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**DID YOU
KNOW THERE'S
A FOREST
ON YOUR
DOORSTEP?**

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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

With so much building and redevelopment going on around us, it's sometimes easy to lose sight of the fact that our region is actually one of the greenest in the country with over 1,000 hectares of new woodland and forest for us to enjoy.

This handy little guide pinpoints 7 local woodland sites that you could visit. So why not get out there and fill your lungs with some fresh air and take a walk on the wild side

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A FEW RED ROSE FOREST SITES

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| 1. Viridor Wood | 5. Byrom Wood |
| 2. Barlow's Wood | 6. Windy Bank Wood |
| 3. Horrocks Wood | 7. Colliers Wood |
| 4. Hurst Wood | |

Contact The Forestry Commission for details for other woods -
or see our website at www.forestry.gov.uk

1. VIRIDOR WOOD



From Colliery to community woodland! With large open spaces, great views, sculptures and car parking Viridor Wood is an ideal way to spend an afternoon. Linking in to Three Sisters Country Park and the Leeds and Liverpool Canal you can explore further afield from here.

HOW TO GET THERE

Mid way between Stubshaw Cross and Bryn Gates on the A58 Bolton Road, buses regularly stop at the entrance to Viridor Wood, and it's just a short walk from local villages. Alternatively our car park is set back from the road (height restriction).



WALKS ON SITE

Set over three areas there is the opportunity to explore as you wish from a quick five minute stroll up to a whole day exploring Viridor Wood and the neighbouring country park and canal.

2. BARLOW'S WOOD



Three farms and two collieries, Barlow's Wood has seen some change over the past centuries. Now rejuvenating as a mosaic of wetland and new woodland there is an abundance of flora and fauna.

HOW TO GET THERE

Barlow's Wood can be easily found in Bickershaw, adjacent to Bickershaw Lane (B5237) near the brow of the old Railway Bridge, alternatively enter from Rivington Drive. There are regular buses which stop near by.



WALKS ON SITE

From short walks to grab a bit of fresh air, to several hours meandering round the trails taking in the varying wildlife and habitats

3. HORROCKS WOODS



Set within the foothills of Winter Hill, Horrocks Wood is a fantastic place to visit. On clear days views to Jodrell Bank Observatory and beyond can be enjoyed.

HOW TO GET THERE

Regular buses run to nearby Smithills Country Park. A 20 minute walk from here links in to Horrocks Wood. Alternatively if travelling in a vehicle, at Scout Road our car park provides ample spaces (height restriction).



WALKS ON SITE

The network of paths at Horrocks Wood suit all explorers, from a short 10 minute loop up to several hours taking in all the Wood and the adjoining Smithills Country Park.

4. HURST WOOD



Combining ancient woodland valleys, new tree planting and open meadows Hurst Wood is a beautiful area. Set adjacent to the Irwell valley with great views across to Manchester and Winter Hill, Hurst Wood is always worth a visit.

HOW TO GET THERE

With regular buses stopping near Outwood Park and a car park this is an ideal place to start your visit. A short walk along the Outwood Trail brings you to an entrance into Hurst Wood. Alternatively on foot from Whitefield a short walk down Copper Lane (no vehicle access) brings you to Hurst Wood.



WALKS ON SITE

There are circular walks with impressive vistas to suit everyone at Hurst Wood. It has good links in to the Outwood Trail and local rights of way network.

5. BYROM WOOD



Until recently Byrom Wood was mixed farmland. Woodland creation, open meadows and a circular trail brings a new experience for the local community of Lowton

HOW TO GET THERE

Isolated from the road network a network of public footpaths lead in to Byrom Wood. To the north of Golborne High School a public footpath leads through a farmyard and after 5 mins walk the entrance to Byrom Wood is found.



WALKS ON SITE

A brisk walk around the circular path will take around 20 mins although resting at the conveniently located benches to admire the views and take in the wildlife add on as long as you need.

6. WINDY BANK WOOD



Established on former farmland with tranquil walks through the edges of ancient peatland, open meadow and newly created woodland. Windy Bank Wood is a great place to unwind from the stresses of modern life.

HOW TO GET THERE

Opposite The Foresters Arms Public House a short walk down Jennets Lane (no vehicle access), turning right over the bridge brings you to Windy Bank Wood. There are regular buses to Glazebury. Alternatively parking is permitted at Bents Garden Centre, Glazebury.



WALKS ON SITE

Once at Windy Bank Wood explore the forest paths from a short 5 min loop, up to several hours gently strolling through woodland, open meadow and mossland. Why not join the Glazebrook Trail which passes through Windy Bank Wood to extend your walk.

7. COLLIERS WOOD



Over 30 years ago this was an active coal mine with colossal spoil heaps bordering up to the local houses. The 130 hectare woodland has since been dramatically landscaped to create open spaces and great vistas across to Winter Hill, Astley Green and on a clear day the Welsh Mountains

How to get there

There are over a dozen formal entrances into this large woodland, accessible from Astley, Glazebury, Higher Folds and Tyldesley. There are regular buses to Higher Folds with entrances to Colliers Wood at the end of Coronation Drive and Sandringham Drive.



WALKS ON SITE

From a quick cut through to nearby towns and villages to hours of exploration the network of paths are suitable for all!

*Look out for more
new community woodlands
local to you in the future*

*For further information on all of these new woodlands and
others in the Northwest contact the Forestry Commission
on 01606 882167*

*Further information on neighbouring parks
can be found at*

*Outwood Trail - Bury Tourist Information
0161 253 5111*

*Smithills Country Park - Bolton
01204 334010*

*Glazebrook Trail and Three Sisters Country Park
Wigan Ranger service
01942 605253*

*For information on public transport call
Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (GMPTE)
0161 228 7811, www.gmpte.com*

*To find out what else is happening in
Red Rose Forest call 0161 872 1660*

*The Forestry Commission is working together with
The Mersey Forest and Red Rose Forest to create
new community woodlands in the Northwest.*

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