

# Places to visit in the Forest

There is a separate section on Ashdown Forest walks in the Discovery Booklet.

## Nutley Windmill

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This is one of the best preserved of the eighty or so windmills in Sussex and can be found in the Forest. Some parts of Nutley Windmill are 300 years old. It was restored to working order 30 years ago by the Nutley Preservation Society and is now the oldest working windmill in Sussex.



The windmill is open on the last Sunday of each month from June to September inclusive between 2.30 and 5.30 p.m. It can be found just north of the Nutley to Duddleswell Road, a couple of miles South West from Crowborough.

Ashdown Forest Walk number 6 passes nearby.

## 'Pooh sticks' bridge

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Ashdown Forest is where A.A. Milne set his famous Winnie the Pooh stories. Visitors can visit Pooh Bridge and try their hand at 'Pooh' sticks (although most of the twigs and sticks in the surrounding area have already been used).

Originally built in 1907 the bridge was restored in 1979 and totally rebuilt in 1999. The rebuild was funded by public donations, the East Sussex County Council and The Countryside Commission. An approach was made to the Disney Foundation for contributions. This caused a stir amongst local people who wanted to keep the bridge 'British'.



Another location from the book, Gills Lap can be visited. A. A. Milne renamed this Galleons Lap in his books. He described Galleons Lap:

***"Sitting there they could see the whole world spread out until it reached the sky, and whatever there was all the world over was with them in Galleons Lap."***

In 1979 The Conservators of Ashdown Forest agreed to the placing of a memorial dedicated to Milne in the forest. To visit the memorial, park in Piglet's Car Park, and walk up the steep pathway. When you reach the top, turn left and you should see the memorial in the distance.

Pooh bridge and Gills Lap can be found on the B2026 that runs north from Crowborough. There is a detailed walk to Pooh Bridge later in the Discovery Booklet.

### Forest Views

From high points on the Forest you can get great views of the South and North Downs. There is a particularly good view from the tearoom's terrace at the Barnsgate Manor vineyard.

