

## DRUM MANOR PARKLAND

Drum Manor Forest Park is a small but attractive forest to visit. Way marked trails are provided for the first time visitor, leading them to the main features of interest: the Manor house, the viewpoint from the terrace, the ponds, the old estate woodlands, forest plots, and the butterfly garden.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Opening Hours:** The Forest Park is open from 8.00am until dusk, seven days a week.

**Admission:** Charges are displayed at the entrance to the Forest Park, and are payable at the ticket machine.

**Facilities and Services:** Way-marked trails  
Toilets  
Picnic areas.  
Wheelchair access to the viewpoint

**pre-booking required** Caravan site and camping site  
Forest guides are available to facilitate educational visits  
Venue for Wedding photographs (arranged by permit)  
Special events (arranged by permit)

If you have any special needs arising from a disability, Forest Service will be happy to assist, where we can.

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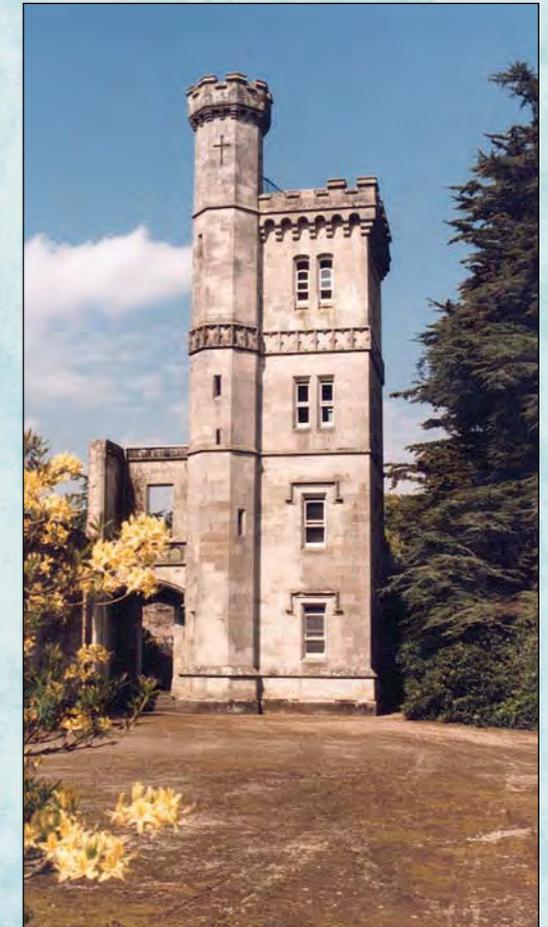
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### History

The "Oaklands" demesne was established around the 1780s by the Richardson family. The Forest Service acquired the estate from the Close family in 1964. The Forest Park was opened in 1970.

### The Manor House

The tower and the ground floor walls of this early Victorian house remain intact. The ballustrated terrace is worth visiting, as the pleasure-grounds and backdrop were specifically designed to provide an impressive vista from this single vantage point.

### The Pleasuregrounds and ponds.

The grounds were developed during a major alteration of the house in the 1870s. They contain a number of interesting tree species, and the layout of the plantings was deliberate to create a special atmosphere.

### The Butterfly Garden

The walled garden contains many species of plants that provide food and shelter for our native butterflies and moths.

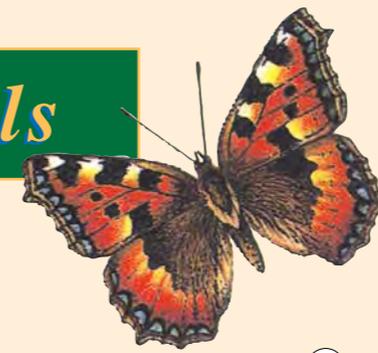
### Forest Plots

The plots were established from 1965 onwards. There are plots of both native and exotic tree species.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Drum Manor Forest Park.

