

Welcome to the Oak Trail



This new 2km waymarked route from Riverside Cottage takes in the Broadwater, the Panshanger Great Oak, remains of the Orangery and the site where Panshanger House once stood. This historic part of the park was designed by Humphry Repton for the 5th Earl Cowper whose family owned Panshanger Park from the late 17th to mid 20th century.

We hope you enjoy exploring this new trail!



**** Please keep dogs on leads through the sheep field and through the woodland around the Great Oak - thank you.**



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Walking the Oak Trail

1. Start at the gate by Riverside Cottage and follow the path diagonally through this field. Note the large trees lining the woodland edge and alongside the Broadwater – these are some of the 500 veteran trees in the park.



2. Continue through the kissing gate and alongside the Broadwater, created as part of Humphry Repton's landscape design. Here you will see the old waterwheel (A) which used to pump water up to Panshanger House.

3. Follow the path diagonally up through this field. Reaching the bench at the top you get an even better view of the Broadwater and back down the valley.



4. Before entering the woods you will see the Lafarge Tarmac processing plant to your left where the extracted sand and gravel is processed.

Walking the Oak Trail cont....

5. Walking up into the woods you get your first glimpse of the majestic Panshanger Great Oak (B) – a good place for a photo!



6. Continuing around the oak and through the woods, you then pass the Orangery (C) on your left. Built around 1856 it survived the demolition of the house and has recently had work carried out to secure its structure.

7. Heading out of the woods and turning left brings you to the site of Panshanger House (D). Demolished in the 1950s the footprint is all that is left. Photos attached to the fence give you an idea of what it used to look like.



8. Follow the track down the hill and diagonally back to the wooden kissing gate to return to the start of the trail.

Your thoughts.....

We hope you have enjoyed our new trail - why not share your photos & experiences with us on Facebook or Twitter?

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We are also beginning a consultation process to get your thoughts on future plans for the park. Please visit www.panshangerpark.co.uk for more information.

Thank you!



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