



## SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS BLACKWATER.

Sat nav. coordinates                    N 50.50.27    W 01.37.16  
Ordnance Survey coordinates    SU 266 057

Blackwater car park is on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive about 4 miles SW of Lyndhurst. There are several circular easy-going walking trails from the car park. They are all very pleasant woodland walks on a good gravel or firm grass/gravel surface. The Tall Trees Trail is particularly attractive; many of the large conifer specimen trees were planted in 1859.

### FACILITIES

The **Picnic area** at the Blackwater car park has metal trays for portable BBQ's on picnic tables.

There is an **ice cream van** during school holidays and usually at week ends Easter-November.

LENGTH of walks - Tall Trees Trail 2.2 km. (1.4 miles)  
Arboretum approx. 1 km. (0.7 mile) depending on route taken.

OBSTACLES.    Gates at entrances to Arboretum  
Chicanes at road crossing points – (minimum width 1.1metres).

### TALL TREES TRAIL – White way markers - Difficulty level 2

**SID** says: At the start of the Tall Trees Trail there is a drop of 12% for 5 metres after the bridge. This is an excellent easy-going walk with gentle slopes and no cross falls. There are information boards and a World War II bomb crater. As this walk is under trees there are inevitably many tree roots on the path, but there is nearly always a way around them.

### ARBORETUM WALKS - Difficulty level 2.

**SID** says: The path up to the Arboretum has a long but gentle slope on firm, but coarse gravel. All the routes marked on the map are accessible, although the Sensory Trail surface has several tree roots intruding on to the path. The grass walk through the middle (**orange path**) is very uneven but is an all-weather surface. It is possible to park at the entrance to the Arboretum by using a Radar key to open the vehicle gate (*see map*).

For more information on the Blackwater area go to the Forestry Commission website.  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest) or the National Park Authority website  
[www.newforestnpa.gov.uk](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk)

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**Note.** At present the western side of the Tall Trees Trail is closed due to a plant disease, 'sudden oak death' which is affecting both the oak trees and the rhododendrons. There is a temporary, fully accessible diversion in place with **blue** marker posts (*see map*). The walk is then 3.1km. (2 miles).

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