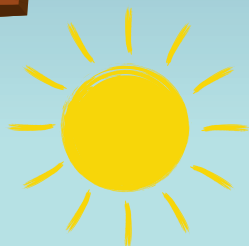
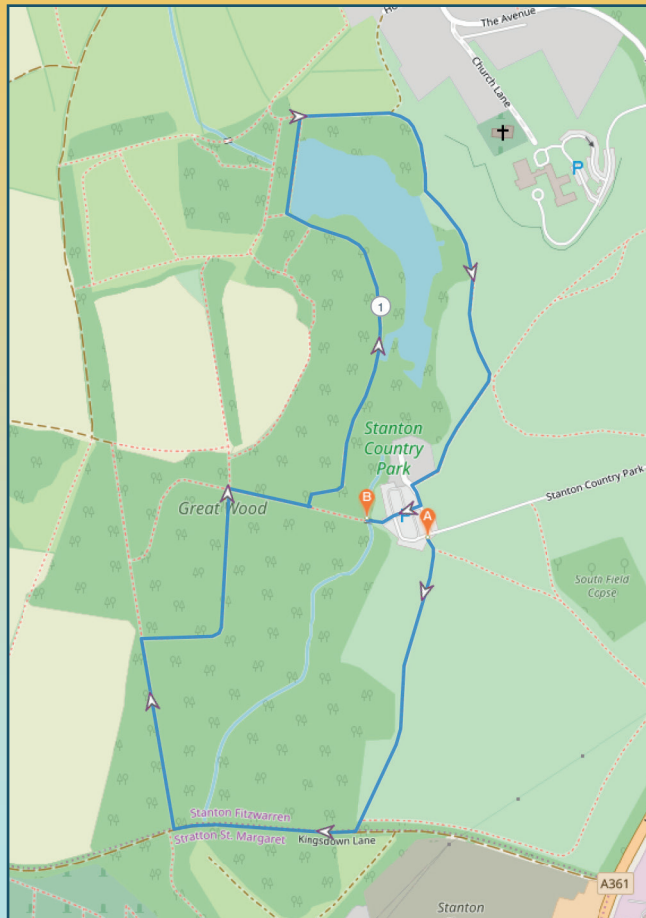


Active Swindon Trails Challenge

SUMMER TRAILS



Trail #1 - The Deer Trail around Stanton Park



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Take this circular route around Stanton Park

Distance: 1.7 miles

Starting Point: The trail starts by the brown wooden gate in the Stanton Park car park (nearest the driveway). You can get here by cycle (via Kingsdown Lane) and bus - plan your journey at www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey

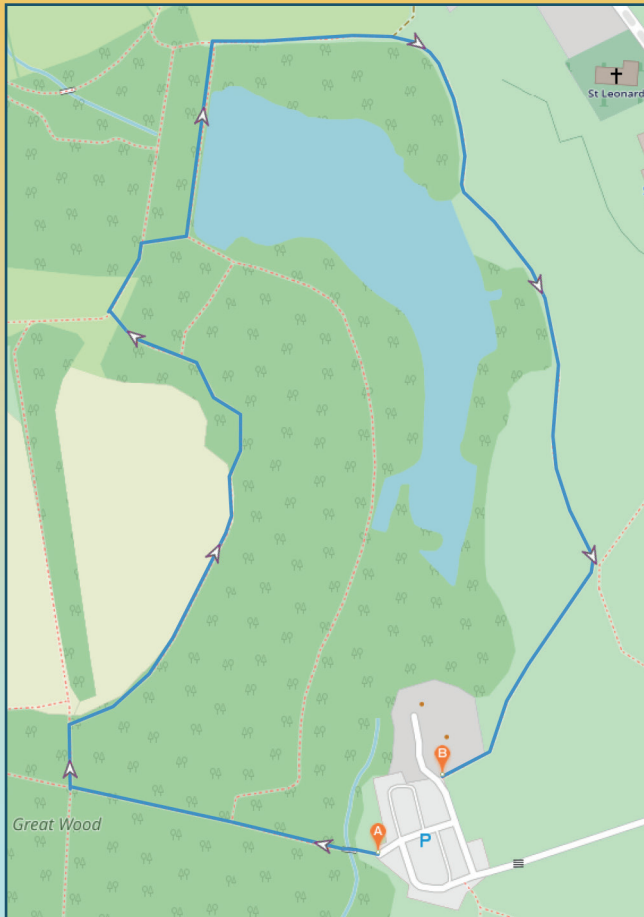
What Three Words: [///smudges.curls.stammer](https://www.threewords.co.uk/words/smudgescurlsstammer)

Please note: There is a kissing gate near the start of the route. If this causes you accessibility issues, we have provided an alternative route over the page that is fully accessible.

