Mallards Pike and Wenchford trails

Mallards Pike path

(not waymarked) 0.8 km (½ mile)

This lakeside path is surfaced for wheelchairs and pushchairs. There are several benches along the way to stop and enjoy the scenery.

Wenchford Link Trail

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3 km (1.8 miles)

This path links Mallards Pike to the popular summer picnic site of Wenchford. Following a stoned forest road for most of its length, the path runs through woodland rich in relics of its industrial past.

Blackpool Brook Trail

1 km (0.6 miles)

Wenchford is a great spot for a relaxing picnic. There is a short surfaced trail around the site.

The Soudley Circles Walks

5 km (3 miles)

The Forest of Dean Ramblers have three circular walks between Mallards Pike and Soudley Ponds, each three miles in length, with climbs and a variety of views. The walks can be combined into a pleasant ten mile hike.

Ramblers routes leaflets and maps are required. Available from fodramblers.org.uk. These trails are not fully waymarked and so an OS Explorer Map OL14 is advised.

2km Running Trail 000

(1.2 miles)

A level and surfaced route into the forest, returning on the Mallards Family Cycle Trail link path. A great beginners route to step up from the Lakeside path.

3 km Running Trail •• (1.8 miles)

The trail follows the majority of the 5km route but has a short hill climb in the northern section.

5 km Running Trail ••• (3.1 miles)

Joggers and serious runners will enjoy this surfaced track with km markers along the trail. It is also suitable for a short family cycle ride. The trail follows a wide forest road with a gradual climb uphill for the first half.

10km Running Trail



(6.2 miles)

This trail takes you away from the busy areas of the forest to more remote woodland with a greater chance to spot wildlife. The trail is mainly hard stone track, however some areas can become wet and muddy. The trail is shared in sections with other forest users such as bicycles and horse riders.

