

Easy Access Sculpture Trail

Welcome to Oxhey Woods

At almost 100 hectares, Oxhey Woods is the largest Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in Three Rivers District.

A circular trail runs through the southern woodland. It is suitable for families with young children, people with limited mobility and wheel chair users.

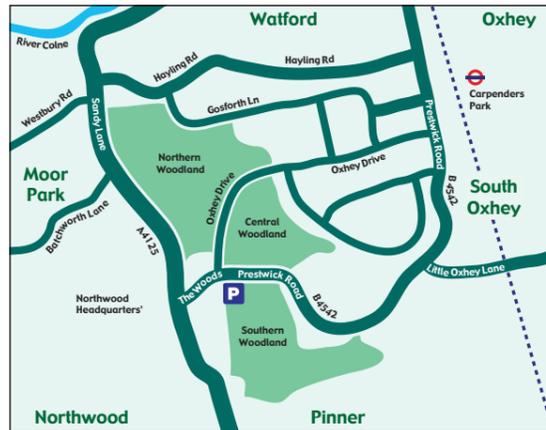
Along the route you will find a series of sculptures, the work of several artists, made with natural materials and locally sourced wood.

We hope you enjoy your journey around this fantastic woodland!

The Route:

- Starts and finishes at the car park.
- Easy 1 km circuit with regular rest stops and site interpretation.
- The path is a minimum of 1.5m width and 2m along most of the route.
- Recommended direction for wheelchair use: clockwise
- Height restriction on entry to carpark: 1.9m
- RADAR key access for larger mobility vehicles.

How to get to Oxhey Woods LNR



By Road:

There is a car park in the southern part of the woods at the junction of Prestwick Road and Oxhey Drive.

By Bus:

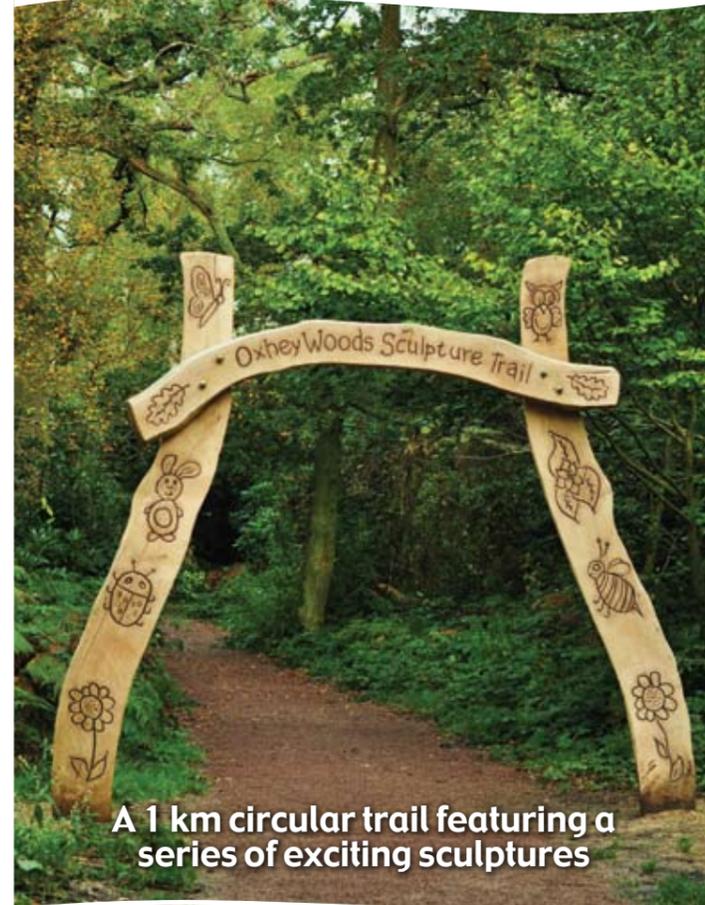
There are regular buses along Prestwick Road, Sandy Lane and Oxhey Drive. Contact Traveline on 0871 2002233 or www.intalink.org.uk

By Rail:

Oxhey Woods are a 15 minute walk from Carpenders Park Station. Turn left out of the station car park and take the next right onto Oxhey Drive. Continue up Oxhey Drive until you reach the woods.

Oxhey Woods LNR is owned and managed by Three Rivers District Council
Tel: 01923 776611 or www.threerivers.gov.uk

The Countryside Management Service works with communities across Hertfordshire to help them care for and enjoy the environment.
Tel: 01462 459395 or www.hertslink.org/cms



A 1 km circular trail featuring a series of exciting sculptures



Oxhey Woods Local Nature Reserve

A trail of discovery for children

Someone has been busy creating exciting sculptures, use the following clues to find them all!