1. The trail starts by the brown wooden gate in the Stanton Park car park (nearest the driveway). Go through the gate and head across the field with the hedge on your right. There may be sheep in the pen to the left.
2. At the end of the field is a kissing gate. Go through the gate and veer left (ignore the path to the sharp right) and you'll emerge onto Kingsdown Lane.
3. Turn right and walk along Kingsdown lane for approx 250m. You'll see the entrance to Stanton Park on the right. Turn into the park and head up to the path for another 250m.
4. Look out for a narrower path on the right, marked with one of our "Deer Trail" signs. Take this path. It becomes like a 'boardwalk' underfoot and turns sharply to the left before emerging back to a paved track by the large redwood tree.
5. Turn right and head along the paved track until you see a path to the left. This is signposted to the lake.
6. Follow the path signposted to the lake, taking care of tree roots underfoot. After approximately 500m you will pass a stone folly on the left and get glimpses of the lake on the right.
7. When you see a wooden bridge on the right, follow this and walk along the path at the top of the lake. There are some lovely views here whatever the weather.
8. At the end of the path, follow it around to the right. This path follows the eastern side of the lake and you'll get views of Stanton House Hotel. There are also resting spots and picnic benches along the way.
9. The path takes you back to the car park and the Farmhouse. Take time to explore the carvings and sculptures around the grounds here. This is the end of the trail.

Congratulations on finishing the walk and we hope you enjoyed exploring Stanton Park.

Trail #1A - Fully accessible The Deer Trail around Stanton Park



This is a fully accessible alternative route around Stanton Park

Distance: 1 mile

Starting Point: The trail starts at the paved path leading out of the car park. The route is mainly flat with some undulating paths. It's not hilly.

What Three Words: ///micro.undertook.busters

1. From the car park head up the paved path towards the large Redwood tree, passing ponds on your right and left.
2. At the Redwood tree there are 3 paths, take the one on the right for about 20m, then another right onto a wider woodland path with a hedgerow on your left. Follow this for about 500m, staying left all the time until you reach the small ponds. Take a right heading down the path, soon seeing glimpses of the lake.
3. Veer right towards the wooden bridge, cross it and head onto the lake dam path. Admire the views as you go.
4. At the end of the path, follow it around to the right. This path follows the eastern side of the lake and you'll get views of Stanton House Hotel to the left. There are also resting spots and picnic benches along the way.
5. The path takes you back to the car park and the Farmhouse. Take time to explore the carvings and sculptures around the grounds here.

There's more information about Stanton Park on our website, including fun facts and things to note if you explore beyond the trail. Scan the QR code or visit www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge for more details.

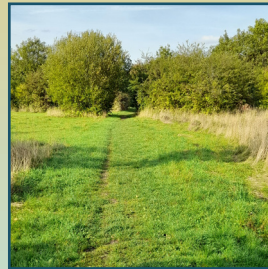
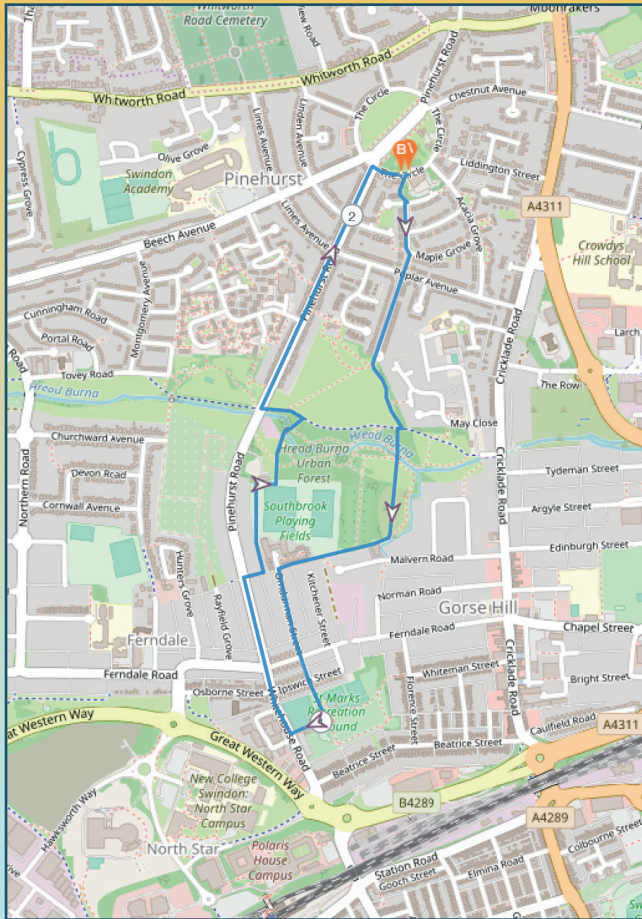
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Trail #2 - The Pinehurst Woodpecker Trail



