

New Farm Nature Reserve

New Farm is a Nature Reserve created by Worcestershire County Council as part of its pledge to plant 150,000 trees in several new woodland nature reserves across the County.

What to see

During the Spring and Summer, male skylarks can be spotted rising almost vertically from the surrounding grassy fields. They hover and sing from sometimes great heights before parachuting back down to earth.

Skylarks nest on the ground, laying three or four eggs in a nest in the base of a grassy tussock or rough vegetation. The chicks become independent after only two weeks and parents can have up to four broods in a single season.

Because they nest on the ground they are at particular risk from grass cutting and agricultural operations during the breeding season which has contributed to serious declines in UK populations.

Farmland birds such as Linnets and Yellow Hammers are frequent visitors to the site and Willow and Cetti's Warblers can be found near the River Avon. Roe Deer are regularly seen grazing on the slopes all year round. In the summer months the regular Blue, Red Admiral, Comma and Peacock butterflies are all regular visitors to the reserve.

We would ask that dogs are kept on a lead whilst on the Nature Reserve to prevent disturbance of the nesting sites.

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Skylark Trail

The Skylark Trail is a circular walk indicated all the way round by the Skylark waymarker. The longer walk is approximately 1.7 miles (about 50 mins walk) or take a shorter route of approximately 1 mile (about 30 mins walk).

1. Follow the Skylark Trail arrows and head along the track following the path of the old railway line. As you walk along this stretch you will see the River Avon on the right and on the left you will pass 'Sanctum' where you can sit and enjoy the view.

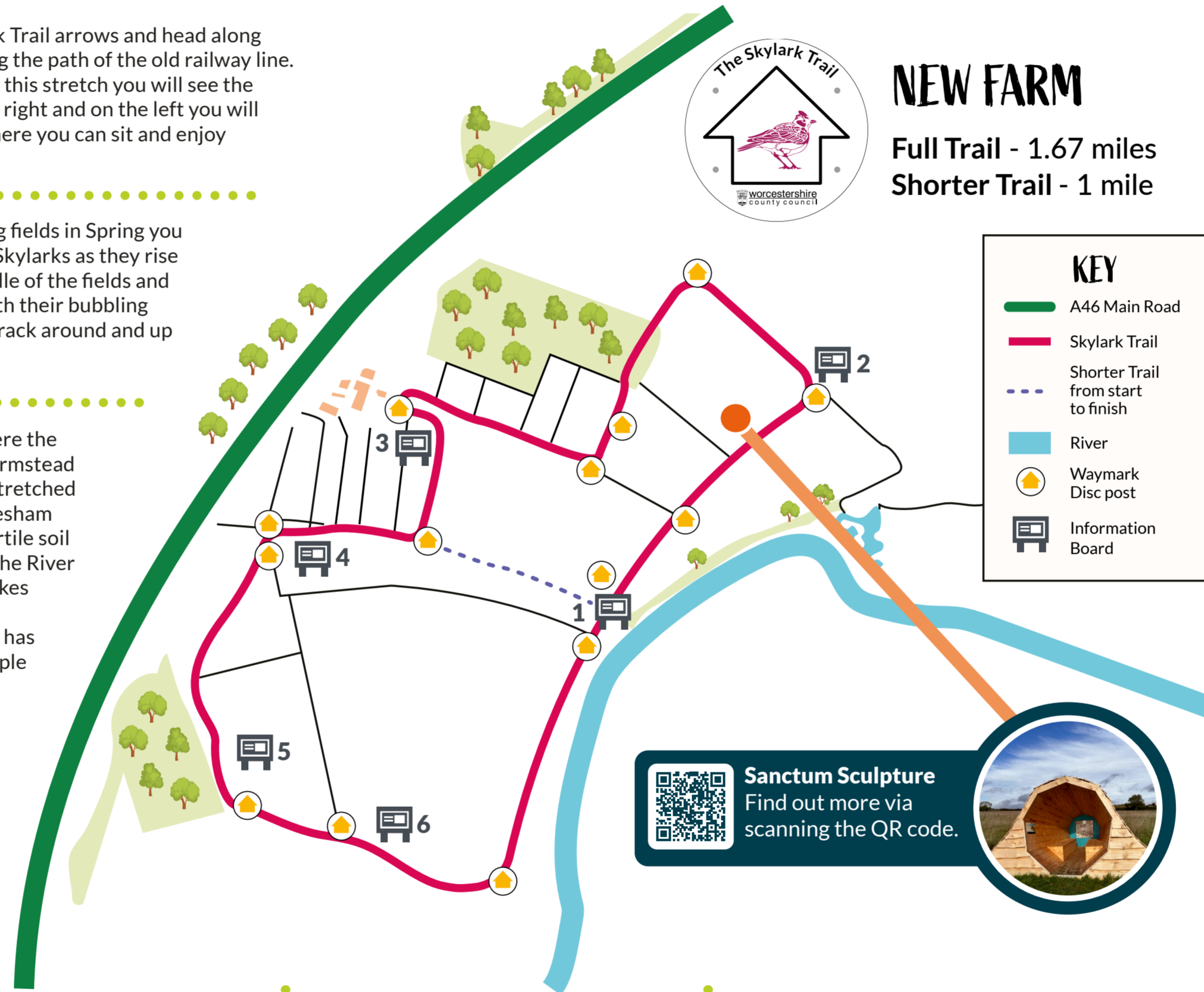
2. In the surrounding fields in Spring you will see and hear Skylarks as they rise up out of the middle of the fields and then fill the air with their bubbling song. Follow the track around and up to the farmhouse.

