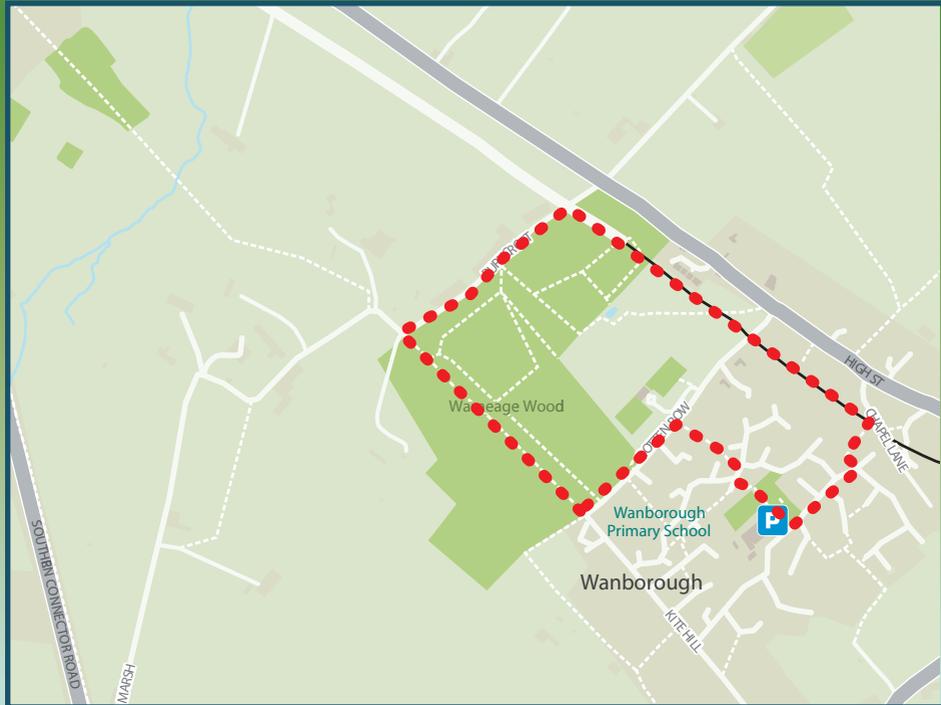


Active Swindon Trails Challenge

SPRING TRAILS



Trail #1 - Kite Trail around Wanborough



Take this route around the heart of Wanborough

Distance: 1.5 miles

Starting Point: The trail starts at Hoopers Field where there is cycle parking and car parking. You can get here by bus - plan your journey at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

What Three Words: [///casually.punctured.racing](https://casually.punctured.racing)

1. Stand at the information board on the path that leads out of Rotten Row. Exit Hoopers Field and turn right. Take extra care on Rotten Row as there is no pavement for part of the way.
2. At the end of Rotten Row (where it meets the bottom of Kite Hill) you'll see a Bridleway sign. Go through the gate and follow the bridleway. Look out for artwork hanging from the trees. How many names can you spot?
3. At the end of the path go through the gate onto Burycroft and turn right. Proceed along Burycroft taking care as there is no pavement. At the end of Burycroft, carefully cross the road and turn right to head up the High Street.
4. At the Harrow Inn cross the road and continue heading uphill. When you reach Chapel Lane on the right, turn right and head along Chapel Lane for approx 100m. You'll then see a Public Footpath signpost pointing right. Take this path alongside the recreation ground.
5. The path emerges onto Beanlands. Turn right and walk along towards the junior school. Just before the school you'll see a path on the right running along the perimeter of the hedge. Follow this path. It crosses Magdalen Road so take care crossing and pick up the path (signposted "Hoopers Field") on the other side of the road.
6. Keep following the path and you'll emerge back on Rotten Row where the entrance to Hoopers Field is opposite you. This is the end of the trail - **Congratulations on finishing the walk and we hope you enjoyed exploring Wanborough.**

If you are in need of refreshment whilst in Wanborough, the Rural Bean Coffee Trailer is outside the Village Hall between 10am and 4pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You'll also find 3 pubs on the High Street; The Brewers Arms, The Plough and The Harrow.

To receive your limited edition badge and enter the prize draw scan the QR code or visit <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge/>

**Badges are for the first 200 people to complete the trail.*



Congratulations on finishing the walk and we hope you had fun exploring!

