



Forestry England

Explore...

Whinlatter Forest

Discover mountains of forest,
trails, wildlife, views & adventure...

Emergency info

Key locations:

Whinlatter Forest, Whinlatter Pass, Braithwaite CA12 5TW

Grid Ref: NY209245

W3W location: ///everybody bright.embodied

Nearest minor injury unit:

Keswick (minor injuries only)
T: 01768 245 678

Hospital with A&E unit:

Whitehaven. T: 01946 693 181

Defibrillator located at the visitor centre.

Nearest phone is located in the visitor centre during open hours. Emergency use only.

In case of an emergency, call 999

If mountain rescue required ask for Cumbria Police, then ask for Keswick Mountain Rescue. Use our location markers to pinpoint your location.

Inform Forestry England

T: 01768 778469

Forest code

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



Forestry England forests and woodlands have been certified in accordance with the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)



You'll find rewarding trails offering breathtaking views over Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite Lake and across the Helvellyn and Skiddaw ranges.

Whinlatter is also home to a wealth of wildlife including red squirrels, so keep a look out as you explore the forest.

Follow the coloured arrows on timber signage and look out for any warning signs.

Key

- P** Parking
- ♿** Toilets
- i** Information point
- ☕** Cafe
- 🚲** Bike hire
- 🎪** Play area
- 🌅** Viewpoint
- 🏕️** Picnic area
- 1** Junction marker
- Forest road
- Bridleway
- Footpath

Walking trails

Starting from the visitor centre

Wow Trail ●●●

7.5km (4.5 miles) Allow 3 hours

Discover the wonders of Whinlatter on this walk, taking in Whinlatter's most breathtaking views. Along the way you'll find out why the forest is here, its history and how it is cared for to support wildlife and people today. You'll enjoy opportunities for wildlife spotting and forest bathing.

The trail follows surfaced paths with a maximum gradient of 1 in 7 and a minimum width of 2m. There are no stiles, steps or gates but there are some gradual and steeper slopes. This trail may be suitable for some off-road mobility scooters.

Comb Beck Trail ●●●

2.8km (1.75 miles) Allow 1 hour

Staying mainly off forest roads, this trail winds through glades and beside streams and landscape features. As the trail follows Comb Gill, keep a look out for the ancient sheepfold and disused dam, which once provided a source of power for the mines deep in the mountain below.

Seat How Summit Trail ○○○

5.75km (3.5 miles) Allow 2 hours

This circular walk shows you why Whinlatter is England's only true mountain forest. It takes in spectacular views of Derwentwater, as well as the Skiddaw and Helvellyn mountain ranges, which are some of the highest in England. Climbing to 500m through forest and heather moorland, this trail is one of the treasures of Whinlatter.

Lord's Seat and Barf

8km (5 miles) Allow 3 hours

Follow junction markers

This rewarding route crosses the forest boundary onto open fell, and gives some breathtaking views of Bassenthwaite Lake and the surrounding fells. From the visitor centre, access via junctions 2, 3, 5 and 23 leading to the summit of Lord's Seat. Return to the centre via Barf and junctions 21, 8, 9, 10 or 11.

Whinlatter Top

3.25km (2 miles) Allow 1.5 hours

The route to Whinlatter Top can be accessed via junctions 2 and 55. Return to the Visitor Centre by the same route.

Grisedale Pike

5.6km (3.5 miles) Allow 3 hours

Access to Grisedale Pike can be gained from various points throughout the forest. Please ask in the Visitor Centre for advice on planning the best route.

Starting from Revelin Moss car park

Revelin Moss Trail ●●●

1.6km (1 mile) Allow 30 mins

The mighty Grisedale Pike towers above Revelin Moss and gives a dramatic backdrop to some of the easiest walking in the forest. This trail may be suitable for some off-road mobility scooters.

Starting from Noble Knott car park

Noble Knott Heavy Sides Trail ○○○

2.5km (1.5 miles) Allow 1 hour

This trail is one of contrasts. The start takes you through some of the mighty oak trees typical of the lower slopes of the forest adjacent to Masmill Beck. The trail then climbs through coniferous woodland traversing the forest boundary along Heavy Sides, before returning to the car park via an area of mature mixed woodland.

Noble Knott Masmill Beck Trail ●●●

2km (1.25 miles) Allow 45 mins

The quiet picnic site and car park at Noble Knott is the perfect place to begin this gentle circular route. As it meanders through the ancient oaks at Noble Knott, it eventually finds the forest road and returns to the car park taking in some fabulous views of Bassenthwaite Lake.

Words in the Woods Trail ●●●

2.5km (1.5 Miles) Allow 1 hour

Follow this circular trail through mature woodland and into newly planted native woodland areas. Numbered posts are inset with thoughtful, poetic and sometimes humorous quotes about trees. Please note this trail is not waymarked. Use the map to follow the route.

Tramper info

The Comb Beck trail, Seat How Summit trail and Noble Knott trails follow a mixture of forest roads and surfaced footpaths. They are steep, narrow and uneven in places. The Noble Knott trails also include some steps. **We would not recommend these trails for Trampers or off road scooters.**

Pick up your walking trails map from the visitor centre

Maps for cycling and running trails, orienteering courses and children's activity trails are available from the visitor centre.



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