



Wilderness Wood Trail Map

The A to Z trail takes about 1 hour

For a shorter walk, cross from H to U

Paths are level from A to F and Z to V

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The woodland trails start below the **Cook House**. This is a guide to the way-mark signs.

- A** **The Meeting House** was built by volunteers of all ages, using timber from the wood. Available to hire for Members.
- B** To your left, **coast redwoods**, the tallest species of tree in the world
- C** **The Work Yard** where our timber is converted for fencing, furniture and buildings
- D** The **Shepherd's Hut** is available to hire for over-night stays
- E** **Forest School** area
- F** **Conifer plantation** meets chestnut coppice
- G** Cut-your-own **Christmas trees**
- H** Small **Douglas fir plantation** (Turn left for shortcut to U)
- I** The chestnut on the right of the path has been "**stored**" – selective coppicing, leaving some stems to grow larger
- J** **West Gate** for timber extraction
- K** **Bluebells** and **wood anemones** flourish here
- L** This level area was an old **charcoal** burner's platform
- M** **Hemlock**, like most conifers, casts a heavy shade
- N** Seasonal **stream** – woodland absorbs water and prevents flooding
- O** More **diversity** of tree species provides more habitat for wildlife (Turn left here for a direct route back to the café)
- P** Mature **oaks** are left to grow as "standards" amongst coppice
- Q** Area of **heathland**, was the site of a Roman bloomery furnace
- R** **Sweet chestnut** is the preferred timber for fencing
- S** This magnificent **beech** is the largest tree in our wood
- T** **Birds of prey** can sometimes be seen or heard here
- U** Short detour to the **stumpery**, a good woodland viewpoint
- V** Look out for **squirrel**-nibbled pine cones and chestnuts
- W** **Scots pine**, planted in the 1950s
- X** Many **fungi** grow here
- Y** Wilderness Wood shares this boundary with **Tinkers Park**
- Z** **Cleft post and rail fencing** is one of several products from our working wood