

# Explore

## Top Lodge, Fineshade Woods

**Yours to discover**  
Map & guide



### Walking Trails

#### The Smelters Walk

2 miles/3km ●●●

A route suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs, on level or gently sloping surfaced paths. It passes through areas where iron was once smelted. To find your way around the trail follow the **orange** bands on the posts.

#### The Dales Wood Walk

3 miles/5km ●●●

This route takes you past the wildlife hide, where you can view the birds on the feeders or possibly deer on the lawn in the distance. The trail, which is gently hilly in places, winds through a variety of landscapes, and has a viewpoint looking out over Rockingham Forest. Some sections are used by cyclists and horse riders. Follow the **purple** bands on the posts.

#### The Mill Wood Trail

6 miles/10km ●●●

A trail running around the edges of Fineshade, revealing a varied landscape and different wildlife habitats. It has a range of gradients and surfaces and some parts may be muddy during wet periods. Some sections are shared with cyclists and horse riders. Follow the **blue** bands on the waymarker posts.

### Horse Riding

#### Riding Trail

5+ miles/8+km

Riders are welcome to enter the wood via the byway from King's Cliffe, or use the horse-box parking area. The riding trail makes a circuit of the wood on open forest roads and ridings. Care is needed, as the trail is shared with other users. The trail is indicated by posts with white horseshoe symbols.

### Cycling

#### Family Cycle Route

5 miles/8km

This circular cycle route starts and finishes at the top of the car park. It has some gentle to moderate hilly sections. There are some alternative, more challenging sections of cycle path which enable cyclists of all abilities to enjoy the experience together. Follow the white cycle symbol on the waymarker posts around the trail. Part of the route is shared with walkers and horse riders.

### Key to symbols & trails

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| Picnic area       | Coach parking       |
| Play area         | Cycle hire          |
| Toilets           | Wildlife hide       |
| Lodge Cafe        | Youth shelters      |
| Horse box parking | Caravan site        |
| Disabled parking  | Public right of way |
| Parking           | Private land        |