Trail #2 - Pony Trail around Wroughton



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Enjoy Wroughton's horse racing history

Distance: 2.2 miles

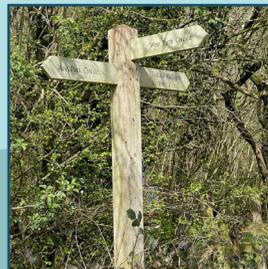
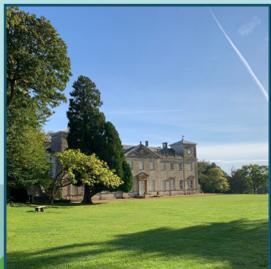
Starting Point: The trail starts at the bus stop on the High Street at Fairwater Court. You can get here by bus - plan your journey at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

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1. Start by taking a look at Fairwater Court. You'll see Fairwater House, the heart of a former stable yard, which housed the 1874 Derby winner, George Frederick. The name Fairwater was adopted after a horse with that name won the Ascot Gold Vase.
2. With Fairwater Court on your right, walk a short distance along the High Street. You'll see Moat Walk on your right - take time to explore the Moat Pond and its ornamental hand rail, dragonfly sculpture and Mosaics. How many different animals can you see depicted on them?
3. Continue along the High Street and you'll see the Brown Jack pub on Priors Hill ahead of you. Brown Jack was trained at the Barcelona stables in the Pitches and was considered one of the top race horses of all times. To the left of the pub is the old forge where the Tarrant family would shoe horses.
4. Cross the water and use the zebra crossing. Walk in front of the Ellendune Centre into Willowbrook Gardens. Be sure to check out the aircraft benches. **Did you know? The Barracuda bench was restored by the BBC's Repair Shop On the Road in 2025.** Continue through the gardens and cross the bridge, veering right towards the red brick building.
5. Turn left and you will enter Weir Field. Follow the path along the edge of Weir Field to Perry's Lane at the top. Turn right and use the zebra crossing, turn left into Inverary Road and follow it all the way to the top, passing the schools and leisure centre.
6. As the path turns to gravel, take the first path on the left. This leads through the bottom half of Blackhorse Woods where children and dogs can let off steam. Follow the path to the end before turning left and following it to the houses. Turn right and cross the water at the end before taking the path on the left, which brings you out onto Boness Road.
7. Follow Boness Road around, and between numbers 67 and 69 is a path leading to the Secret Garden. Go explore! Returning to Boness Road, you'll see a public footpath sign on the opposite side of the road. Follow this path for a more interesting route back to Wharf Road. Can you spot the Heritage phone box when you reach Kellsboro Avenue?
8. Turn left at Wharf Road and follow back towards the High Street, turning left onto a path opposite the infant school that leads you through the Barratt Way shops and back to the Ellendune Centre. Between April 1st 2026 and June 30th 2026 you can collect your limited edition badge* from the Ellendune Centre and post your prize draw entry.

Congratulations on finishing the walk and we hope you had fun horsing around!

Trail #3 - Squirrel Trail around Lydiard Park



Enjoy this loop around Lydiard

Distance: 2.5 miles

Starting Point: The trail starts outside St Mary's Church in Lydiard Park. You can get here by bus - plan your journey at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

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1. With the Church on your right walk along the path towards the car park, veering right following the wall of the church. Once out of the trees, the path splits. Take the left hand path and follow it down towards the lake.
2. Continue with the lake on your right and follow the path clockwise around the lake. After about 5 minutes you will see a path to the right. Follow this over a small bridge.
3. **Things to note:** The Old Pond is on your left. There is an information board to tell you about its history. Keep following the path as it climbs slightly uphill. Soon you will see the Forest café and playpark ahead of you. You can stop here for refreshment / toilet break / playtime if needed.
4. Follow the path between the café and the playpark until you reach a crossroads of paths. Turn left and take the long walk through the park. As you reach the far end of the field, the path veers right (signposted Park Circuit North) - Follow this.
5. At the next junction, follow the path right again (signposted West Park Circuit) and continue along this path. It will start to climb uphill and into the woods. Through the woods, you will reach the same crossroads. This time turn left and make your way towards Lydiard House.
6. **Did you know?** You have just followed some of the route of the Saturday Parkrun, which is a free 5km event for all abilities. The course is two laps. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/lydiard/> for details.
7. Turn right before you reach the house and the path takes you back to the Forest café.

Between April 1st 2026 and June 30th 2026 you can collect your limited edition badge from the café and post your prize draw entry. (The café is open Monday to Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 09:30am to 04:30pm.)*

If the café is closed, you can enter the prize draw via this QR code or at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge/>

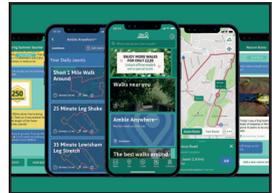
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