

Take a walk around Trendlewood



Glimpse into Nailsea's fascinating history and landscape from its newest community park during this pleasant, level walk, courtesy of the Friends of Trendlewood Park volunteer group and Nailsea and District Footpath Group.



Walk information

Distance: 2.5 miles
Difficulty: level route, no stiles
Duration: approx 1hr
Map: OS Explorer 154

How to get there

Start at map ref: 478703 (OS 154)
Car: The walk starts in Nailsea, at the t-junction with Station Road and Ash Hayes Road. Some lay-bys are available further up Ash Hayes Road. Please park considerately if using on-street parking.

Begin at the public footpath on Station Road to the right of the pink house, Trendlewood Cottage.

Follow the footpath to the gate and enter Nowhere Wood, which is part of Trendlewood Community Park.

Nowhere Wood is small mixed woodland of 1.4 hectares which is both ancient and 'secondary' woodland that has grown up on the remains of a disused pennant sandstone quarry.

Continue along the path until you reach a crossroads and go right here. This accessible path was laid using funds donated by the Forestry Commission.

Keep following this main gravel path as it winds through the wood, past a pond on your right and then a quarry face. The quarry is designated as a Regionally Important Geological site and since Roman times the sandstone was used for building, floor and roof tiles and dry stone walls.

At a t-junction in the path turn right, then right again to exit the wood, alongside a garden wall. This leads to a public open space with a play area on your right.

Continue on the tarmac path. On your right you'll see two sandstone gateposts which date back to when the area was farmland.

From here cut across the grassy area on your left, heading towards Trendlewood Way with the Old Farmhouse pub in front of you. Volunteers have helped enhance this grassy area with new planting.

Cross Trendlewood Way and turn immediately left beyond the railings, walking through a gap between the trees and hedge.

A footpath will then be on your left, which leads from the park into a cul-de-sac. Continue ahead, cross the road, and along the footpath opposite until you reach a t-junction with a bridleway lined with mature trees.

Turn right onto the bridleway and you will pass a pretty stone cottage. This is East End House, a listed former farmhouse with a small coal mine in its grounds. Many coal mines operated in Nailsea between the 16th and 19th centuries.

Continue on the tarmac footpath, cross the road and continue ahead along the path until you reach another, grassy bridleway. This route runs alongside the eastern edge of Nailsea and is another part of Trendlewood Community Park. The parish boundary is marked here by a small river and ancient hedgerow.

Turn left onto the bridleway, cross the wide, grassy area and continue ahead. You are now following part of the Nailsea Round route, devised by the Nailsea and District Footpath Group. There are wide views across the valley towards Backwell.

Carry on to the end of the grassy area and a small path will be on your right, leading to a gate. Go through here, cross the road, and go through the kissing gate opposite.

Follow the path along the right edge of the field, go through a wooden kissing gate on your right, then head left and keep to the left edge of the next field.

Turn left at the gate at the hedge and follow the well-marked track back towards the houses. Go through a kissing gate and continue ahead on the path through the Elms housing estate. The name Bell Pit Brow is a reference to the early coal mining carried out here.



Cross the road and continue along the tarmac path, which becomes part of Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 33.

Cross Trendlewood Way and walk along Golden Valley bridleway. This is an ancient route which was recently upgraded by Nailsea Town Council and Sustrans as an all-weather surface for cyclists and pedestrians.

You will shortly come to another path on your left, where the stone wall ends. This path runs around Middle Engine Pit, a scheduled ancient monument which contains the most complete footprint of a 19th century coal mine in England. Remains of buildings can be glimpsed through the trees.

At the end, cross the road and continue on the tarmac path which leads into the open grassy area. Historically this area was known as Nowhere, an ancient rural hamlet between two parishes.

Cut straight across the grass, to the gap between the trees, and go over the next field to re-enter Nowhere Wood in the far right corner. Continue on the main path and The Old Quarry house will be on your right. Follow the path back to your starting point.



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