

Further Afield

The Look Out is a great area for running, but there are also adjoining areas which can be linked in for longer runs. Here are a couple.

Swinley Park (East)

Head over the footbridge by Coral Reef, and then cross New Forest Ride at the first roundabout (Bowland Drive) to enter. The area isn't as expansive as the main woods, but there enough trails to be found for a 4-5 mile run.

Broadmoor Woods and Wildmoor Heath

Exit the forest under Foresters Way along the Devils Highway (from Upper Star Post). Once under the road, head straight on into the woods. There aren't too many trails in this section, but you can find enough for 2-3 miles of running.

Alternatively, after going under the road head turn left to follow a trail that runs around the outside of Broadmoor Hospital past a farm and eventually you will reach Wildmoor Heath where there are trails and boardwalk which can form another good run. Return either past the farm where you came in or exit onto Rackstraw Road and run alongside the road for about 600m back to the bottom of the hill of Forester's Way. Turn right into Magdalene Road, and then enter the nature reserve on your left. A path can be found with some tough hills that will eventually bring you back round to the forest on the Devils Highway.

Black Hill and Lightwater

Exit the forest at the A30 by American Golf. Cross the A30 and after about 100m on The Maultway you can re-enter the woods of Black Hill. This patch of woodland has some interesting hills, or you can drop down to the M3 where a tunnel will lead you into Lightwater Country Park and tackle the steep sides of Curley Hill from which there are great views right into the heart of London. You can exit Lightwater Country Park over the M3 footbridge into Bagshot, where you can either head left behind the estate and back into Black Hill woods, or find the footpath leading through Bagshot, cross the A30 and re-enter at Bagshot Church.

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Pass through Wildmoor Heath and towards Sandhurst. Cross the railway line into Ambarrow Court, cross the Wokingham Road into Ambarrow and then down the hill to Horseshoe Lake and the Blackwater River.

Also through Wildmoor Heath, head south along the boardwalks into Sandhurst. Cross into the memorial ground, where you can pick up the Blackwater River path, and head south to Aldershot.

From Curley Hill (Lightwater) head south to Bisley, and then follow Bisley fence clockwise. Some navigation is required, but you can eventually emerge onto the Basingstoke Canal at Brookwood, and then run along the canal in either direction. From The Look Out, this is approximately 10 miles just to the canal!

Happy Running!