Between July 23rd 2026 and September 30th 2026 you can collect your limited edition badge* from the Pinetrees Community Centre reception and post your prize draw entry.

If the reception is closed you can enter the prize draw via this QR code or visit

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Enjoy woods and parks in the heart of Pinehurst

Distance: 2.1 miles

Starting Point: The trail starts at Pinetrees Community Centre on the Circle in Pinehurst. You can get here by bus - plan your journey at www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey

What Three Words: ///frost.resist.mess

1. Start on The Circle facing the Pinetrees Community Centre. To the right of the centre is an alleyway between the centre and housing. Follow the alley to emerge onto Cherry Tree Grove and keep heading straight.
2. At the end of Cherry Tree Grove the path continues through to Hawthorn Avenue. Keep going. At the end of Hawthorn Avenue go through the barriers and take the path around the left hand side of the green space, known as the Venny.
3. At the end of the Venny look for a gap in the hedge with a path heading south. (It may be muddy after rain). Follow the path as it passes through rough ground.

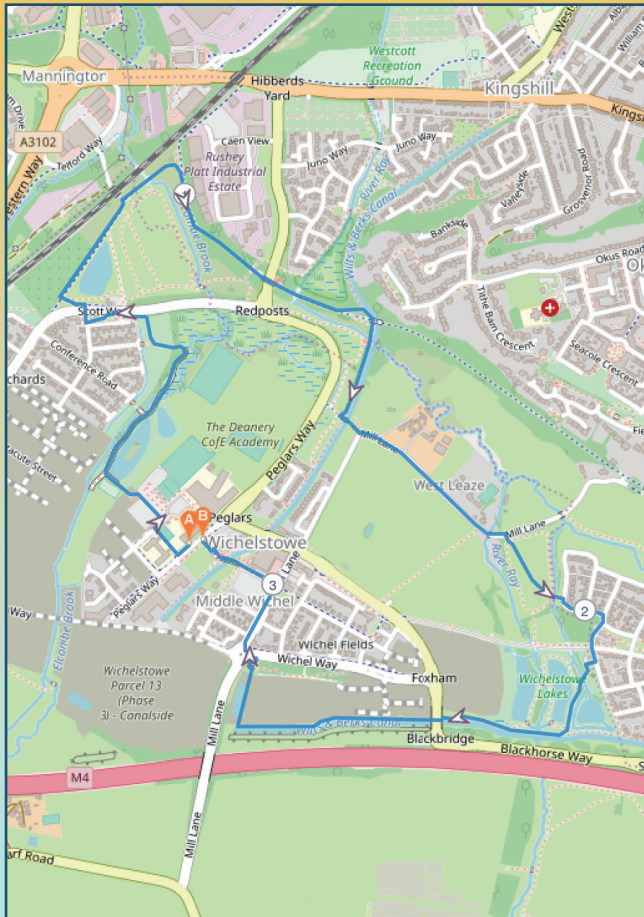
Did you know? This area is called the Hreod Burna Urban Forest. It takes its name from the Hreod Burna stream which means "reedy brook" in Anglo Saxon. It runs beneath Cricklade Road and flows through to Akers Way where it joins the River Ray.

