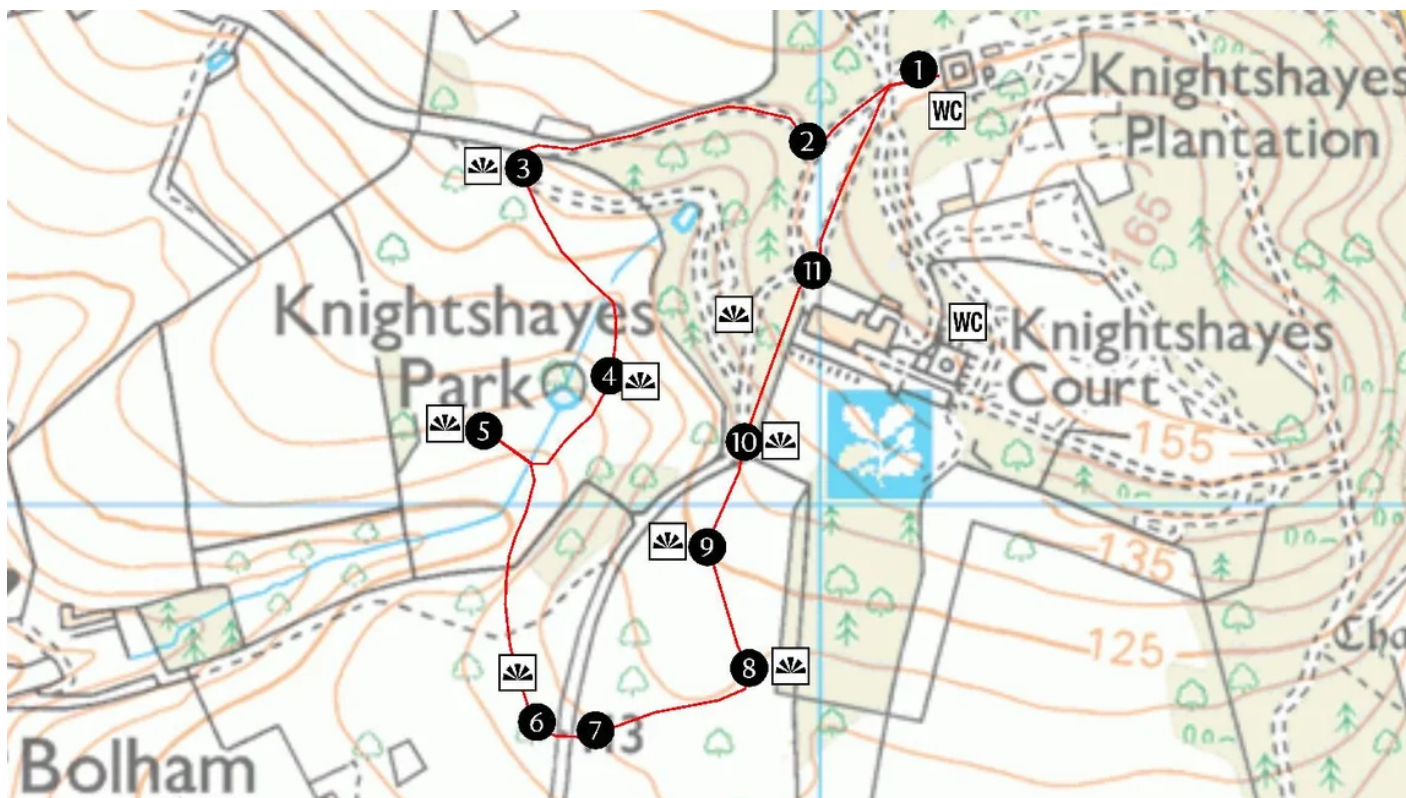


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Knightshayes veteran tree walk

Discover the veteran and champion trees that grow at Knightshayes on this circular trail. Champion trees are the largest of a species at a county or country level. Veteran trees are very old, very large or have cultural or conservational significance. Knightshayes is home to over 18 champion and veteran trees and along the route you'll see county and country champions, including the tallest redwood in Devon and the biggest turkey oak in the UK.



Information

Address: The Stables, Knightshayes, EX16 7RQ

OS map: ss960153

Activity: Walking

Moderate: A mix of gravel paths and fields. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome.

Full trail: Miles: 1.25 (km: 2)

Duration: 1 hour - 1 hour 45 mins

Terrain

Terrain includes a mix of gravel and dirt pathways and open fields. There are slight inclines and one ditch crossing. Some areas maybe slippery or muddy after wet weather.

Total steps: 11

Start point: The Stables, Knightshayes, EX16 7RQ

1. Start outside on the stables lawn. Walk down the gravel path to the drive. Continue to walk down the drive for about 73m before turning right onto the path with the arrow saying 'Parkland'.
2. Follow that track for 260m until you see a green dog waste bin next to a gate on your left. Go through the gate and the ash tree is directly on your right next to the fence.
3. Walk down the field bearing left diagonally towards the ditch with the stream running through it. Cross the ditch and the redwood tree is diagonally in front of you to the right.
4. Continue down the field and follow the path around to your right where there is another ditch crossing. Cross the ditch and 54m in front of you is the holly tree.
5. Walk back across the ditch, turn right and go through the brown gate. Follow the dirt path up the hill and bear left through the turkey oak avenue.
6. At the end of the avenue is a gate. Go through this gate, cross the drive and go through the other gate directly opposite.
7. Once in the field, walk straight forward. Bear left around the first group of trees, then walk straight to the next group of trees. There is a shady path through the trees to the sweet chestnut tree.
8. Carry on walking up the field to the left and the turkey oak tree will be right in front of you.
9. Walk to the top of the field and go through the gate in the left corner. Follow the path for around 48m and the alder tree is on your right.

10. Carry on up to the house for about 31m and, if you look to your left, on the opposite side of the drive is the aesculus tree.

11. Follow the gravel path back up to the stables.

End point: The Stables, Knightshayes, EX16 7RQ
