
The Enchanted Woods

An interesting 4km (2.5m) taking you past wild animals and deep into the lovely Messengersmire woodlands. A great post lunch hike for families though it can be rather muddy through the woodland.



Walk Route

From the main entrance of the hotel walk along the driveway towards the main gates. (Point A). Turn sharp left at the gates towards the Wildlife Park.

Follow the road as it bends sharp right towards the Wildlife Park, then follow the way marked path left along the side of the main buildings.

After 250m look for the footpath sign climbing away to the right and remain on the track alongside the animal enclosure. (Point B)

At the top of the track pass through the gate and continue along the broad track with the woods immediately to your right.

At the next gate continue through passing over the stony vehicle track. Continue through the next wooden gate. Once you're through the gate look for the derelict building on your left. Standing with that directly behind you head across the heathland towards the woods. (Point C)

Enter the woodland through the small gate and follow the path as it winds downwards.

After 800m the path joins a hard surface track, turn left and follow this track back to the road. (Point D)

When you reach the main road turn right; the hotel entrance is 300m on the right hand side.

DID YOU KNOW...

1. This area is near the northernmost point of the Lake District National Park. At 2292 sq km it's England's largest national park and contains the highest point in England (Scafell Pike) the deepest lake (Wast Water) and the longest lake (Windermere)
2. The ancient woodland is managed by the Forestry Commission and they have recently felled a number of trees as part of their woodland management programme.
3. Forests would once have covered this area. "Thwaite" is an old Cumbrian term used to describe an area of ground "cleared from the forest" and itself stems from a Viking word meaning "cutting".

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