



Brief Description: Part of the Swinton Park Estate, The Druid's Temple is a folly surrounded by woodland. This trail offers up to 2 miles (3.2 km) of wooded tracks to explore.

Access and Facilities: Accessible Toilet (RADAR Key) when café is open. Alternative Accessible Toilet (RADAR Key) in Masham 4.3 miles (6.9 km) from Swinton Bivouac.
What3Words: throat.half.stoppage. Parking Charges Apply.

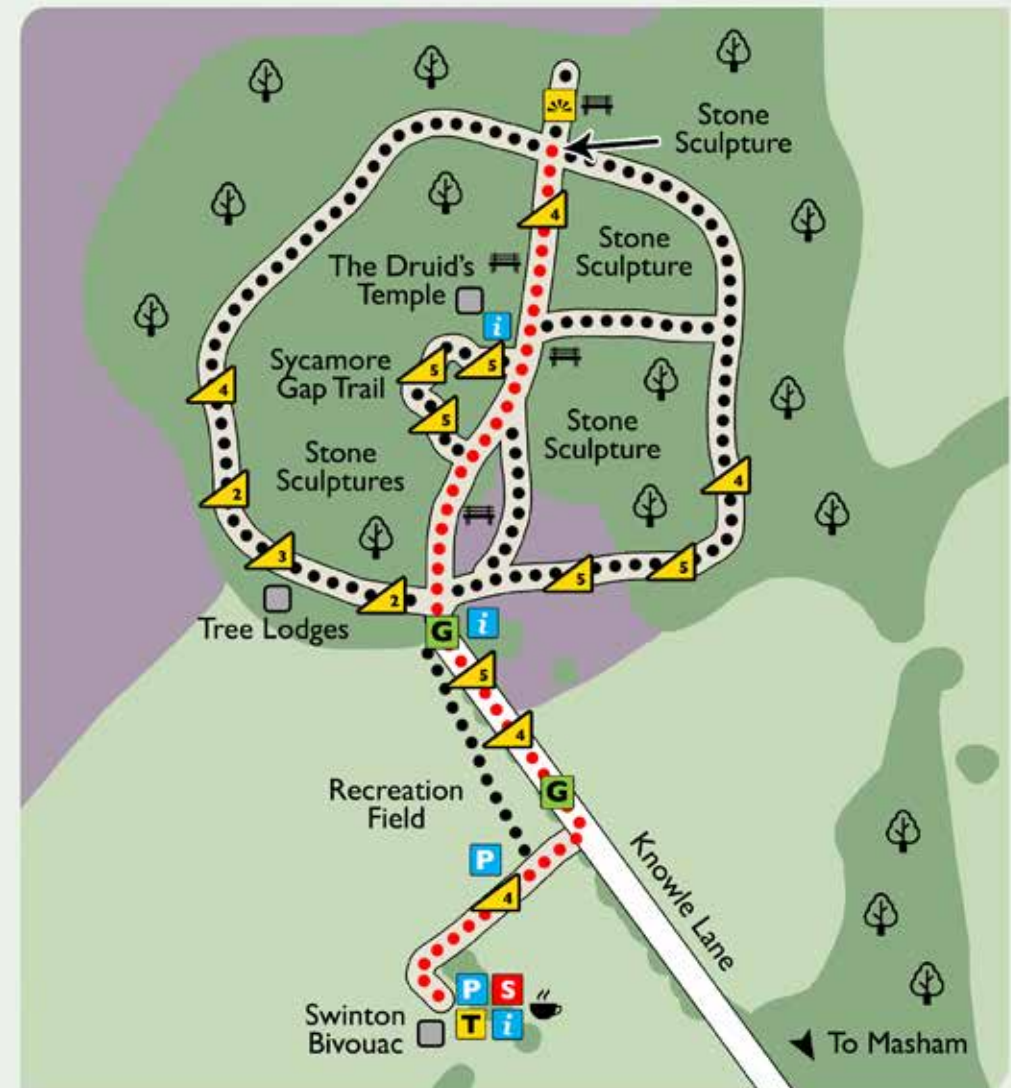
Features of Interest: Café, Cycle Path, Spectacular Views, Stone & Wood Sculptures, Sycamore Gap Trail, The Druid's Temple, Wildlife, Woodland.

Location: Swinton Bivouac, Knowle Lane, Ilton, Masham, HG4 4JZ. **What3Words:** strapping.sprint.landmark.

Public Transport: The nearest bus stop is in Masham, 4.3 miles (6.9 km) from Swinton Bivouac. From here, buses operate to and from Bedale, Leyburn, Richmond and Ripon.



Route Details: From Swinton Bivouac tracks are made from a combination of compacted stone and tarmac (B). There is a gradual incline to The Druid's Temple (4). Other paths in the wood are made from compacted earth and grass, (D) with some undulating sections (up to 5). The path around the perimeter of the wood is suitable for cycling but the path to The Druid's Temple is not.



TRAIL CARD & MAP KEY

	Suggested Route		Viewpoint
	Alternative Route		Motorcycle Barrier
	Slope/Hill (Level)		Speed Humps
	Linked Trail		Steps (and how many)
	Suitable for Cycling		Café
	All-Terrain Chair Route		Public House
	Trail Start Point		Bench/Seat
	Parking		Picnic Area
	Information Board		Playground
	Bus Stop		Cattle Grid
	Accessible Toilet		Trees/Wood
	Accessible Fishing Platforms		Lake/Pond
	Accessible Gate (Manual Wheelchairs & Scooters)		Landmark Building
	Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs		
	Caution		

Each card has a letter & number (for example **A3**) in the top right hand corner. It describes the **surface** and **slope** of the **most difficult** parts of the main route. With the map and text, this will help you to decide whether to do the whole route or just the easier sections. The bicycle symbol indicates all or part of the route is suitable for cycling.

Surface Quality (in dry weather)

- A** - Smooth (tarmac, paving, concrete, etc.)
- B** - Quite Smooth (short grass, compacted earth/stone, etc.)
- C** - Uneven (worn grass, loose stone, some ruts, tree roots, etc.)
- D** - Rough (long grass, soft earth, sand, gravel, severe ruts, roots, etc.)

- 1** - Gentle (up to 1:20)
- 2** - Quite Gentle (up to 1:16)
- 3** - Fairly Steep (up to 1:12)
- 4** - Steep (up to 1:8)
- 5** - Very Steep (over 1:8)



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