

The Enchanted Elves of Ellwood Walk

There are no Elves on this walk....it's the "Tolkein" atmosphere of the whole route that suggests the title. Cross the road from the pottery, go through the Forestry entrance, turn right and start walking up the hill.

Ignore a small path that turns off to the right, but take the next right which is a smaller track than the one you're on (First Picture) Continue up hill on this track....it begins to level out and approach Ellwood, the first signs of settlement you see is a white fence up to the left and then a T Junction (pictured below, 2nd picture) turn right here



Soon after fork right on the path in the first picture below and then keep left in the second picture when confronted with another little fork



The go straight over the path that crosses over the one you're on and continue down towards Ellwood



The path becomes a road and climbs a hill....then there's T junction at Arcott Cottage...take the left, and soon Ellwood School comes up on your left At this point there's another T Junction(First Picture)....turn right down towards the Ellwood Crossroads(second picture) here turn right again down the road



Soon you'll see a turning on the left with a Forestry sign saying Darkhill; go down the path, straight through the small car park and continue to a T Junction with a path that is The Cycle Trail....turn right. This Cycle Trail will take you back to the pottery!

Look out for The Mushet Steelworks (first pic) remains (soon on the left)...apparently this is where steel was first invented (despite Bessemer's claims to the contrary) and then a while after that, soon after a sign "Point Quarry" there's an old railway tunnel that goes under the path - look out for it... it's easy to get down to it and safe to walk through



As you follow the eerie path there is a continual fence on the right hand side.... At the point where a fence starts on the left hand side too there's a path on the right and it's there you turn off because you're back at the pottery

