

Walks for All - Macclesfield Forest

A short walk through the tranquil forest to the shores of Trentabank Reservoir.

Grade	Easy walking
Distance	300 metres / ¼ mile, circular walk, signposted from the car park
Time	15 – 30 minutes, plus time to enjoy the views over the reservoir
Start	Trentabank Visitor Centre near Langley
Map	OS Explorer 268. Postcode for satnav: SK11 0NS
Terrain	Generally level yet uneven paths with some loose material
Barriers	Hand gates that open both ways
Toilets	None
Contact	Tel: 01260 252832



Route Details

Macclesfield Forest is the last remnant of the Royal Forest of Macclesfield and is now a working forest managed by United Utilities. Situated within the Peak District National Park, the forest is mainly pine with a native broad leaf tree planting programme. The forest is home to a herd of red deer and the Trentabank Reservoir is host to a number of wildfowl species and the largest heronry in the Peak District.

Access: Macclesfield Forest is situated to the east of Macclesfield. The Trentabank car park is accessed from the A523 via Langley. Postcode for satnav: SK11 0NS. A minibus-accessible pay and display car park is available. 3 designated bays are available for disabled parking and blue badge holders can park free of charge. The nearest public transport is by bus to Langley 2.5km /1½ miles from the visitor centre.

Toilets: Toilets are available including an accessible toilet with a RADAR lock.

Refreshments: Refreshments are available in the summer and at winter weekends. There is a large, grassy picnic area which includes one table that has a space for wheelchair users.

Further information: Contact the Peak District National Park Authority Ranger Service which has a visitor centre on site.

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