WALKING TRAILS to explore across campus

The University of Warwick boasts over 700 acres of beautiful woodland and green spaces for everyone to discover and enjoy. Walking is great for physical and mental wellbeing and a wonderful way in which to discover the varied wildlife that make our campus so special. Who knows, you might even spot our resident heron along the way!

ROUTE 1
The Lake Trail
Distance – 2.5km
Start point – Piazza
Conditions – Route fully paved

Take a walk along the beautiful lake trail and catch a glimpse of the varied wildlife on campus. This route starts at the Piazza and joins the lake trail behind Bluebell residence. Following the path with the lake on your right hand side you can enjoy the paved trail behind Tocil residence. After crossing a small bridge you continue straight, passing the newly installed diversity-inspired sculpture by British sculptor Laura Ellen Bacon.

Continuing along the route you will come across the university’s Activity Zone - a free-to-use exercise area. After a stop off on the swings the walk continues through Claycroft residence until it joins University Road where you loop back to the start of the trail on the Piazza.

ROUTE 2
Gibbet Hill Woodland Trail
Distance – 2.5km
Start point – Oculus
Conditions – Mostly paved, some grassy sections

Discover the woodland trail by taking a stroll towards the Medical School and enjoy a walk through the woods. Starting at the Oculus you can pick up the lake trail from the bottom of Health Centre Road. Walking with the lake on your left hand side you will soon come to the pedestrian route taking you to the Medical School. Taking a left turn half way up the hill you will find a young, mixed woodland with wide grassy glades which sits adjacent to the mature ancient Tocil Wood. A short loop around the trail will bring you back to the main path from the Medical School where you can make your way back to central campus.

ROUTE 3
Cryfield to Lakeside Trail
Distance – 3.5km
Start point – Sports and Wellness Hub
Conditions – Muddy during winter, some gravel paving

This enjoyable walk takes you along the university’s grass sport pitches at Cryfield, where you can see the popular rugby and football pitches, normally full of life with student sport on a Wednesday afternoon. At the bottom of the pitches follow the path along to the right where you will eventually reach a woodland trail which takes you behind the Sports and Wellness Hub and past Sherborne residence. The route can get a little muddy during winter months but it’s a great way to explore a different side of campus.

ROUTE 4
Cryfield to Claycroft Trail
Distance 3.5km
Start point – Sports and Wellness Hub
Conditions – mostly paved, some grassy sections

Starting at the Sports and Wellness Hub and making your way to Cryfield sport pitches, you will pass the rugby and football pitches. Follow the path to the left, which heads towards the Kenilworth Greenway. Before you reach the ‘kissing gates’ at the end of the path, look out for a hidden left turn which takes you along the lake at the bottom of Cryfield pitches. The path will bring you out onto the other side of the sport pitches where you can walk along the side of the two crick pitches until you reach a wooden stile. From the stile you cross over the road and pick up the lake trail behind Bluebell residence. From here, follow the path until you reach a small bridge. After the bridge take the path to the left which brings you to the ‘Junction’. From here you can find your way back to central campus.