


WELCOME TO WELLESLEY WOODLANDS

 **Oak Trail**
1.1km/0.7 mile




All about oaks

English oak trees live for hundreds of years, outlasting entire generations and weathering the worst of storms. Oak is a hardwood and has been used for a variety of things over the years, such as building ships, making furniture and barrels to age wines and spirits, and tanning leather.

This trail will lead you through part of the spectacular woodland of Duke's Wood. These woods have been used for military training for many years. To the north of Duke's Wood, the Basingstoke Canal provides walkable links to Lake & Canal Side and the further reaches of Wellesley Woodlands, and there are benches along the route where you can sit and enjoy the views over the canal.




Look out for the love seat community sculpture along the way – it's made from a single piece of cedar trunk.

What to look for

-  There are hundreds of species of insects living in, on or under each oak tree.
-  Birds nest in the expansive branches of oak trees and bats roost in the hollow interiors, all feeding off the insects that share their home.
-  Fungi thrive on the dead wood, recycling the oak back into the forest.



Key

-  Oak Trail – 1.1km
(Sections closed at times of military operation)
-  Access Point
-  Parking

The countryside code

Respect – Protect – Enjoy

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

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