Heritage Trail

1. Evidence of the clay industry on site, from the 1920s to 1960s.
2. Randall Manor, the site of a buried medieval manor.
3. The Hollow Way – a medieval track.
4. Prehistory sculpture: evidence of our Mesolithic ancestors.
5. Carriage Drive, which once led to Cobham Hall.
6. World War 2 Royal Air Force camp.
7. World War 2 Army camp (no information board).

Explorer Trail

1. **Darnley Mausoleum** The Grade 2 listed mausoleum, built in 1786, can be seen on the hillside opposite from this point.
2. **Ponds and wetlands** The ponds in this clay pit area are home to great crested newts, 19 specifies of dragonfly and damselfly, and at night daubenton bats feed on insects.
3. **Coppice woodland** The rotational cutting of sweet chestnut allows light to reach the woodland, promoting wild flowers. The variety of age of trees encourages small mammals, butterflies and birds.
4. **Woodland rides and glades** These open corridors connect areas of woodland. They allow sunlight into the wood and enable wildlife to spread through the park.
5. **Wood pasture and acid grassland** The veteran trees provide habitat for insects and birds, including the green, and lesser spotted woodpeckers. Bracken is controlled by cutting and grazing, allowing grass and herbs to flourish.
6. **Ancient woodland** These old trees are home to a wide variety of plants and animals. Lichen and mosses grow on the bark, where cracks are home to beetles and other insects.
7. **The clay pit** Here the silver birch trees shelter the newer oaks, sweet chestnut and hornbeam, which will eventually return the area to semi-natural woodland. In autumn, the pit is filled with fungi

Shorne Woods at a glance

Refreshments/Café		Team building	
Children's play area		Venue hire	
Picnic area		Cycle route	
Easy access trail	EA	Bridle route	
Trim trail		Geocaching	
Run 321 routes		Orienteering	
Outdoor gym		Fishing	
Walking routes		Visitor centre	
Birthday parties		Pay & display car park	P
Education		Toilets	WC
Seasonal events		Disabled toilets	

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By car – signposted off the A2 between Gravesend and Rochester, at the Cobham/ Shorne junction. Pay and display car park available.

By bus - take the Nu Venture Gravesend to Meopham/Cliffe service (numbers 416 and 417). It runs Monday to Saturday and stops at the park entrance. Phone Traveline: **0871 200 22 33.**

By train – the nearest stations are Sole Street (2.6miles, 4.2km) and Higham (3miles, 4.8km). For rail enquiries phone **08457 48 49 50.**

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Easy Access Trail - A 1km circular trail through birch woodland, lakes and grassy glades

Easy Access Extension - Direct linear routes to the Knoll view point and Randall Manor from the Easy Access Trail

Purple Route - An easy - medium route, 1.4km long

Red Route - A medium - difficult route, 3.1km long (Includes steps)

Explorer Trail - A challenging route, 6km long. (Includes steps)

The Darnley Trail - The 10km Darnley Trail is a circular route for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.

Heritage Trail - A medium - difficult route, 3.5km long (Includes steps)

Horse/Cycle/Pedestrian Route - This is a 3km circular route, with extensions that link to permissive bridleways outside the park

Public Right of Way	Red Route
Horse/Cycle and Pedestrian Route	Explorer Trail
Easy Access Trail & Trim Trail	Heritage Trail
Easy Access Extension	The Darnley Trail
Purple Route	Minor Paths

Site of Randall Manor	Toilets
Easy access gate	Disabled toilets
Benches	Cafe
Seasonal grazing area	Outdoor gym
Play areas	Heritage trail points of interest
Picnic area	Explorer trail points of interest
Cycle entrance	
Dogs off leads entrance	
Visitor centre	
Fishing	
Pay and display car park	

	View point
	Dogs on lead zone
	Steps
	Pond