

About Plymouth Woodland Walk

Defining the northern extent of Ely is Plymouth Great Wood. Before the First World War the wood was a favourite resort of its owner; the Earl of Plymouth. In the 1920s the Earl gave a large part of the wood to the then Cardiff Corporation (Cardiff Council). Keeping about 10 acres of the wood at the western end, the Earl asked that the remainder be made permanently available for public recreation and walks. The wood, renamed Plymouth Great Wood after the Earl (who died in March 1923), was opened to the public by his son in May 1923. This circular trail takes you through this beautiful woodland, where you'll encounter 19th century quarries and limekilns as well as discovering its Bronze Age history, on your way to St Fagans National History Museum and back to Ely.

Access:

The walk is reasonably challenging with a few steep gradients. The paths combine hard surfaced areas with compacted gravel tracks and grass sections. In good weather the circular tracks around Plymouth Wood are passable by cross-country wheelchairs and pushchairs, but a metal stile at the northwest corner prevents access to St Fagans Museum to anyone but walkers.

Getting there:

The ideal starting point for the trail is at the western end of Archer Road where there is access to Ely Recreation Ground and space to park cars along the side of the road. The closest bus stop to the trail is on Grand Avenue.



About HEART of Cardiff

Since 2011 the CAER Heritage Project has been exploring the history and archaeology of two west Cardiff suburbs, Caerau and Ely. Here, the homes of more than 25,000 people surround several of the most significant, but under-studied, archaeological sites in south Wales, including a large Iron Age hillfort, a Roman Villa and the remains of Cardiff's National Hunt Racecourse. However, despite this amazing heritage and close community ties, the people who live here face many social and economic challenges. Aiming to directly address issues of health and wellbeing and promote learning opportunities the CAER Heritage Project has worked with local people of all ages in the design and creation of the HEART of Cardiff Heritage trails. By researching the history of local heritage and recording stories and folk memories about important local places four circular heritage trails have been established. The trails are signposted by heritage themed artwork created by local people and supported by a digital resource trail hosted by the People's Collection Wales website. Come and discover these amazing stories and histories at the heart of West Cardiff.

- Trail I – Medieval Michaelston Walk
- Trail II – Plymouth Woodland Walk
- Trail III – Caerau Celtic Hillfort Walk
- Trail IV – Romans to Races Walk

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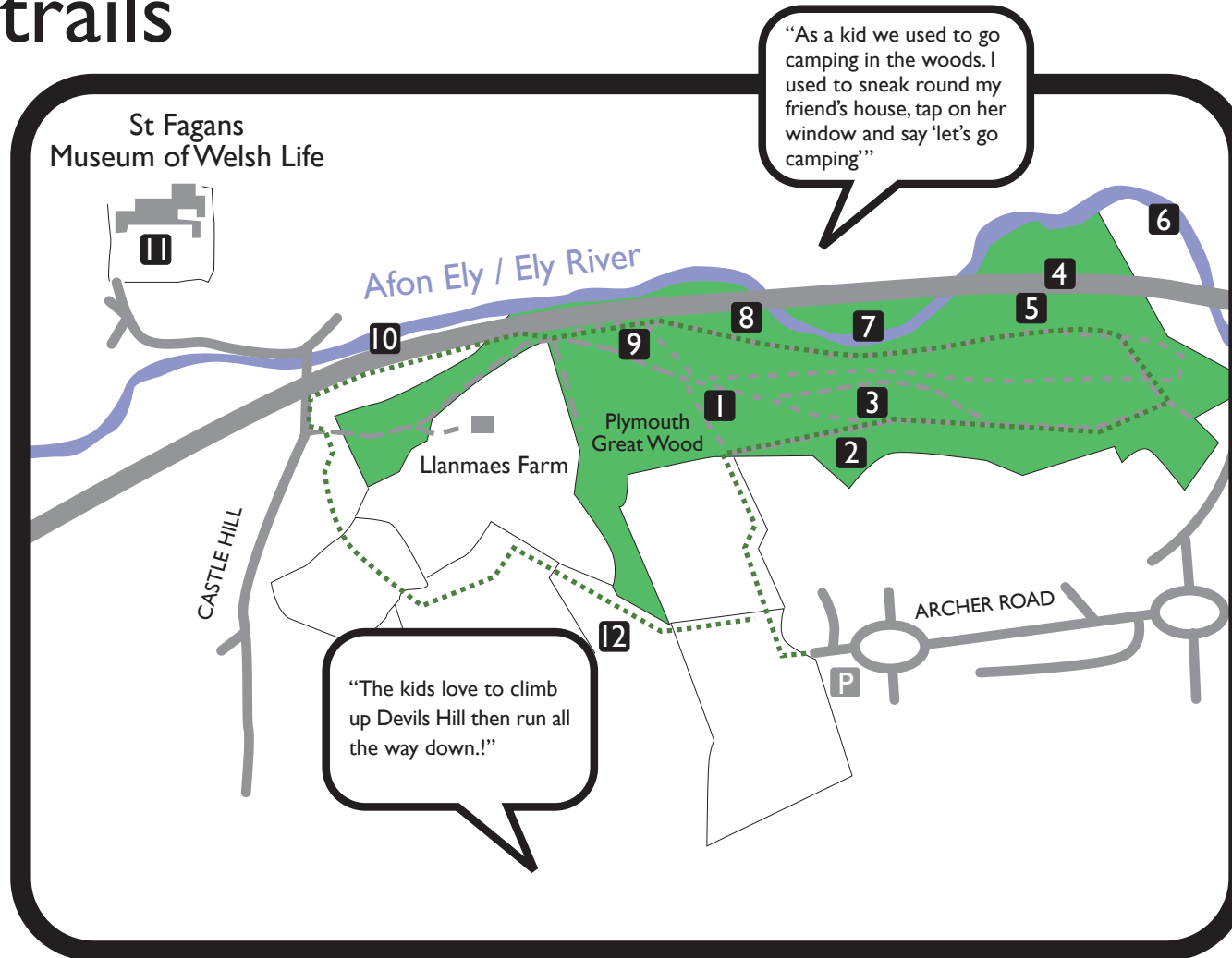
Trail mark designed by Grand Avenue Times



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Sites of interest:

1. Plymouth Great Wood
2. Quarry
3. Limekiln
4. Bronze Age Hoard
5. Bronze Age Enclosure
6. Ely River
7. River Rats
8. Camping
9. Charcoal Burning Platform
10. St Fagans Station
11. St Fagans NHM
12. Devils Hill



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