

Follow the path

45 minutes walk, 1.2 miles – need wellies in Winter!

BEGIN

At Severndroog Castle, facing the woods with the castle door behind you **1**, turn left and follow the path down.

Take the first flight of steps down past the many benches seen on left and right.

Take the second flight of curved steps down to the left up to the wall. Looking over the view you can see Castle Wood House Rose Garden which you walk through on your return. **2**

Turn left on the path towards Rose Cottage. Pass the cottage on the right-hand side, and follow the path straight ahead.

At the crossroads **3** carry straight on.

At the T junction **4**, follow the path as it bends round to the left.

Continue straight on the rising path **5**, and go past the turning on the right. **6**

The path **7** will open out to a wide space. Here you will see large lawns and find the three gardens to be discovered. Follow the higher path straight ahead - there is a large maple tree in front of you. Where you see the large tree trunks on the ground, there is a small path to the left which leads to a metal gate beyond which you can find the secret Jack Wood Old Walled Garden.

When you have finished in the garden, come back out through the metal gate, follow the path back to the tree stumps. Take the left path which leads to an old doorway. Go through this, ignoring the path to the left.

Walk left around the upper walkway of the Terraced Rose Garden. Follow it around and you will be led down three flights of steps to the main path. Don't forget to look back and see the now defunct water fountain in the wall.

On the main path, turn to the left and go past the formal Jack Wood House Rose Garden on your left.

HALFWAY

At the junction where you see a large metal Green Chain Walk post **8**, take the path that leads sharply off to the right. Walk a short distance downhill **9** where you will step right, off the tarmac path, and into the woods themselves on the rough woodland path.

Keep following the path straight and you will cross over a small wooden bridge **10** that straddles a seasonal stream – depending on the time of year you may see rainwater flowing down it.

Continue straight on this path as it slopes gently uphill, then drops downhill into a wider opening with a crossroads, and then slopes uphill again. Continue on this path for some time – you may not see the second seasonal stream as the path crosses it – and then you will reach the last crossroads where you can see a large treestump in the middle.

Continue straight on the path as drops down into open space with the Castle Wood Meadow in front of you **11**, and joins a tarmac path crossing. Follow the tarmac path a short distance to the right, at the fork take the right path uphill for a short distance, and at the next fork take the left path towards the stone steps. **12**

BACK TO THE CASTLE

Up the stone steps, leads you through Castle Wood House Rose Garden, and straight back to the wall and the original steps you came down. Follow the path back to Severndroog Castle.



Tick all the things you spot

Follow the trail and tick all the things you spot. See if you can get all of them!

- | SIGHTS | TREES |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rose Cottage | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural woven fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Beech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big maple tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver birch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old Walled Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Hornbeam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fountain | <input type="checkbox"/> Ash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terraced Rose Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Service Tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hidden doorway | <input type="checkbox"/> Butchers Broom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big tree stump | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet chestnut |
- | PLANTS | WILDLIFE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazel | <input type="checkbox"/> Fox |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holly | <input type="checkbox"/> Hedgehog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guelder Rose | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladybird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bracken | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckthorn | <input type="checkbox"/> Snail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toadstool | <input type="checkbox"/> Slug |
- | BIRDS |
|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pigeon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackdaw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parakeet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker |

How good a walker were you?

Did you stick to the paths? ☐

Were you careful not to tread on any plants? ☐

Did you take your rubbish with you? ☐

Are you ready for your next walk in the woods? ☐

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