



Cliveden blue walking trail

Walking trail

Cliveden's spectacular country estate overlooks the River Thames and is open daily for most of the year. There are acres of woodlands to explore and a woodland play trail hidden amongst the trees.

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SatNav for woodlands car park: enter SL6 0HJ

Moderate

45 mins

1.6 miles (2.6 km)

Explorer 172

Dog friendly



A natural play trail | National Trust Images / John Millar

- 1 From the woodland car park follow the path signposted 'viewpoint'. Go through the large kissing gate on your right and continue. The elephant and bear wood carvings will be on your right. Follow the route to the left past the picnic benches.
- 2 Continue down the slope and past the carved wooden Cliveden snails. If you look out at the viewing area ahead you can see views of Berkshire countryside and the River Thames below. You can also see Cliveden House Hotel to your right in the distance. Turn right after this view point and follow the path along the cliff top.

Wood carvings

Discover the elephant, bear and tiger wood carvings as well as the famous Cliveden snails ornately crafted by local woodcarver Nick Garnett. These wooden snails, carved using a chainsaw, were 'imported' from Rome in 1896 and depict the tiny 'papillifera papillaris' snail living in the Borghese Balustrade.

- 3 Continue to follow the main path. If you take a viewing detour please proceed with caution and ensure you return to the main path.

Miles of woodlands

There are miles of woodland paths and hidden trails to explore. Enjoy a family walk and let children's imaginations run wild. Don't forget to also keep a close eye out for the variety of birds, bats and bugs that live here, and if you're feeling adventurous, why not do a spot of bug hunting?

- 4 At the blue marker post, turn right onto an avenue of lime trees.

- 5 Here you can make a detour to your left by following signs to Clive's Den where children can imagine and explore what the woods have to offer. When you have finished your little adventure retrace your steps to the avenue of lime trees. At the end of the avenue, turn right when you reach the junction. Shortly, you'll see a sign to the Play Trail on your right.

Woodland Play Trail

A wild woodland trail with a difference...around every corner you'll find a new place to play and test your climbing, balancing and den building skills. Look out for signs to the Play Trail on your right after you have turned onto Green Drive.

- 6 This avenue, known as Green Drive, leads you back to the woodland car park. At its end the avenue will narrow. Take the kissing gate on your right. Head straight through the central small walkway with fields on your left before entering a sheltered woodland area back to the woodland car park.

End: Woodland car park, grid ref: SU909832



