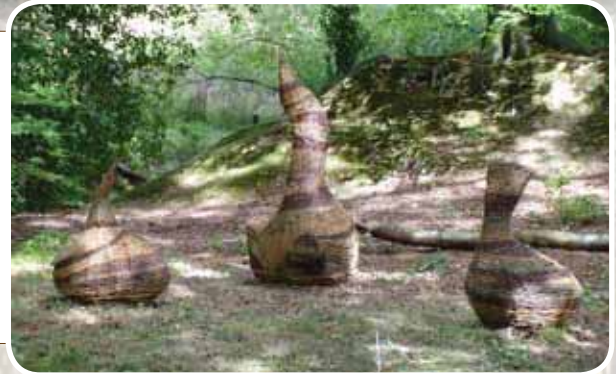


Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods Sculpture Trail



Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods consists mainly of heathland, woodland and wetland. Each habitat supports different wildlife and some of the plants and animals found on the site are very rare - especially on the heathland. It is important to protect and manage the varied habitats to support this range of species.

The Sculpture Trail was created in 2010 to enhance the site, celebrate its wide range of wildlife and increase visitor enjoyment. The sculptures have been created in a variety of media by Artists, Year 9 pupils from The Forest and Millais Schools in Horsham, and volunteers from Horsham Green Gym.



The sculptures can be found around new waymarked trails:

The Woodland Walk is 1 mile long (35 mins) and follows the green arrows through Leechpool Woods.

The Wetland Boardwalk is an extra trail off the Woodland Walk (20 mins). It is marked with blue arrows and follows new boardwalking along the meandering stream at the bottom of Leechpool Woods.

The Heathland Trail is 1 mile long (40 mins) and follows the purple arrows around the heathland of Owlbeech Woods. The Heathland and Woodland trails link together near South Holmes play area and can be followed together or separately.

Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods is part of the former medieval hunting forest of St Leonards, located in an area known as the Weald Forest Ridge. This is the highest ridge of the High Weald – designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and one of England's Finest Landscapes.

The Weald Forest Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme is enabling people to reconnect with their local landscape, access and enjoy it, understand its unique heritage, take part in caring for it and leave a legacy for future generations. For more information go to www.highweald.org

HOW TO GET THERE ON FOOT

The main entrances to Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods include:

- Harwood Road footpath (next to car park)
- Hampers Lane footpath (near Forest and Millais schools)
- South Holmes play area
- Footpath from Roebuck Close
- Footpath (Horsham Riverside Walk) from Pinetops

HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods are located to the east of Horsham just off Harwood Road (B2195) where there is a small surfaced car park. Grid Reference TQ194314

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

Out of respect to other walkers please use poop scoops. Bins are available by the car park and the play area.



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With sculptures created by artists and students from Millais School and The Forest School, Horsham



1 SHADY HAVEN
Living willow dome and hedge with log walk and stools. Created by Horsham Green Gym with artists Jill Parsons and Bec Britain.

2 THE DARTFORD WARBLER *
Woven and living willow bird on stand. Created by Horsham Green Gym with artist Sharon Mee.

3 GERTIE *
Woven willow dog with stick. Created by Adam Bell from The Forest School with artist Sara Holmes.

4 NEW SHOOTS *
Woven willow and birch abstract forms. Created by Emily Hitchens, Rachael Pratt, Rhiannon Moorey, Melissa Robertson, Abbie Brackpool, Eleanor Owens and Saskia Mason from Millais School with artist Sarah Parsons.

5 ADDER
York sandstone pillar with relief-carved snake. Created by artist Guy Stevens.

6 SARAH, WOODY AND BULLSEYE *
Woven willow man, woman and horse. Created by Matthew Uttley, James Holden, Charlie Higginson and Harry Nelder from The Forest School with artist Sara Holmes.

7 DO LIZARDS DREAM?
Oak carved frame with flora and fauna. Created by artist Ami Marsden.

8 ECOSPHERE
Oak carved bench with flora and fauna. Created by artist Anthony Rogers.

9 THE FERN *
Woven willow fern. Created by Jack Alexander from the Forest School with artist Sara Holmes.

10 SILVER STUDDLED BLUE
York sandstone pillar with relief-carved butterflies. Created by artist Guy Stevens.

11 BILLY *
Woven willow squirrel. Created by Harry Jones and Will Hillman from the Forest School with artist Sara Holmes.

12 DRAGONFLY *
Woven willow dragonfly. Created by George Charman and George Lee from the Forest School with artist Sara Holmes.

13 LEAF BOWL
York sandstone leaf and Horsham sandstone base. Created by artist Guy Stevens.

* These woven willow sculptures are designed to be semi-permanent, and will slowly decompose over time.

You are welcome to touch the sculptures but please do not climb on them - they are not as strong as they look!