



Seek out the animal sculptures

Hidden within the woods near Wraxall are small stone sculptures waiting to be discovered by keen-eyed walkers.

Walk information

Distance:

About one mile

Difficulty:

Easy/medium. Steep steps on path from Jacklands Fishing Lake. Stony/uneven tracks through the woods, with some sharp uphill sections.

Duration:

Allow a leisurely 90 minutes



How to get there

The main pedestrian entrance to Towerhouse Wood is directly from Towerhouse Lane along the grass track. There is no easy parking here though.

Instead, free parking is available at Jacklands Fishing Lake, on Clevedon Road, if you support the farm shop. It sells fresh trout, smoked trout paté, local produce and refreshments. Trail maps can also be picked up here.

Ty Sculpture Trail opened last year in Towerhouse Woods, between Nailsea and Wraxall, in memory of local resident Ty Partridge.

Ty died suddenly at the age of 21 of leukaemia but as a child he loved exploring the paths, climbing trees and building dens in the woods.

He would always ask for a treasure trail through the woods for his birthday party so the idea of creating a trail in his memory was born.

All the woodland animal sculptures are dotted along the paths so you have to seek them out and become a 'noticer' of nature.

The sculptures have all been carved by Piers Partridge and Phil Carter, the father of Ty's best friend Sam.

Life followed the route from Jacklands Fishing Lake. Follow the sign and cross the crystal-clear stream from the car park.

Follow the path up past the houses. There are some very steep steps to get up onto the trail so it might not be suitable for all.

There is then a steady climb up into the woodland before levelling off.

Follow the signs pointing the way to the Ty Sculpture Trail. The path then forks and you can take a circular route around in either direction.

Other paths lead off from the main one, if you want to explore the woods further.

On your way around look out for an old lime kiln, a fern valley and a giant Redwood tree.

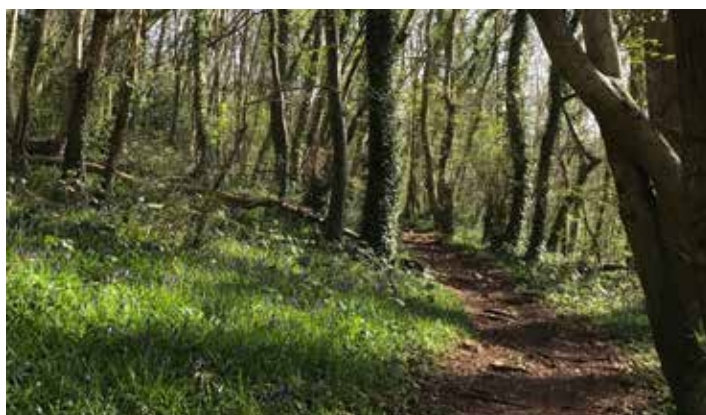
The red dots on the trail map indicate the locations of the sculptures, so keep your eyes peeled.

If you picked up a trail card, the reverse shows which animals you can find. Tick them off as you go along.





Map courtesy of the Woodland Trust. The red dots indicate sculpture locations.



Visit www.tysculpturetrail.co.uk for information about the trail and all the animals featured in the sculptures.

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Towerhouse Wood is owned and cared for by the Woodland Trust. Visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk or call 033 033 33 300

Jacklands Fishing Lake is open Tuesday-Sunday (and bank holiday Mondays) from 8am to dusk for fishing. Fly fishing, coarse fishing and a learners' lake are available. The tea room and farm shop are open 9am to 5pm.