trail has several features of interest, including wood ant nests, and offers scenic views of the wider forest. At the far end of the trail, the route passes close to Blackling Hole – a deep pool and picturesque waterfall – and returns following the Spurlswood Beck.



Emergency info

Name of key location:

Hamsterley Forest, Redford Ln,
Hamsterley, Redford DL13 3NL

Grid Ref: NZ092312

Nearest access road: A68

Nearest A&E hospital facilities:

Bishop Auckland Hospital, Cockton
Hill Rd, Bishop Auckland DL14 6AD

In case of an emergency call 999.

Inform Forestry England, 01388 488312

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.

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