



A walk through a forest alongside a babbling stream to the foot of England's Tallest Tree.

Start point: Nutcombe Bottom car park (Forestry England).
Postcode: TA24 6TA.
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Distance: 0.6 mile / 1km (there and back) with 70 feet / 20 metres of ascent and descent.

Toilets: None on site. Nearest accessible public toilets are in the Dunster Steep car park, TA24 6AS.

Refreshments: Dunster also has a wide range of pubs and cafés.

Grade: Access For All: Suitable for pushchairs and unassisted wheelchairs.

Directions: The walk starts close to the entrance to the car park, and is waymarked. Follow the track and cross the road by the accessible parking. Follow the Tall Trees Trail and return on the same route.

Surface and terrain: The woodland walk to the tallest tree is along a purpose-built accessible path with a rolled stone surface, and a maximum gradient of 1:15.

If you want to explore further there are lots of other tracks through the forest, but the gradients are steeper – the main track leading out of the top of the car park is a steady climb with a maximum gradient of 1:8.

- Nutcombe Bottom is home to England's tallest tree, which has been growing here since 1876 and was 197 feet (60.05 metres) when it was last measured in 2009. It also has a trunk estimated to weigh 50 tonnes with a diameter of 1.74 metres.
- Douglas fir are native to the damp mountains and coastal slopes of western North America, and were brought to the UK in 1827 by botanist David Douglas.
- The trees here are still relative youngsters – they have been known to grow to over 400 feet (120 metres) high and live for over a 1,000 years.

