

Haldon Forest Park



Welcome to Haldon Forest Park



Whether you explore the forest on foot, by bike, or swinging through the canopy, you'll find something for you just around the next tree

In pursuit of peace and solitude? Try following the Butterfly Trail into the quiet of the forest. Or perhaps you're seeking something to stimulate your mind. Why not visit the Centre for Contemporary Art and the Natural World, or sign up for an event?

If you're looking for easy-going exercise, we have trails that reward a short walk with spectacular views. If you're feeling more energetic you can hire a bike and discover the cycle trails, or join in the fun on the Play Trail.

Maybe you're after an adrenaline rush? Then sign up for the 'Go Ape!' high wire adventure course, or if you're an experienced mountain biker, take to the 'Freer Ride' trails.



Walking trails



Play & Walking Trail ●●●

2.5 km (1.5 miles), gentle

Fully surfaced, suitable for wheelchairs and has regular resting points.

Stunning views, children's dens and a secret path make this trail fun for everyone.

Butterfly Trail ●●●

4.5 km (3 miles), moderate

Discover rare butterflies in the peaceful depths of the forest. This trail has varied surfaces and is steep in places. Follow the Play Trail until signs for the Butterfly Trail branch off.

Orienteering

Test your map-reading skills and have a go at our permanent orienteering course. There are five levels to try, from easy to difficult, with full instructions for beginners.



Tree Trail ●●●

(open summer 2008)

4 km (2.5 miles), moderate

Explore deep into the forest and see a variety of habitats and magnificent trees. This trail has varied surfaces, is steep in places and is discretely marked, so keep your eyes peeled for the special markers.

Mamhead

Sensory Trail ●●●

2.5 km (1.5 miles), gentle, starts from Mamhead car park, see trail map.

Discover one of the finest views in Devon on this level, fully surfaced trail. With a range of sensory features, it is suitable for wheelchairs and has regular resting points.

Orienteering packs are available from the ranger's office for a small charge, or download for free at www.orienteeringindevon.org.uk

Cycling

Whether it's a ride for all the family or a more challenging experience, there's a trail for you here



Adventure Cycle Trail ●●●

4 km (2.5 miles)

Start your adventure on this easy-going loop. Its stone and soil paths are narrow but have gentle gradients. Suitable for children's bikes and tag-alongs.

Freer Ride Trail ●●●

9 km (6 miles)

This highly technical trail incorporates rock gardens, berms and steep descents. Only for experienced riders with appropriate bikes and protective equipment.

Family Cycle Trail ●●●

4.5 km (3 miles)

This trail on stoned paths is a little wider but also a bit steeper. Two short ascents and one descent take in great views. Suitable for energetic children or with tag-alongs.

Freeride Area: A purpose-built area for those seeking the ultimate challenge.

If you have the right bike, safety gear and nerves then enjoy the drop-offs, rock gardens, berms, and northshore. Accessed from the Freer Ride Trail.



Forest Cycle Hire

Make the most of your visit and get on your bike! Didn't bring one? No problem. This family-run centre hires bikes, tag-alongs and helmets for all sizes. (Sorry, not suitable for the Freer Ride). Open all year round. Call **01392 833768** for booking and information.

Centre for Contemporary Art & the Natural World



Exploring our place within nature through the arts

Part gallery, part studio, CCANW have a changing programme of exhibitions, projects, live events, artists in residencies and activities in the forest. Open all year (closed Mondays). Admission is free. For more information please call **01392 832277** or visit **www.ccanw.co.uk**

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Go Ape!

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Climb into the trees, slide across high wires, cross rope bridges and zip down to the ground! Go Ape is an award-winning high-wire forest adventure course set in the tree tops, appealing to a wide age range. For information or to book, visit **www.goape.co.uk** or call **0845 6439154**.



Location and information

Enjoy your visit



Refreshments

Available at weekends and on school holidays.

Parking

All day parking at Haldon Gateway: Cars £1.50, Minibuses £5, Coaches £10, Annual Permits £12

Opening hours

Please visit the website.

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Public transport

Bus: from Exeter catch the 360 bus to Belvedere Tower and walk ½ mile to Haldon car park.

Bike: follow the A38 Cycle Way, turn off at the racecourse and follow the signs.



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