

Haldon Forest

Easy Going Walk

Haldon Forest, Mamhead and Bird of Prey Viewpoint



DNP map ref: B1
(inside front cover)

OS Explorer 31 ref:
SX 921 807

Forest Enterprise manages a large area of forest on the Haldon Hills near Exeter. This forest is a fine example of how timber production and nature conservation can be combined with spectacular results.

Lying at the south eastern edge of the Great Haldon ridge, and outside the boundary of the Dartmoor National Park, Mamhead offers breathtaking views over the Exe Estuary and the coast. This circular route leads to the viewpoint at the Obelisk which was constructed in 1742, as a navigational aid to shipping. You will also see a good variety of woodland landscape, coniferous and broadleaved trees interspersed with open glades.

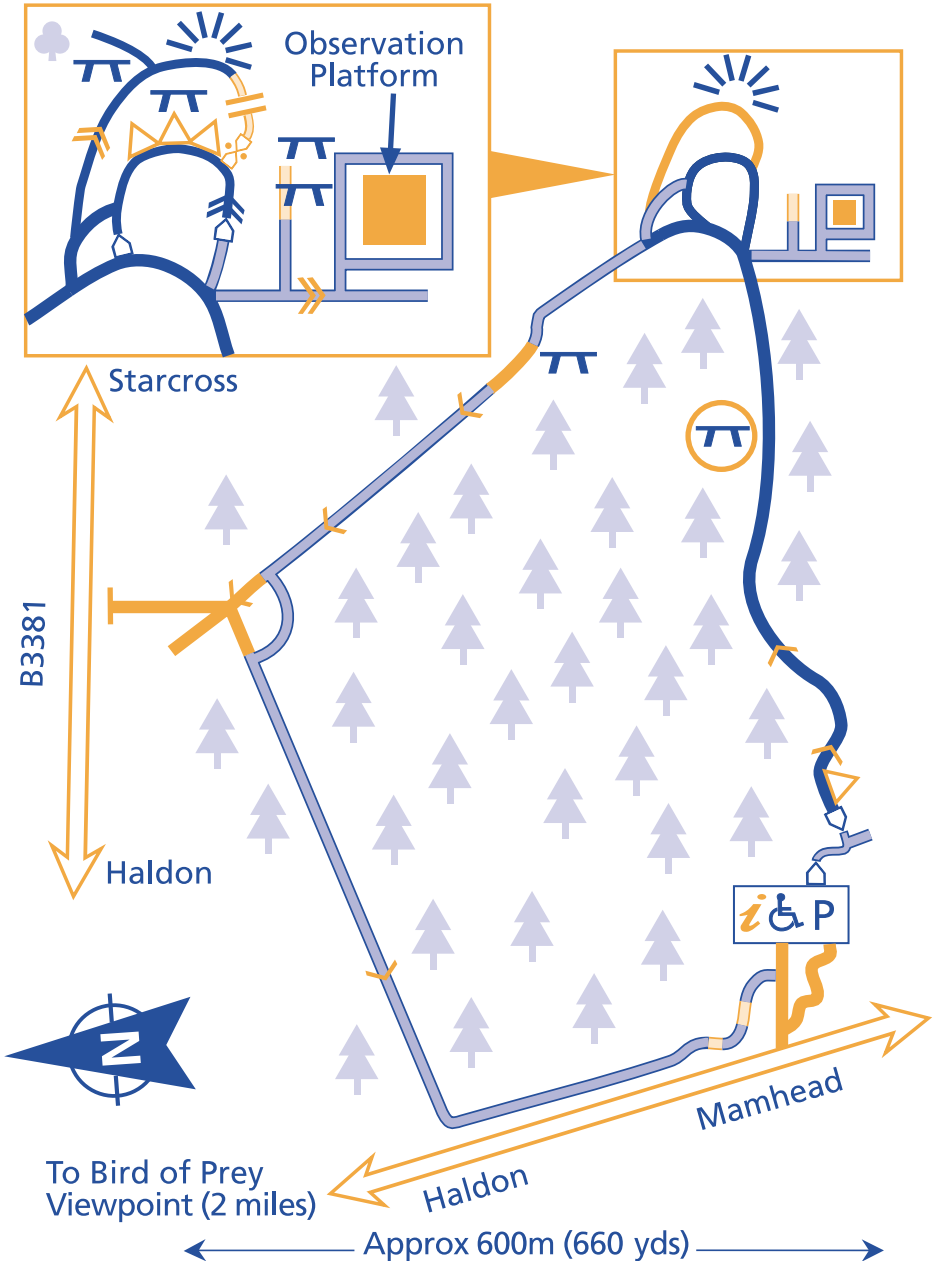
Bird of Prey Viewpoint OS ref: **SX 877 855**

A fully wheelchair accessible path leads to a circular viewing area with a number of wooden benches. There are several disabled parking spaces close to the start of the path.

This observation point on the Haldon ridge offers some of the best views of resident and migrating birds of prey (raptors) in Britain. Thermals associated with sunny or thundery weather provide ideal conditions for raptors to soar or display. Haldon is also a good hunting ground for the birds. It is one of the many 'stepping stones' en route to their northern breeding areas in spring and for their southward journey in Autumn to overwinter in the Mediterranean region or in Africa.

Easy Going Walk

Haldon Forest, Mamhead



Main Key For Walks

 Roads with no accessible pavement

 Bridge

Paths

 Smooth

 Compacted

 Coarse

 Rough

Restrictions

Restricted point

 Wheelchair accessible

 Dots denote wheelchair restricted width

Restricted length

 Wheelchair accessible

 Dots denote wheelchair restricted width

Gradient

 Gradient 1:20 or greater

 Gradient 1:10 or greater
points downhill

Camber

 1:20 or greater

 1:10 or greater

downhill camber in direction of arrow

Obstruction

 Steps  Cattle Grid

 Gate

Facilities

 WC Accessible Toilets

 Disabled Parking

 Parking (no designated spaces)

 Accessible Information Centre

 Information Board

 Refreshments available (sometimes van/kiosk)

 Resting Place

 Restricted Access

 Bird Hide


 Viewpoint

 Orienteering Course

Walks

 Guided Walks /Event starting point

 Circular Walk

 Linear (there and back) Walk

Trees/Woodland

 Broadleaved

 Coniferous

Moorland

