

Whinlatter Forest

Walking trails



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Walking trails at Whinlatter Forest

From the visitor centre

Two Gills Trail ●●● 2.8km (1.75 miles)

The spectacular views along this trail make it very popular. It crosses both Black Gill and Comb Gill as they flow down the mountain slopes to Bassenthwaite Lake below.

Comb Beck Trail ●●● 2.8km (1.75 miles)

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)

This circular walk takes in spectacular views of both Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite Lake as well as the Skiddaw and Helvellyn mountain ranges. Climbing to 500m through forest and heather moorland, this trail is one of the treasures of Whinlatter Forest.

Grisedale Pike

5.6km (3.5 miles)
This trail is not waymarked

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.

Lord's Seat and Barf

8km (5 miles)
This trail is not waymarked

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.

From Revelin Moss car park

Revelin Moss Trail ●●● 1.6km (1 mile)

The mighty Grisedale Pike towers above Revelin Moss and gives a dramatic backdrop to some of the easiest walking in the forest.

From Noble Knott car park

Noble Knott Heavy Sides Trail ○○○ 2.5km (1.5 miles)

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.

Noble Knott Masmill Beck Trail ●●● 2km (1.25 miles)

This gentle circular route meanders through the ancient oaks at Noble Knott, eventually finding the forest road and returning back to the car park, taking in some fabulous views of Bassenthwaite Lake.

Words in the Woods Trail ●●● 2.5km (1.5 miles)

Waymarked posts are inset with thoughtful, poetic and sometimes humorous quotes about trees on this circular trail.

Emergency info

Name of key location:
Whinlatter Forest, Whinlatter Pass,
Braithwaite CA12 5TW

Grid ref: NY209245

Nearest A&E hospital facilities:
Whitehaven. T: 01946 693 181

Nearest minor injury unit:
Keswick (minor injuries only)
T: 01768 245 678

Defibrillator located at the visitor centre.

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

In 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: 017687 78469

The 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.



Finding your way

Follow the coloured trail markers on timber posts and look out for any warning markers.