3. The fields here were the site of a Roman farmstead that would have stretched out across the Evesham Valley. With its fertile soil and proximity to the River Avon this area makes an ideal site for a settlement, which has always drawn people to live here.

4. This field contains a spring which runs down towards the River. The spring must have been here for at least 200 years as when the railway was built, an aqueduct was put in place to incorporate it. This bridge still exists and can be seen at the start of the walk.

5. Enjoy views here over the River Avon and the Vale of Evesham. The Vale of Evesham is important for food production, illustrated by the many poly tunnels which you can see beyond the river.

6. This field is a good spot to see the many Roe Deer that wander the New Farm site. They sit silently in the tall vegetation and jump up and run off when you walk near. Keep your eyes peeled and you may spot some deer as you round this corner and head towards the end of the trail.



Public Rights of Way in Worcestershire

There are 4604km (2861 miles) of network across Worcestershire, they can be found in towns, villages and the countryside. All Public Rights of Way should be denoted by a signpost or waymark. Some paths may be surfaced in towns but many follow tracks, cross fields or pass through woods in the countryside. The network is managed by the County Council with the help of volunteers.

For information on Public Rights of Way please visit our website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20237/public_rights_of_way

Among other things here you will find:

- The Public Rights of Way interactive map for reporting defects found on the network
- Ways volunteers help us to maintain the PRoW network
- Details of promoted circular and linear routes

Please remember to follow the Countryside Code: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code

Paths should be signed from the roadside and the route is often waymarked by coloured arrows. Different types of Public Rights of Way can be used by different users:

- Footpaths - indicated by yellow arrows; for use by walkers only.
- Bridleways - indicated by blue arrows; for use by walkers, horse-riders and pedal cyclists.
- Restricted Byways - indicated by plum-coloured arrows; for use by walkers, pedal cyclists, horse-riders and horse drawn vehicles.
- Byways - open to all traffic (BOATs) - indicated by red arrows; for use by walkers, pedal cyclists, horse-riders, horse-drawn vehicles and motor vehicles.

To view the Public Rights of Way interactive map please visit: <https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/Countryside>

Please remember to follow the Countryside Code

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