

# Swindon Summer Trails Challenge

## Trail #6

A loop of Lydiard Park  
The Squirrel Trail



Follow the trail below, answer the question, and at the end of the trail show this leaflet at the partner location to claim your free badge and enter into the prize draw.

## Distance: 2.5 miles

The trail starts outside St Mary's Church in Lydiard Park. You can get here by bus - plan your journey at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

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1. Walk along the path towards the car park, but veer right before the car park, following the wall of the church. Once out of the trees, the path splits. Take the left hand path and follow it down towards the lake.
2. Continue with the lake on your right and follow the path clockwise around the lake. After about 5 minutes you will see a path to the right. Follow this over a small bridge.

**Things to note: The Old Pond is on your left. There is an information board to tell you about its history.**

3. Keep following the path as it climbs slightly uphill. Soon you will see the Forest Café and play area ahead of you. You can stop here for refreshment / toilet break / playtime if needed.
4. Follow the path between the café and the play area until you reach a crossroads of paths. Turn left and take the long walk through the park. As you reach the far end of the field, the path veers right (signposted Park Circuit North) - Follow this.
5. At the next junction, follow the path right again (signposted West Park Circuit) and continue along this path. It will start to climb uphill and into the woods. Through the woods, you will reach the same crossroads. This time turn left and make your way towards Lydiard House.

### Did you know?

**You have just followed much of the routes of the 5k Parkrun and 2k Junior Parkrun, which are free events for all abilities. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/> for details.**

6. Turn right before you reach the house and the path takes you back to the Forest Cafe. This is where you can collect your limited edition badge\* and post your entry. (The café is open Monday to Friday 10:00-5:00, Saturday and Sunday 9:30-5:00.)

If the cafe is closed, you can enter the prize draw via this QR code or at [www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge/](https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge/)  
\*Badges are available for the first 200 people to complete the trail.



**Congratulations on finishing the walk and we hope you had fun exploring!**

## ENTRY FORM - Trail #6

Tear off this entry form and post at the Forest Café

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(for statistical purposes only)*

**Question:** What did you enjoy most about walking the trail today?

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Email address (Please print carefully):  
*(We will only use your email to inform you if you have won)*

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**How many people did the trail in your group?**

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

*Deadline to enter prize draw: Midnight on Sunday 8th September 2024*





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