

IMPORTANT
To complete this walk will also need to download the RIVERSIDE TRAIL guide

Distance: 4 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Start/finish:
Dorothy's Wood car park.

Nearest postcode:
B50 4NP

OS Grid Ref:
SP1174551321

WHAT3WORDS:
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Terrain:
Clearly marked woodland trails that can become muddy!

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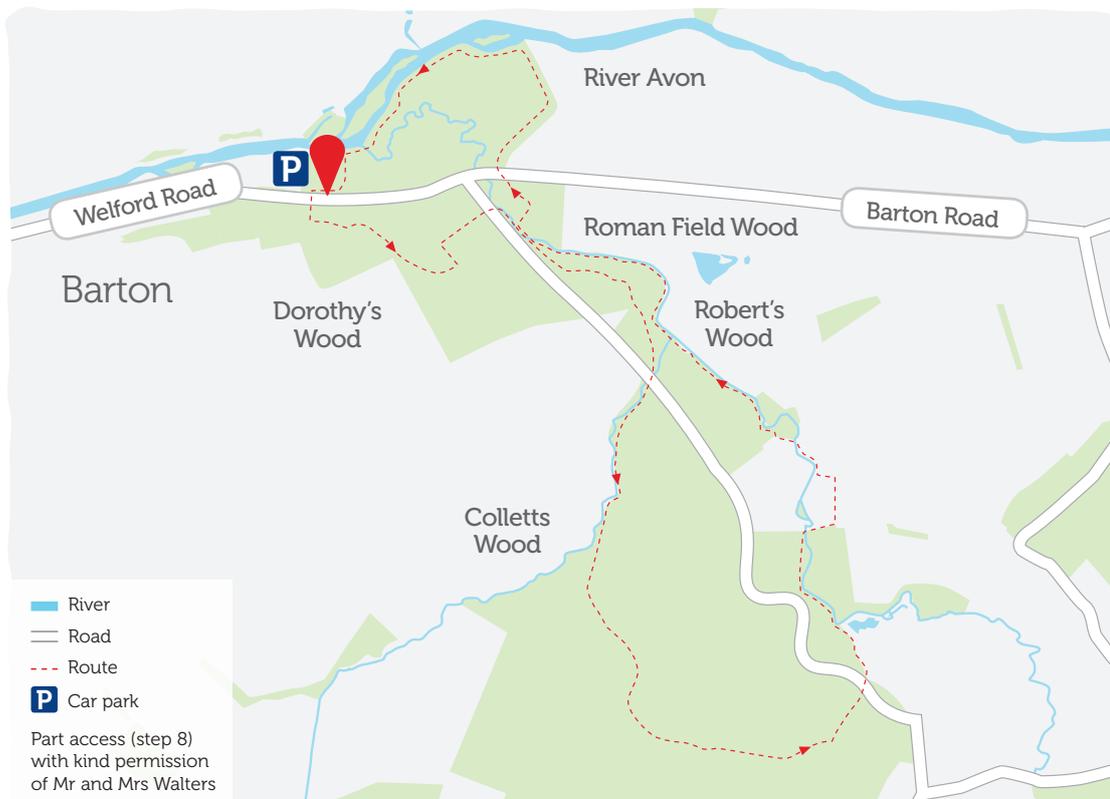


FOUNDER'S MEMORIAL
In Dorsington Wood you'll find the Founder's Memorial – celebrating the life of the forest founder Felix Dennis – inscribed with his poetry and vision for the forest.

TREE SPOT:
BLACK POPLAR
Often found near river banks or streams, black poplars can grow to 30 metres and can live for 200 years. It's a rare and declining species across the UK.

Get walking in the Heart of England Forest

Come and explore the Heart of England Forest by following our Founder's Walk walking trail, starting at Barton near Dorsington. This easy-to-follow walk will take you through the beautiful beginnings of your new native broadleaf forest – you're bound to fall in love with it just like we have.



A longer stroll through the growing forest, taking in newly planted saplings, more mature woodland and meandering brooks.

Follow the orange waymarkers along the route.



1. Follow the RIVERSIDE TRAIL to step 6.

2. Carry on along the brook to just before the fallen willow tree, then turn right into the younger broadleaf tree planting.

3. Follow the winding path until you emerge into an open glade of newly planted woodland. Cross the glade diagonally and enter Robert's Wood. Take a right onto the track, walk uphill, take a left down past a bench, then bear right.

4. Keep straight on at the crossroads, then left at the woodland edge. Go through the gate on your right, over the bridge and cross the road. Head through the gate on the right into Colletts Wood. Follow the path along the brook.

5. Continue on the winding footpath, with the brook on your right. You'll reach Colletts Pond with its wild flowers. Just past the pond, turn left then right through the hedge into a young wooded area.

6. Continue straight on, up hill, crossing the grass farm track and turning right to follow the hedge until you find the gap leading into Dorsington Wood.

7. Drop down left into Dorsington Wood along the central path. Carry on down through the woodland on the wide side. At the bottom, take the right fork and go over the footbridge. Then take a left along Willow Walk and the stream.

8. Head through the gate at the end on to the road, turn left across the bridge, then turn right

at the Dorsington sign. Head through another gate and onto the path. Follow this path over a footbridge and enter Tall Trees. Cross back over the brook and onto a path surrounded by mature poplar trees.

9. At the next gate, turn right over the concrete bridge. Follow this path and, at the gate, turn left back over the brook and take a right to follow the brook, with it on your right.

10. Cross over a bridge into Robert's Wood, taking the path on your right following the brook. This leads back to the fallen willow and the footbridge into Roman Field Wood.

11. Pick up directions from step 7 of the RIVERSIDE TRAIL