

12.5km/8 miles

## SHERWOOD FOREST

This is a walk into the heart of the area associated with the legendary hero, Robin Hood. Sherwood Forest, with its many fine, gnarled, centuries-old oaks is now a National Nature Reserve, where the highlight is the famous Major Oak, reputedly the hiding place of the outlaw and his merry men. By Alex Staniforth.

### The walk

**1** With back to YH from car park, turn L and follow Tarmac track down to small amusement park. Turn L in front of it, then R along one edge and pick up well-defined bridleway which follows forest edge for about 400m, where five tracks meet. Follow bridleway signed to Gleadthorpe for 50m, then L through barrier on to another bridleway which hugs forest edge. Continue ahead for about 1.5km – the massed ranks of conifers of Sherwood Pines Forest Park and the twin headstocks of former Clipstone Colliery, seen L.

**2** At end of bridleway go through line of trees and turn L immediately on to National Cycle Route 6 alongside a broad ride. Follow route to where it runs alongside A6075 and leave where it crosses to pick up path ahead with Robin Hood Way direction marker. After 500m, at another marker, turn L on to a (muddy) path which continues along forest edge where, 600m on, a cross and pile of stones on L mark the site of a Chantry Chapel and Hermitage dedicated to King Edwin of Northumbria. Soon after a track is crossed, and 100m on, path turns R where, after 400m, it meets a

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**DETAILS**  
Country Walking ID  
2696  
Mag Route 5,  
November 2006  
Region Heart of  
England  
Area Nottinghamshire

**Length of walk**  
12.5km/8 miles  
**Time needed** 4hrs  
**Difficulty** Easy

### IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

**Terrain** Clear footpaths, bridleways and forest tracks  
**Suites 0** Suitable for children, disabled, dogs

### PLANNING

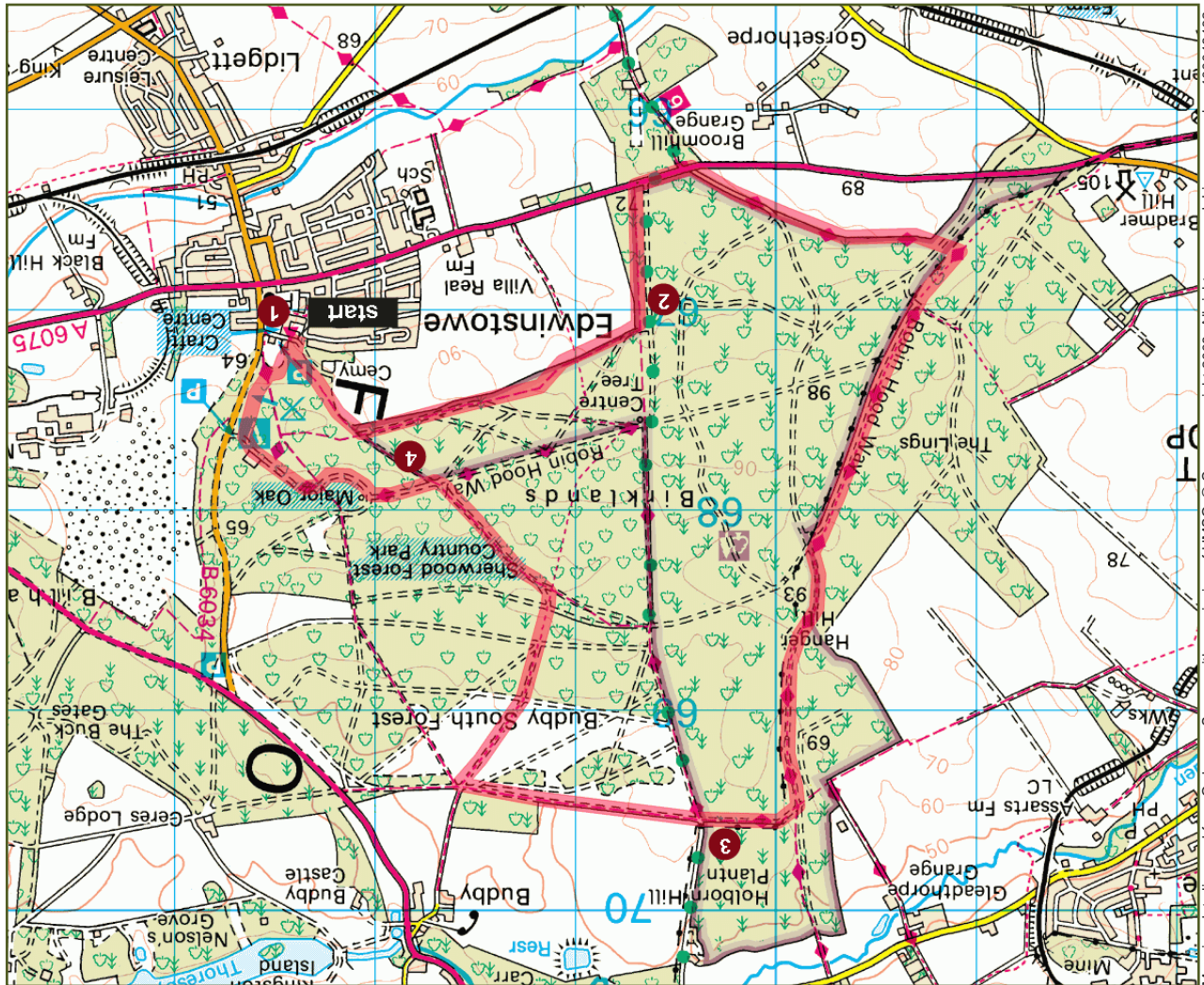
**Parking** Car park opposite Edwinstowe Youth Hostel, grid ref SK624672. Note: seasonal weekend charges and do not park in hostel car park  
**Start grid ref** SK624671  
**Nearest town** Ollerton

**Refreshments** Craft Centre and Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre Public  
**Public toilets** Nearby and at visitor centre  
**Public transport** Bus service 233 Sherwood Forester (seasonal) otherwise service 33

### MAPS

Ordnance Survey  
Explorer 270

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