

Directions to the Forest Classroom, Macclesfield Forest



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Nearest Post Code: SK11 0NS

Map ref: SJ 9603 7124

Important:

- Macclesfield Forest is not a residential area and therefore does not have a postcode. If using a satnav, please use the What3Words reference above, or search for the Google Location “Trentabank Car Park – Peak District NP” and then follow these directions once you reach the Forest.
- If travelling from the East (Buxton) be aware that the local roads are narrow and winding (but very picturesque).
- If travelling from the West (Macclesfield) we suggest that you check the route that your satnav is using, before setting off. Most satnavs will direct you from Macclesfield along the A537 and then into Langley village by driving down a steep country lane (Coalpit Lane), which is *particularly* narrow and winding. You may prefer to use the route described below (via the “Church House” pub, in Sutton).

Directions from the East (from Buxton):

- 1) From Buxton take the Cat & Fiddle road (A537).
- 2) Go past the Cat & Fiddle (now Forest Gin Distillery) and then just after the Peak Tearoom turn left down a small road.
- 3) Follow this for 1 mile until you get to the Stanley Arms pub. Turn left here.
- 4) Then, after 200m, take the first right (just after the original Forest Gin distillery) up the hill.
- 5) Follow the road (it's narrow and winding) to the top of the hill which (after 500m) brings you out to the edge of the Forest.
- 6) After another 300m you'll reach the very top where you'll pass Standing Stone car park on your right, and then immediately reach a T-junction. Turn right here and the road drops down through the Forest.
- 7) After 1 mile you'll pass a lay-by on the right, and then pass Trentabank Ranger Station and car park on the left (this is “Trentabank Car Park – Peak District NP” as mentioned above). Keep going for another 200m to the bottom of the hill and follow the road around to the right.
- 8) After 50m turn right signed to the "Forest Office".
- 9) Continue to the top of the drive. The Forest Classroom is the large brown building directly ahead.
- 10) Park to the right of the Forest Classroom.

Directions from the West (from Macclesfield) – see map below for corresponding locational information

- 1) Travelling South through Macclesfield town on A523, DO NOT turn left onto A537 (towards Buxton). Stay on A523 (signed Leek).
- 2) About 2/3 mile after passing the turning for A537, turn east onto Byrons Lane, signed to Langley and Wincle. This road goes immediately over a railway bridge.
- 3) Follow the road for 0.6 miles.
- 4) Just after “Ye Olde Kings Head” pub, continue under a canal bridge.
- 5) About 200m after the bridge, turn left along Jarman (this is the road name), signed to Langley. You will see the River Bollin on your right.
- 6) Continue for 0.4 miles, then follow the road to the left, with the “Church House” pub on your right.
- 7) At this junction by the pub, stay on the lower road, which continues to the left. This is Langley Road. (A right fork “Ridge Hill” climbs higher. Do not take the right fork!)
- 8) Continue for along this road. After ½ mile you will pass Langely Business Park on the right as you enter Langley village.
- 9) Continue to follow the road through the village.
- 10) About 250m after the entrance to the Business Park you will see Langley Methodist Church ahead of you. Just before the church, follow the road around to the left, signed to Macclesfield Forest (a small white sign). This is Main Road. This road is quite narrow.
- 11) As you start to drive out of Langley village you will see Macclesfield Forest ahead of you. You will pass a small reservoir on your left (Bottoms Reservoir) and then continue past a turning on the right to the United Utilities Ridgeway Water Treatment Works.
- 12) About 400m after the Water Treatment Works you will come to the “Leather Smithy” Pub on your left. At this point follow the road around to your right, to drive alongside a larger reservoir (Ridgeway Reservoir) directly on your right.
- 13) At the end of the reservoir follow the road around to the right.
- 14) Continue up the slight hill, and after 150m turn left up the drive signed to the Forest Office (at this point, stop following satnav directions to “Trentabank Car Park – Peak District NP”)
- 15) Continue to the top of the drive. The Forest Classroom is the large brown building directly ahead.
- 16) Park to the right of the Forest Classroom.

