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at Tunstall Forest

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10 miles of Suffolk's finest singletrack...



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Cycling trails

Viking Trail ▶▶▶

Difficult: **16km (10mile)** Allow 90 minutes

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Trail shortcut ▶▶▶

Follow the public footpath to return to the car park.



Key

- Car park
- Picnic area
- Forest road
- Trail sections

0 200 400m
0 1/4 mile

You are here

Emergency info

Name & address: Tunstall Forest

Grid ref: TM 382 559

Nearest A&E hospital facilities:
Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Ipswich
IP4 5PD. 01473 712233.

Nearest phone: At Tunstall Village.
In case of an emergency call 999.
Inform the Forestry Commission,
01842 810271.

Finding your way
Follow the coloured trail markers on timber posts. Look out for any warning markers.

How our cycle trails are graded

- Green Easy**
Sorry, not at this forest
- Blue Moderate**
Sorry, not at this forest
- Red Difficult**
Suitable for: Proficient mountain bikers with good off-road riding skills & fitness. Good mountain bikes.
Trail: Challenging climbs, tricky descents & technical features such as drop-offs & large rocks.
- Black Severe**
Sorry, not at this forest
- Orange Extreme**
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Forest roads

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.

Forest cycle code

1. Don't rely on others

- » Can you get home safely?
- » Carry the right equipment and know how to use it.

2. For your own safety

- » Always wear the right safety clothing, at least a cycle helmet and gloves.
- » Only cycle within your ability.
- » Only tackle jumps and other challenges if you are sure you can do them, have a look first!
- » Train properly, especially for difficult and technical routes.

3. On and off-road

- » Expect the unexpected – watch out for other visitors.
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4. Cycle carefully and come back soon!

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