



Gilwell Park Bushwalking

Short Walk Westside Green – 2km

This walk can be completed from your campsite if you are on the Northeast side of Peppermint Drive.

These trail notes start at Forest Hut.

Gather your unit at Forest Hut. As you look out toward the NW, there are the remains of Clarks Timber Mill. Turning back to the NE, follow Forest Path, your adventure winding through the Messmate Forest. See what Fauna & Flora the unit can spot, do not get the mini beast under your feet. Forest Path takes you past the high rope's activity on your right as you continue meandering in a northeast direction. You will come upon the low ropes course on both sides of the track, a little further along D block, and toilets will appear on your right.

Meander a little further along Forest Path, pass the toilet block, and on your right is a track leading southwest up beside campsite D04. Take this track. It leads up towards the main road. Follow the green markers, which will lead you towards The Lodge. The Lodge is one of the Parks significant builds. Lord Robert Baden Powell stayed here twice, in 1931 and 1935. You can read more about the lodge in the Western History walk. Continue your adventure around the front of the lodge under the magnificent frangipani during the summer month. The perfume from these flowers fills the air around it. At the T intersection, turn right down Peppermint Drive. Via right at the Y junction passing Sycamore Lodge, at the crossroad of Messmate Drive, Peppermint is the new Boulder Park precinct and the Climbing tower. Can you spot one of the Parks Koalas?

So, close to the end, continuing down Peppermint Drive towards Forest Hut. You should be able to see the roof line of it by now. You ramble on to approach Forest Hut with every step forward as you swing around the last corner of Peppermint Track where Forest Hut stands Forest at Fauna & Flora as well as Mini Beasts did the unit get spotted on the adventure.