

Ruislip Woods Walks

Blue Route

The 331 bus can be accessed from Uxbridge, Ruislip, Harefield Denham and Northwood.

The Blue Route is one of a suite of easy access guided footpaths that run through Ruislip Woods.



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The Blue Route starts from the Six Bells Pub in Ducks Hill Road and finishes at the summit of Ducks Hill Road. It can be walked either way round.

Leaflets can be obtained from the Woodland Centre at the Lido, public libraries and from the Civic Centre in Uxbridge.



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**Easy Access Path
From Six Bells Pub to
top of Ducks Hill
Road**

Accessible by Bus Route 331

Follow the posts marked with a blue disc and arrow

Follow the lane beside the Six Bells Pub. Go through the gate at the end into a field. Continue until you see the first blue sign.

1. The first arrows will guide you through oak, hornbeam and cherry woodland.

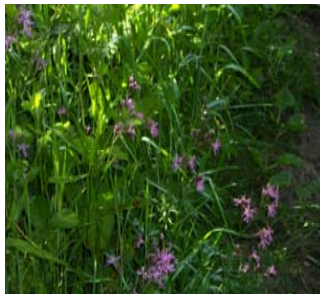
2. You will soon emerge into an open gorse area. Gorse is one of the only plants to flower in Winter.

The yellow flowers are protected by long sharp thorns from grazing animals such as deer.



3. If you look right of the next post, you may see a pink flower called Ragged Robin.

This is one of the only places to spot it in the Woods. It flowers from late May to late June.



4. Soon you will reach the first bench on the left. Sit here for a while and watch for a passing raptor in the field. It is possible to see kestrel, hobby and sparrow hawk from this bench.

5. Continue on the trail for a while passing the white, Mad Bess Cottage on the left. This cottage was built in the 1800's, for the gamekeeper of the day. It is built on the site of a former woodman's cottage.

6. Soon you will reach the Scout's open-air chapel. The chapel is a memorial to Ruislip Scouts who lost their lives in the world wars. A memorial service is held by the Ruislip Scouts on remembrance Sunday.



7. Taking a sharp right up the path you will notice earth banks on either side. This section of path called the 'Main Drive' is the surviving portion of a vanished lane system which formally linked Jackets Lane and Breakspear Road.

8. As you turn right at the cross-roads you will notice a large maple tree on the right. Maples are easily identified by their rounded, 5 lobed leaves.



9. Why not take a seat near the maple and listen to the woodland bird song. In late May and early June you may here the elusive cuckoo.

10. As you walk along the last stretch of path, on either side you should see a variety of flowers including, red campion (pictured), herb Robert, herb bennet, yellow pimpernel and cow parsley.



On reaching the end of the Blue Route, turn right down Ducks Hill Road until you reach the 331 bus stop.