

Stansted via Stansted Forest, Forestside, Rosamond's Hill 5.6 miles Ascent 540'

From the Stansted garden centre we go past The Slip CP and across Stansted Forest, then to Forestside and back via Rosamond's Hill. Good views of Stansted House from different points on the route. At the end of the walk you can visit the Tea Rooms, the Garden Centre, and the Farm Shop.

Park and meet at the CP on the right as you approach the Garden Centre (SU758100).

Walk a short distance back along the road to the junction and follow the sign-posted path opposite with trees on the L. Follow this path as it curves L and through a gate on to the road.

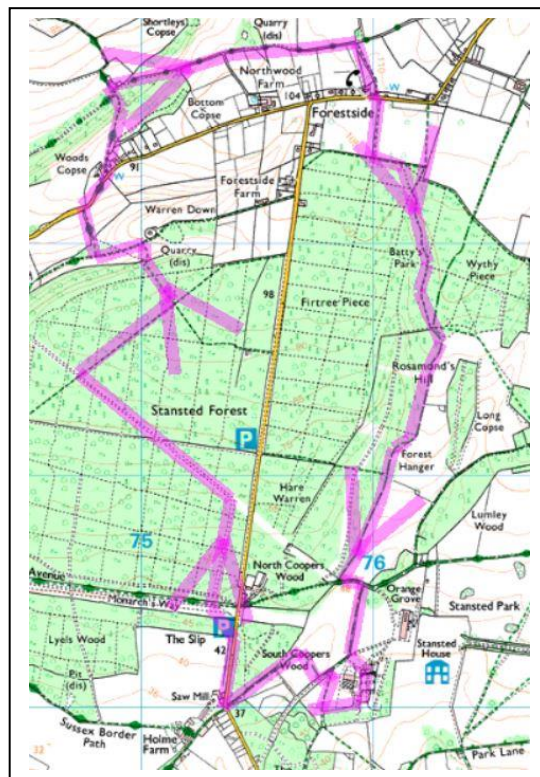
Turn R up the road (can be busy) to The Slip CP on the L. Go across the CP and veer slightly R to a wide track through the woods. Go L for a few metres, then take a well-defined track on the R. Follow this until it veers L – continue to a crossing path at a FP sign – turn R and on to a log seat. Pass with the seat on your R, and veer slightly L to follow the path through the woods.

At the next FP sign turn L and follow the slightly winding path through the woods and through a gate into a field. (Ignore any crossing paths or side-turnings).

Go across the field to a gate, and through this turn L. The path is quite narrow. After another gate veer slightly R to a gate onto a path that leads uphill across a field. At the road (quite busy – single file in a group, walking on the R), turn R and walk about 200m uphill, then cross the road to take a path alongside a house. Follow this through a gate into a field, then across the field to another gate and down a steep track to a cottage. Turn R up a track that climbs steadily (at a fork keep R), and continue for about 10 minutes to a FP sign for a path on the R. Follow this path to a farm on the Forestside road, go L a few metres and cross the road to a path on the R.

Go across the field and through a gate into the forest. Turn L immediately until you reach a RH bend by a gate. Go R and continue for about 100m in this direction to blue BW sign to the L. Make sure you spot this sign, because the track does continue ahead. Follow the clearly defined track past a section of wooden fence and a path junction. Bear R here to follow the path along the edge of the wood (which is on your R) down to the road.

Turn L along the road for about 200m then R along a path that leads across the front of Stansted House. Follow the path to the L to the Tea Rooms, then veer R to the Farm Shop and Garden Centre entrance. Go across the CP to the starting point.



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