

# Coxmere Wood

## Get walking in the Heart of England Forest

Come and explore Coxmere Wood in the Heart of England Forest. This easy-to-follow walk will take you to a pond home to many frogs, toads and dragonflies. You will also see a range of budding trees in your new native broadleaf forest – you're bound to fall in love with it just like we have.



**Distance:** 1.5 miles



**Difficulty:** Easy



**Start /finish:**  
Coxmere Wood car  
park. Nearest postcode:  
CV37 8DB



**OS Grid Ref:**  
SP 13783 50743



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**Terrain:** Clearly  
marked woodland trail.  
Easy going - but can get  
muddy in the winter!



Things to look out for



### Frogs and toads

Common frogs differ from Common toads with their smooth, moist skin, slightly longer back legs and more angular head and body shape.



### Dragonflies

There are at least 34 types of dragonfly in Britain and many are renowned for their striking colours. They are quick to colonise new ponds, especially shallow ones.

## Explore the young saplings taking root in the Heart of England Forest.

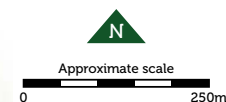
1. From the car park head south-west along the hedge **1**. The first half of the walk follows this boundary.
2. With the hedge on the left, cross the bridge keeping between the fence and hedge **2**. The woodland on your right was planted in 2015. Quite soon you'll pass a small pond on the left, look out for frogs and dragonflies!
3. You should now find a small group of mature but relatively short oak trees in front of you **3**. There are not many hedgerow oak trees around Dorsington. Rarer still is the young self-set oak near these trees on the right hand side of the path.
4. Carry on down the hedge for a few hundred metres, cross the public footpath and head into Coxmere Wood **4**. These trees were planted in 2003.
5. Keeping the hedge on your left you will spot prolific ash natural regeneration near the mature ash trees **5**. Notice the incredible difference between the number of self-set ash and oak in the area,

which highlight the regenerative qualities of each species; look carefully and you will see the occasional oak in amongst the ash.

6. At the end of this path bear to the right and after a short distance turn right at the sign **6** back into the woodland along the wide ride up a slight gradient.
7. This ride opens up at a cross ride **7**, head straight on up the slope and over the crest. Head out of Coxmere

### Key

-  Woodland creation
-  Grassland
-  Streams, rivers and ponds
-  Heart of England Forest permissive waymarked footpath
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-  Public Rights of Way
-  Heart of England Forest donate car park



Follow the orange waymarkers along the route.



Wood and turn right for a short distance along the public footpath **8** before turning left along a hedgerow, back into the 2015 planting.

**8.** Head towards the far end and exit through the hedge, over the bridge **9** and turn right back to the car park.