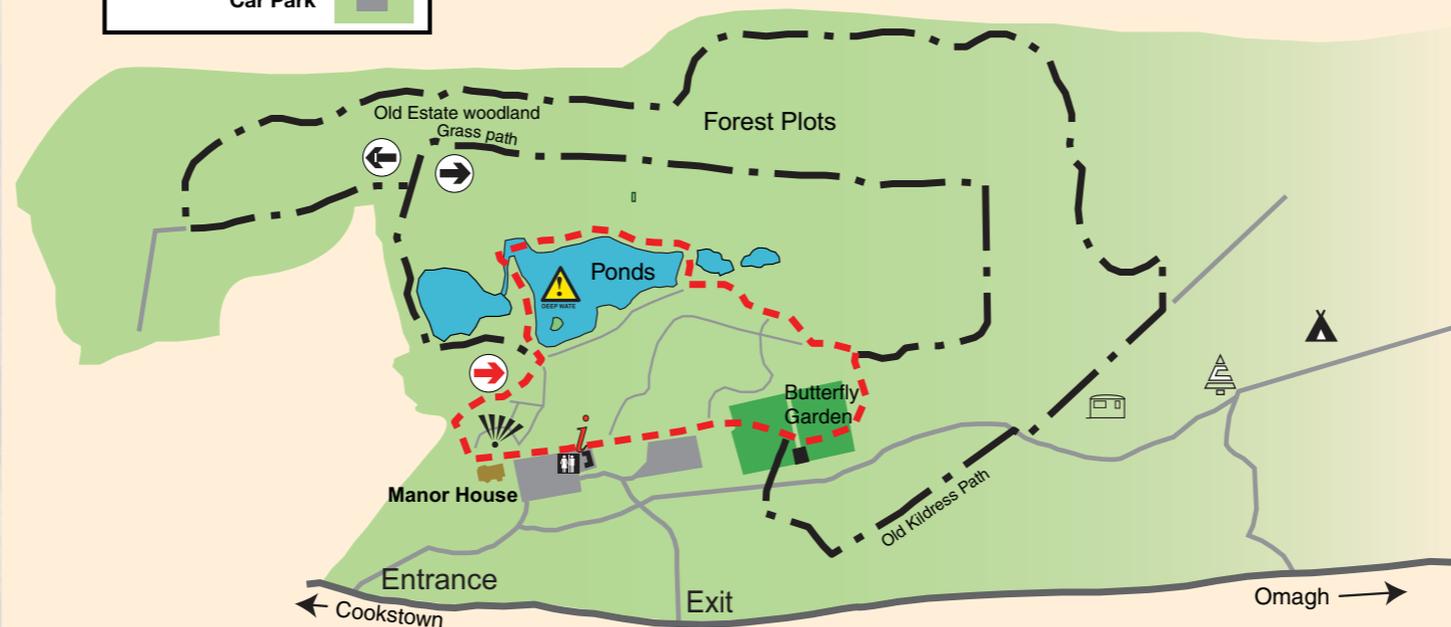


# Way-marked Trails



Information Point	
Caravan Site	
Camping Site	
Touring in Trees Site	
View Point	
Forest Roads	
Car Park	

	Terrace and Pleasuregrounds Trail (1.4 km)	
	Forest Plots Trail (2.1 km)	
	Old Woodlands Trail (3.4 km)	
	Other Forest Roads	



- Red Trail**
- Steps, gullies, tree roots
  - Moderate gradient (1:4)
  - Generally undefined edges
  - Overhanging branches
  - Broken surface material
  - Some Rest Areas at irregular intervals
  - Way-finding Markers at trail junctions

- Black Trails**
- Steps, gullies, fences, streams, boulders
  - Severe gradients
  - Generally undefined edges
  - Overhanging branches
  - All types of terrain
  - Way-finding Markers at trail junctions
  - Grass paths

## WAY-MARKED TRAILS

### Terrace and Pleasuregrounds Trail (1.4 km)



Stroll along the terrace and enjoy the vista from the viewpoint. The path at the far end of the terrace will take you down to the middle slope beside the magnificent cedars, then down to the pond. The path skirts around the back of the pond and eventually up to the Butterfly Garden, which is inside the original walled garden of the demesne.

### Forest Plots Trail (2.1 km)



Leading off the red trail at the large pond, the black trail takes you to a junction where the Black 1 Old Woodland trail separates from the Forest Plots trail. The Forest Plots line both sides of the trail until it rejoins the Red trail. Many of the tree species here have not generally been grown in this country within closely and evenly spaced stands. Examples worth looking at are *Araucaria araucana* (Monkey Puzzle), and *Thuja plicata* (Western Red cedar).

**Walking boots are recommended for this trail.**

### Old Woodlands Trail (3.4 km)



Leading off the Black trail, this trail passes through the old estate woodland that guards the southern boundary of the demesne and shelters most of the demesne from the south westerly winds. Follow the trail to see a young native plantation being managed to produce timber. This trail eventually takes you onto the Old Kildress path, which passes through the Beech avenue. This trail rejoins the red trail at the Butterfly garden.

**Walking boots are recommended for this trail.**