



## Heartwood Forest

**Parking address:** B651, Sandridge, Herts, AL4 9DQ (nearest postcode).

Sandridge is close to Harpenden and Wheathampstead.

**Parking:** The main car park for Heartwood Forest is pretty big, and an overspill field is also available when needed. On a very pleasant day parking may still be limited, though. Heartwood Forest is a popular place to visit.



Main entrance on the B651, Sandridge.



Part of the car park at Heartwood Forest.

### Walk:

Heartwood Forest was mainly former agricultural land, but is now an 858 acre new forest with over 600,000 recently planted trees.

The site has an arboretum - a botanical garden for trees - containing around 60 native varieties, an orchard, a bluebell forest in April-May, a 'Magical Wood' sponsored by Disney, various trails, and plenty of wildlife and plant life.

The park is very popular with walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and dog walkers - whose quadrupeds must be kept on leads in designated areas.

Follow the suggested trails, or else just stroll wherever you please.

### Food and drink:

We visited the Heartwood Tea Rooms just along the road in Sandridge - formerly known as the Darby Tea Rooms.

The premises are quite small and cramped, but as well as two main indoor seating areas they also have a heated patio area outside. They offer hot and cold food and obviously take a pride in their food options - not to mention their cakes.

**Address:** Heartwood Tea Rooms, 27 High St, Sandridge, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL4 9DD.

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