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Salcey The Church Path trail



Grade: moderate

Length: 1.5 miles

Start/Finish: Salcey car park

Grid ref: SP 795 514

Waymarkers: yellow

Route highlights

Ancient woodland

Vivid colour display from oak

Ash and hazel trees

Tree Top walkway

Salcey's ancient woodland is great to visit in autumn for the vivid colour display of oak, ash and hazel trees. Spend an afternoon exploring the ancient wood and take a moment to admire the view from the Tree Top Way, getting a bird's eye perspective of the fabulous autumnal forest colour.



Follow the path out of the car park, and at the second crossroads turn right. As you walk into the forest you'll be met by the glorious orange, red and bronze colours of the ancient woodland.



Follow the path round and the woodland will open up on your right to the wide expanse of Salcey's Private Lawn. Here you'll find a bench, the perfect spot to stop and listen to the trees rustle behind you. As you gaze out to the lawn, observe the array of autumnal hues from the woodland in the distance.



When you are ready to continue, follow the path round as it bends along the outside of Salcey's Private Lawn. At this time of year you'll notice the contrast in the open green grass on one side, and the vibrant orange and yellows of the trees on the other.



At the end of the path, turn left into the evergreen pines and notice the wilder feel of the forest as the shade embraces you. Take a deep breath in and notice the fragrant pine air.



Follow this path up, past the crossroads, where you'll notice the forest beginning to change colour as the pine gives way to the orange and bronze of oak, ash and hazel trees. Carry on to the next turning where you'll make a sharp left.



At the next crossroads, there is the opportunity to make a small detour to the left to climb the Tree Top walkway. Immerse yourself in the colours that surround you and take a moment to enjoy the forest from up above. When you're ready to continue, head back to the path you were on, which will bend round to the left.



The path will continue to bend round to the left. Take the next right and then turn left next to the Tree Ninja to head back to the car park, where you started the walk.

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