



SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS **BOLDERWOOD.**

Sat nav. coordinates N 50.52.36 W 01.39.25
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 243 087

From Lyndhurst drive west on the A35 for 4km. (2.5 miles). Turn right into Bolderwood Arboretum Ornamental Drive and Bolderwood car park is near the far end. There are 3 marked circular walking trails from Bolderwood car park. **All go via the accessible deer viewing platform where the wild Fallow deer are fed daily at approx, 2.00pm from Easter to September.** They are all very pleasant woodland walks on a good gravel or firm grass/gravel surface.

FACILITIES . The **Picnic tables** have metal trays for disposable BBQ's. The **visitor centre** is accessible and it is open week ends April to September, and school holidays. An **Ice cream van** is usually present during school holidays and at week ends Feb-November.

OBSTACLES. Gates around car park with wheelchair-friendly trombone latches. Chicanes at road crossing points.

YELLOW TRAIL 0.8 km (0.5 mile). The Deer Watch Trail. Difficulty level 2

SID says: There is a drop of 10 metres from the Information Centre to the deer viewing platform. The trail back to the car park is fairly steep and you may find it easier to return on the longer route which goes via the picnic area.

GREEN TRAIL 1.6 km (1 mile). The Jubilee Trail. Difficulty level 5.

SID says: This trail drops over 40 metres from the Information Centre, the equivalent of a 13 storey building.

The return section just before returning to the deer viewing platform has sections of 20% gradients and a worrying cross fall of 20% where you need to turn to cross a culvert. We do not consider that this section of the Red and Green Trails comes within our criteria for easy-going walks and we do not recommend this section.

If you feel comfortable on the first steep slope past the Radnor Stone, which also has a noticeable cross fall, you should cope well with our recommended route. You can return to the car park via the trail marked **A** and then return past the Radnor stone. This was a lovely walk on an all-weather surface.

RED TRAIL 3.2 km (2 miles). The Radnor Trail. Difficulty level 5.

There are 2 bridges; the first has a short but steep (17%) gravel slope up to the bridge and a 5cm. step where the gravel has eroded.

SID says: This trail drops over 50 metres from the Information Centre, the equivalent of a 17 storey building. **See my comments in the Green Trail section.** Both trails marked **A** and **B** are firm, smooth gravel or grass. You can use them to vary the length of your walk.

For more information on the Bolderwood area go to the Forestry Commission website. www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest or the National Park Authority website www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

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