1

Moving from the car park to the picnic area, look high into the trees to find our largest land insect. Do you know what it's called?

2

Walk under the arch and down the sloping path to find our most common amphibian - which is an animal that lives in and out of water. What do you think it is?

3

Walk on to find a sculpture you can look through and that frames a lovely woodland scene. Can you put yourself in the picture? Perhaps you can have your photo taken?

4

Moving along the path can you discover a familiar scene from your home which looks out of place here in the woodland? Why not sit down and see what's on the box?

5

Keep walking till you discover a piece of sculpture that makes music. Search around for a stick and strike the wooden keys to make some sounds.

6

We are near the end of the trail now - can you discover the final sculpture? It is also carved in wood and has buildings that look like little houses. I wonder who might live here? If you look closely, can you see all the little holes and gaps which are perfect homes for creepy crawlies?

We hope you enjoyed your visit to the sculpture trail and discovered lots of exciting new things. Why not tell your friends and family about them and encourage them to come along... see you soon!

You can find out more about the trail and upload pictures of your visit on facebook:



www.facebook.com/OxheyWoodsSculptureTrail

To discover more about the trail, scan here:



The Artists:



Daniel Cordell

Dan is a local artist instinctively drawn to wood and specialises in large-scale green wood carving. His tool of choice is the chainsaw, though he may use, adapt or make other tools for the job in hand.

Dan studied at fine art sculpture at Loughborough University and since 2003 has produced sculpture from his studio in Hertfordshire. He also travels the globe participating in competitions, symposia and charity carving events.

Will Embliss

Will studied early woodwind instrument making at the London College of Furniture and has been making tuned percussion instruments since learning to play the balafon in Senegal in the 1980's. More recently he has been producing public art and making instruments for schools and playgrounds.

Will also performs and composes music and plays Trumpet & Valve Trombone. He was the founder member of the Bollywood Brass Band, Crocodile Style and Zubop, and also plays with other bands and musicians.



The Treepirates

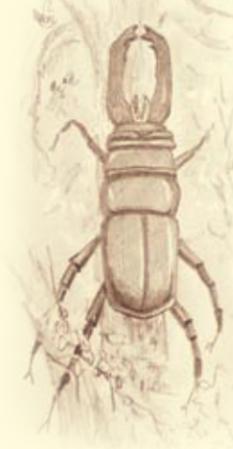
The Treepirates work with wood in all its myriad forms, but mostly recycled timber which is worked with chainsaws or chisels, to create individual expressions of the 'good in the wood'.

As a collective, they draw satisfaction from giving dead trees a new lease of life and making them the focus of a local community. As individual artists in their own right, the Treepirates pride themselves on being the largest collective of its kind in England, if not the world!

1 'Stag Beetle'
by The Tree Pirates

Suspended high in a large oak tree, the impressive stag beetle is our largest land-living insect.

Trees play a very important role in supporting wildlife, particularly oaks, which provide food and a home to more than 400 species of insect.



2 'Entrance Arch'
by Dan Cordell

Access the trail through a sturdy wooden arch constructed from local Oak. The artist has made use of the natural curve of a branch, which has been split and fastened together to create an attractive shape and pleasing symmetry.

The carvings on the front of the arch were interpreted from drawings made by local school children of some of the wildlife found in the woodland.



3 'Frog'
by The Tree Pirates

Resting in the middle of the pond a frog, carved by chainsaw, illustrates the variety of wildlife to be found in Oxhey Woods such as this amphibian which lives in and out of water.



4 'What a Picture'
by Dan Cordell



This finely carved sculpture frames just one of countless beautiful woodland views that can be enjoyed along the trail. The frame features the attractive shapes and forms of leaves and seeds that can be found in woodland.

7 'Community'
by Dan Cordell



This sculpture illustrates that people and nature are all part of a 'one earth' community and that we all share the same space and resources!

Carved from a single piece of oak, its more than just a piece of art to be admired. Look closely and you will see it also serves as home for many insects, with lots of nooks and crannies for a variety of bugs to live in.



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6 'Xylofence'
by Will Embliss

This instrument provides an opportunity for you to experiment with sound in Oxhey Woods. Made from Sweet Chestnut trees harvested in Oxhey Woods, it was made for playing, so don't hold back - find a stick and create some sounds.



5 'Living Room'
by Dan Cordell

This interesting sculpture provides an image of something very familiar to us; a living room scene set in the very unusual surroundings of the woodland.

The artist carved the sculpture from locally sourced Oak with his preferred tool, the chainsaw, using other tools to give a smooth finish.

