










Skipton Castle Woods

A natural oasis in the heart of Skipton

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●●● River valley route

A pleasant, family friendly stroll from the main entrance along Eller Beck, ending at the Great Flood Bridge. This walk is great for spotting birdlife by the water, including ducks, kingfishers, wagtails and dippers. Retrace your steps to exit.


Wood access from town is via the canal towpath. Includes four steps, manageable with single pushchairs. A mainly wide, surfaced path with two short, moderate slopes. Some parts can be muddy after rain.

 **easy** | 1.4km / 1 mile | Allow 1hr

●●● Upper paths extension

Extend your river valley route by exploring the upper paths, accessed at various places in the woodland. Discover views over neighbouring farmland while getting closer to birdlife and the magnificent trees.

A mix of wide, surfaced paths and narrow, uneven sections with some steep drops. Accessed from the river valley via a choice of steps or a steep slope with handrail.

 **moderate** | 1.4km / 1 mile | Allow up to 1hr

●●● Earl of Thanet Trail (see other leaflet)

An enjoyable, active walk through the industrial history of Skipton Castle Woods. Discover the river valley and upper paths on this circular route from town to Skipton Castle, with great views through the trees below.

Mostly wide, surfaced path with some narrow, uneven sections. Includes four bridges, four sets of steps and one steep slope. Some parts can be muddy after heavy rain.

 **strenuous** | 4km / 2 1/2 miles | Allow 2 hrs



Grey wagtail

Grey wagtails are just one of the 28 species of bird recorded here.



Hornbeam

The woodland also contains a scattering of hornbeam (pictured) and sweet chestnut - some over 250 years old.