

Salcey Trail map



Follow the Forest Code

- ⊙ Guard against all risks of fire.
- ⊙ Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees.
- ⊙ Keep dogs under control and tidy after them.
- ⊙ Take your litter home.
- ⊙ Make no unnecessary noise.
- ⊙ Take only memories away.

Walking & cycling trails

Elephant Walk ●●●
Easy: 1.2km (0.75 mile) Allow 30 minutes

This is an easy-access route suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs on level, surfaced ground. The walk is named after the Elephant Pond. During the Second World War, these massive beasts used the pond to cool off while taking a rest from extracting timber from the forest. The Elephant Bridge crosses the Elephant Pond, which leads you onto the Tree Top Way.

Church Path Walk ●●●
Moderate: 2.5km (1.5 miles) Allow 1 hour

A circular route, about a mile and a half in length. It includes a short section of boardwalk, which passes over sensitive archaeological features (medieval wood banks). It leads you to the Church Path Oak, one of Salcey's famous 'druid oaks', which is thought to be around 400 years old. The tree finally fell in 1995. This route follows mainly level ground, but can be wet and muddy after rain – appropriate footwear should be worn.

Woodpecker Trail ●●●
Moderate: 10km (6 miles) Allow 3 hours

This six-mile route that circles the whole of the forest. Along the way you might see all three British species of woodpecker: the lesser spotted, greater spotted, and green. The trail uses a combination of surfaced and unsurfaced routes, and walking boots are recommended. The trail also shares part of its route with Salcey's horse riding and family cycling routes.

Horse Trail ●●●
Moderate: 8km (5 miles) Allow 2.5 hours

Horse riders are welcome. Riders may enter the wood on any of the public bridleways, or use the horse boxing point at the south-eastern side of the forest, on the edge of Rose Coppice. The five mile horse-riding trail makes a circuit of the forest on open ridings. Care is needed, as there are four public roads crossing the route. Some sections are also shared with the family cycle trail.

You are likely to encounter overhead distraction and noise from the high ropes course, the road is available as an alternative. Please do not ride along the Elephant or Church Path Walk.

Family Cycle Trail ○○○
Forest road: 8km (5 miles) Allow 1 hour

Cyclists are welcome to use the circular Salcey Forest Cycle Trail. This follows a gentle five mile route around the woodlands, starting and finishing in the main car park. Care is needed as the route includes two road crossings. Part of the route is shared with horse-riders and walkers.

Off-road mountain biking is not permitted, because of the sensitive woodland plants associated with this ancient forest.

Key

	Car park		Play area
	Disabled parking		Horse boxing point
	Information		Forest track
	Cafe		Bridleway
	Picnic area		Footpath/Ride

Waymarkers

Public footpath

Public bridleway

Follow the coloured arrows on waymarker posts for the trail you're on.

The Cycle Trail at Salcey Forest is graded:
Forest road

Suitable for: Cyclists in good health. Map reading useful (routes not always marked). Most bikes.
Trail: Gradients can vary. Surfaces may be uneven or potholed in places. Look out for vehicles & other users.