

### 73. Sherwood Forest

**Distance**        **7.5 miles/11.5km**

**Ascent**         **114 metres**

**Start/finish**    **Edwinstowe Youth Hostel, NG21 9RN**

Follow the southern edge of the forest L from the start and bear L at the next junction. Continue in the same direction across the Blackpool Plantation and past the Black Pool to a junction with the Robin Hood Way at Vals Hill. Turn R and follow this trail north and to the L of Hanger Hill onto Hanger Hill Drive to a path junction in the Boundary Plantation. Turn R here and follow the edge of the forest east, forking R and heading south-east on a bridleway across Budby South Forest. Follow this trail south back into Sherwood Forest Country Park but detouring off R to visit the Major oak. Return to the same path and follow it south back to the start.

<b>Miles</b>	<b>Km</b>	<b>Directions</b>
0.0	0.0	Follow the southern edge of the forest left or west from the start and bear left at the next junction. Continue in the same direction across the Blackpool Plantation and past the Black Pool to a junction with the Robin Hood Way at Vals Hill.
2.3	3.7	Turn right and follow this trail north onto Hanger Hill Drive to a path junction at SK598694 in the Boundary Plantation.
4	6.4	Turn right and follow the edge of the forest east to a track junction at the corner of Ladysmith Plantation.
5.1	8.2	Bear right onto a bridleway heading south-east through Budby South Forest to a path junction at the northern boundary of Sherwood Forest Country Park.
5.7	9.1	Cross and follow the bridleway south to a junction at SK621680.
6	9.7	Turn right here detouring off the main path to visit Major Oak.
6.2	9.9	Turn left onto the Robin Hood Way and follow it south-east then south back to the start.