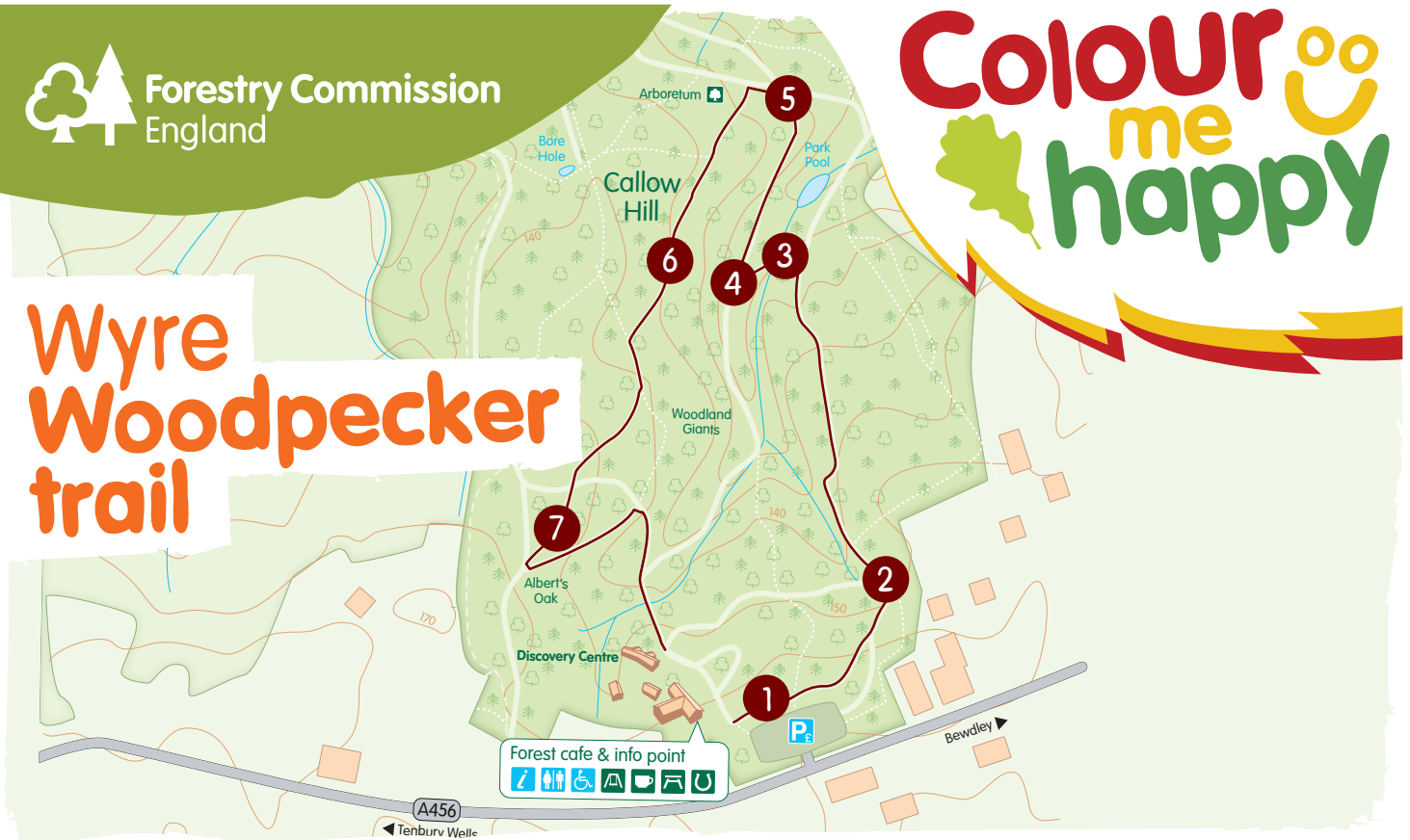




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Wyre Woodpecker trail



Grade: moderate

Length: 2.2 miles

Start/Finish: Wyre car park

Grid ref: SO 750 740

Waymarkers: green

Route highlights

Majestic old oaks

The arboretum's array of trees

Ancient woodland

Yellow and orange hues of hazel

Wyre is one of the largest ancient oak woodlands in England making it one of the best places to visit in autumn as the trees offer up vivid colour displays of burnished golds, yellows and oranges. Take a stroll past majestic old oaks, along forest tracks and narrow paths, and past the Wyre Arboretum as you admire the autumn colour around you.



Walking from the car park, turn right as you're facing the Forest Cafe and head out along the path deeper into the forest. As you enter the ancient woodland take time to immerse yourself in the trees. Notice the crunch of the leaves underfoot and the crisp autumn air around you.



Take the next left, following the green waymarkers. In particular, look out for the golden leaves of alder and the yellow and orange hues of hazel.



Turn left following the green waymarker, and head down into the 'Valley of the Giants.' As you walk through the valley don't forget to look up and take a moment to marvel at the great height of the trees that surround you.



Turn right and the path will wind past the Park Pool. Bring your attention to the quiet babble of the small stream to your right as you walk. Take a moment to look over the pool and admire the vivid colour display from the ancient woodland behind the water.



When you're ready to continue, the path will bend round to the left. Take the next left towards the Wyre Arboretum, looking out for the famous Whitty Pear tree, which turns 100 this year, whose leaves will be turning a stunning rich coppery red.



Follow the winding path, which splits the contrasting woodlands of the dark evergreens and the golden brown deciduous trees. Bearing left at the junction, and then keeping right at the fork shortly after, follow the trail through a continued mosaic of colour and shapes of the mixed woodland.



At the crossroads, continue straight ahead towards the final section of our Woodpecker trail. Follow the green waymarkers as the trail meets the Buzzard trail (red) before they turn left again. At the junction, turn right, down the hill and back up the final climb past the Valley of the Giants and back towards the Wyre Forest Centre.

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