4. After a quarter of a mile, the path finally heads around to the right. Keep going and it emerges onto a tarmac path. The first road you come to is Omdurman Street. Turn left and head down the street. Carefully cross Ferndale Road and continue on down Newmarket Street. This brings you into St Marks Recreation Ground where you can explore / play and visit the cafe.
5. When ready, exit the park via the path along the bottom of the tennis courts and turn right on Whitehouse Road. Head along what turns into St Mary's Grove, and just before the zebra crossing turn right into the wide alleyway.
6. At the end of the fence turn left and into the rear car park for David Stoddart Gardens. At the other end of the car park you'll find an entry onto the Southbrook playing fields. Walk alongside the pitch, then around the right hand side of the pavilion building.
7. Continue straight ahead across the grass and pick up the path running back into the western side of the Hreod Burna Urban Forest. After a short walk you'll go over a wooden bridge and come back out on the Venny.
8. Turn left on the paved path and exit onto Pinehurst Road where you turn right, walk up the hill and just after the zebra crossing, turn right onto the Circle where you return to Pinetrees.

Congratulations on finishing the walk. If you would like to walk a longer version of this trail, download the Go Jauntly app and search for "Pinehurst Tree Trail".



Trail #3 - The Hedgehog Trail around Wichelstowe



Enjoy this exploration of East, Middle and West Wichel!

Distance: 3.1 miles

Starting Point: The trail starts at the bus stop outside the Kingfisher CE Academy School. You can get here by bus or cycle - plan your journey at www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey

What Three Words: ///race.liked.league

1. Facing the school take the path that runs down the left hand side of the school grounds, signposted to the public car parks. At the end of the path you'll see a car park in front of you. Take the path along the right hand boundary of the public car park. This leads to the boardwalk.
2. Enter the boardwalk and follow it around to the right. Keep going all along its length until you emerge on Wishford Row (near Scott Way). Here you can walk through the pocket park, taking in the "Birds in Flight" sculpture.
3. Cross Scott Way and take the path that runs between the pond and the Wichelstowe orchard. When you get to a left hand bend in the path, don't follow it under the railway tracks but take the footpath signposted to Old Town.
4. This is the start of the Old Town Railway Path. Follow it for about ten minutes, crossing over the top of Redposts Drive as you go. Then look out for a path to the left with a wooden signpost to Okus. Take this path down to the canal and turn right.
5. Walk under the Skew bridge and walk as far as the pretty stone bridge known as Beavans Bridge. Leave the canal path here and cross Beavans Bridge, leading onto Mill Lane.
6. Walk straight ahead on Mill Lane, heading away from the canal. Walk on the right side of the lane in case there is any oncoming traffic. As the lane descends and bends around to the left, look out for a gate on the right into a field with a visible path running diagonally across it. Follow the path towards the houses.
7. Emerge into Dunsley Vale and follow the road round keeping the woodland on your right. Turn right onto Arnhill Road and then carefully cross East Wichel Way. Continue ahead into Barbrook Road, entering the car park on the right.
8. Take the main path out of the car park towards the lakes, following the sound of traffic on the motorway! The path merges with the canal towpath where you follow it right, heading back towards Middle Wichel.
9. Continue under Foxham Way and walk as far as the canal path will take you before turning right and heading across the grass towards the Tree of Life sculpture. Keep the pond to your left and the fence to your right. Carefully cross Wichel Way and continue back towards Waitrose, using the zebra crossing to take you back towards the canal and the Kingfisher CE School where you started.

Enter the prize draw and get your badges
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Trail #3 - The Hedgehog Trail around Wichelstowe



As you follow the Hedgehog Explorer Trail, we challenge you to find the objects on the facing page.

You can track down the objects and tick them off on the page, but if you have a smartphone, then why not download the **Huntly app**, photograph the ones you find and submit them to get your free trail badge and enter the prize draw?

Download the app from the App store or Google Play and enter unlock code 9183 to access the Wichelstowe Explorer Trail.



Find out more about the green spaces, wildlife and public art at Wichelstowe.

For more information please visit:
www.wichelstowetrails.co.uk



12 things to find around the Hedgehog Explorer Trail



☐ Tree of Life



☐ Mouse & snail on railings



☐ Water Vole & the Waders



☐ Oak Tree



☐ Hedgehog Highway



☐ Water bird



☐ Bullrushes



☐ The boardwalk



☐ Dragonfly Boat



☐ A Fruit tree



☐ Wichelstowe Trail markers



☐ Birds in flight



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