

Stormont Estate



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Route description

A walk through attractive woodland and parkland with many interesting features, following both surfaced and unsurfaced paths with some hills.

Distance

2.5miles 4 km.

Average Time

1hr 45 mins – 2hrs.

Access

By bus - Metro Services; 4, 20, 20A.

By car - Car park off the Upper Newtownards Road past the main gates near the sports pitches.

Trail Route

This route follows the waymarked “Long Woodland Walk” through the grounds of the estate. Follow the orange coloured arrows around the grounds.

Follow the gravel path from the car park past the playground, keeping left. Cross the Prince of Wales Avenue (1) and continue through the woodland (2), skirting the Stormont Estate (3) boundary.

Turn left up the hill, then left again and cross the bridge. Follow the path until it reaches open parkland. Go round the base of the bank and cross Massey Avenue. At the Gleaner sculpture turn right and follow this path up through the glen. Before turning right to return down the glen, you

may wish to make a short diversion to the top to admire the views down into the steep ravine.

Follow the path round to the Reconciliation sculpture (4) then across the grass to Massey Avenue. After pausing to admire the Carson statue and Parliament Buildings (5) walk about half way down the Prince of Wales Avenue before turning left. Follow the path around the wildlife refuge and sports pitches back to the car park.

