

Finding your way around Coombes Valley

THE TRAILS

Valley Viewpoint

Take a short, five-minute stroll across the meadow and you'll reach Valley Viewpoint. Stop here to enjoy wonderful views, have a picnic and watch for birds of prey. Return by the same path.

Young woodland loop

This 0.6 mile walk through meadows and younger plantation is suitable for sturdy pushchairs. It's a great choice if time is short or your legs are tired!

Valley woodland trail

Enjoy a variety of beautiful habitats – meadows, scrub, woodland and Coombes brook – on this 1.1 mile trail. For a slightly shorter walk, you can cut through Clough Meadow.

Woodcock trail

Venture further into the heart of the reserve, through wilder areas and different types of woodland. This 0.3 mile trail leads you to the Woodcock bench, with its spectacular view across woodland. Return to the Valley woodland trail by the same path.

Buzzard bank path

For fantastic views across the valley follow this short path, just off the Valley woodland trail. Return by the same path.



Bring the family – there's something for everyone to enjoy at Coombes Valley.



It might look pretty tasty, but this fly agaric fungus is poisonous.



Did you know?
Around 360 million years ago, Coombes Valley was located over the Tropics. There were giant horsetails (calamites) over 5 m high then.

Did you know?
Meltwater from a huge glacier on the edge of the Peak District formed Coombes Valley.

Did you know?
Clough Meadow cottage was previously owned by local naturalist, George Lovenbury. He wrote a nature diary for the *Leek Post and Times*.



Key:

- Water
- Woodland
- Bramble and low scrub
- Restoration to meadow
- Cattle grazed pasture with hedgerows and areas of scrub
- Viewpoint
- Parking
- Information centre
- Public footpath
- Wildlife benches