



Forestry England

Welcome to

Hopton Woods

Cycling Trails

Enjoy the challenging climbs, flowing descents and great views over the countryside on the Pearce XC trail.

Practice on the warm up loop and qualifier to check you are up to the Pearce XC trail.

Warm-Up Loop

■ Grade: **Moderate (blue)**
1.1 km (0.7 miles)

Warm up for your ride on a short loop of berms, flat corners and mellow climbs.

Qualifier

▲ Grade: **Difficult (red)**
0.7 km (0.4 miles)

Extend your warm up with a taste of some of the technical features you'll find on the Pearce XC.

Pearce XC

▲ Grade: **Difficult (red)**
12.6 km (7.9 miles)

Classic singletrack riding with a mix of switchback climbs, flowy descents and technical downhills. This long circular route takes you across the forest, with views of the Shropshire countryside

⚠ Sections of this trail are shared use, so keep an eye out for walkers, dogs and horses.

Hopton Downhills

◆ Grade: **Severe (black)**
All routes are between
1 km - 1.4 km (0.6 - 0.85 miles)

Hopton Downhill 1

Rooty corners into a flat out section, littered with stumps then steep, technical terrain. The route splits in two and rejoins further down.

Hopton Downhill 2

A flowy descent into a section of tabletops and doubles, some steep corners and root drops. The route splits with two endings.

Hopton Downhill 3

A route with lots of rough corners with rock drops and doubles, leading into a flat out descent.



Looking for more of a challenge?
Try out the three downhill trails. The descents, jumps and turns will test the skills of even the most experienced riders in search of thrills.

How our cycle trails are graded

Green Easy	Blue Moderate	Red Difficult	Black Severe	Double-black Extreme
	Expect: A mixture of climbs and descents with moderate gradients, technical features like tree roots and rock steps; jumps and berms. Rollable features at controlled speed. Variable surfaces.	Expect: A mixture of steep climbs, descents and/or avoidable features. Larger jumps, berms and rollable features at controlled speed. Technical features such as tree roots, drop-offs and large rocks. Very variable surfaces.	Expect: Long, steep climbs, descents and jumps. Numerous hazards including drop-offs, sharp corners and difficult features. Rapid rate of surface change. Commitment required.	Expect: Gradients can be steep or variable. Surfaces may be uneven, loose or potholed. Navigation skills are useful (routes not always waymarked). Look out for vehicles, forestry work and other visitors.

Forest road & similar

Emergency info

Key location:
Hopton Wood Car Park,
nearest postcode is SY7 0QF

Grid ref: SO 3480 7775
W3W: ///jeeps.reapply.bloodshot

Nearest A&E hospital facilities:
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
(45 mins drive)

In case of an emergency call:
999 or 112. Inform Forestry England
T: 0300 067 4800

Forest code

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

Cycling safely

Plan ahead

- Use the right bike and appropriate safety gear, and check they're safe to use. Always wear a helmet and gloves.
- Don't rely on others; make sure you can get back safely.
- Know your location if you need to call for help.

Stay in control

- Ride within your ability.
- Expect the unexpected.
- Look first: only tackle jumps and other challenges if you're sure you can do them.
- Off-road cycling carries inherent risks. Consider your skills, ability, and fitness, and use these guidelines in conjunction with your own experience and careful judgement.

Ride responsibly

- Take care around other visitors, dogs and horses.
- Dogs are not allowed on cycling trails, except for shared use trails.
- Motorbikes and quadbikes are not allowed.
- Routes may change due to forestry work. Follow all warning signs and diversions.
- If a vehicle is loading timber, always wait for the driver to let you past.



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