

- ✓ Buggy friendly!
- ✓ Pond hide.
- ✓ Beautiful nature reserve.
- ✓ Toilets & facilities.
- ✓ **What3Words:** [///quiz.lecturers.giraffes](http://quiz.lecturers.giraffes)



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YARNER WOOD & THE WOODPECKERS

Quick Key:

- **Location:** Yarner Wood
- **Start Point:** Yarner Wood Car Park (What3Words: [///quiz.lecturers.giraffes](http://quiz.lecturers.giraffes))
- **Base Route:** 3km (~1 hour)
- **Extended Route:** 5km (~1.5 hours)
- **Terrain:** Woodland paths, natural and gravel trails, small stream crossings
- **Difficulty:** Easy. Smooth wide tracks, gentle elevation. Ideal for buggies, bikes, and families with younger children.
- **Dog-Friendly?** Yes, but take care—there are often deer and ground-nesting birds. Good recall is a must.
- **Parking:** Small car park (fits around 6 cars). Quiet and tucked away—arrive early during school holidays.
- **Lunch Spots:** Picnic benches near the pond hut, or find your own spot under the canopy.
- **Buggy/Carrier Friendly?** Yes—excellent wide tracks.
- **Route Variations:** Plenty of criss-crossing woodland paths to explore. Go off route and discover the bird hides, pond hut, and secret trails.



DIRECTIONS.

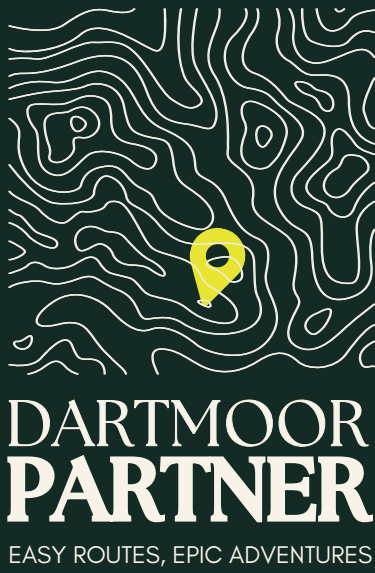


✓ Base Route (Yarner Wood - 3km)

- Start at the Yarner Wood car park (<http://quiz.lecturers.giraffes>). Just beside it, you'll spot a pond and a small viewing hut, it's great for a little start-of-walk wonder.
- Head up the track, keeping the information building on your right as you cross over the cattle grid (watch your paws, ours got caught short!).
- Continue along this track past the many birdhouses on your left until you reach a fork in the path, one goes uphill, the other stays level. Stick to the straight, level path on the left.
- After about 10 minutes, you'll spot a lovely wooden hut on the right. It usually features artwork from local schools. It's worth a peek!
- Exit the hut and take the track directly opposite the doors (don't go uphill or to the right). This leads you gently along the next stretch.
- Within 10 minutes, you'll reach a small bushcraft area with handmade structures and a circular clearing, great for a mid-walk pause. Look out for the spiky forked bench sculpture on the left; that's your cue to continue.
- Follow the track onward and bear left at the T-junction with valley views. Keep going downhill and you'll soon spot the car park again. Bonus: there are side trails down to the stream and charming little bridges, perfect for curious explorers.

✓ Extended Route (Yarner Wood Centre - 5km)

- The beauty of Yarner is that you can take almost any track and loop back without getting lost. Many paths circle the reserve.
- From the bushcraft area, try following outer routes around the reserve perimeter for a deeper woodland feel.
- Head to the Woodland Centre at the back-left of the site, near the streams, it's a quieter part and a lovely spot to discover.
- Circle back at any point and rejoin the base path or loop around to return to the car park at your own pace.



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