

Darnford Brook



Name of Viewpoint: Darnford Brook

Address: Ratlinghope

Shropshire

Website: www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk

What3Words car park: [///January.puzzled.birthing](https://www.what3words.com/#!/j/January/puzzled/birthing)

What3Words viewpoint: [///Imparting.path.dressings](https://www.what3words.com/#!/i/Imparting/path.dressings)

Nearest Town: Church Stretton (5 miles / 8 kilometres)

Geotag: LAT:52.564092, LON:-2.884237

Transport

Parking: A single layby parking space. Further layby parking for 5–6 cars is located 150 metres in the direction of The Bridges Pub.



Accessible Parking: Priority parking.

Number of Bays Available: 1.

Surface Type of Car Park: Uneven with a loose surface.

Bus Stops: A shuttle bus service is provided, with a stop at The Bridges Pub.

Details on the service can be found on the [Shropshire Hills National Landscape website](#).

Train Stations: Nearest train station is in Church Stretton.

Distance from Car Park to Viewpoint: Within 100 metres.

Buildings

Café: The Bridges Pub (400 metres).

Nearest Medical Centres: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury SY3 8XQ (Tel: 01743 261000) Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.
Nearest Emergency Facilities: A defibrillator is provided at The Bridges Pub.

Routes and Trails

Level routes/Trails: Part of the Darnford Trail on the Shropshire Way main route, the old carriage drive becomes a fairly level, broad track after the initial slope.

Route Width: Between 1200 millimetres –1800 millimetres wide to the viewpoint.

Ramped Routes: Moderate slope to the viewing point.

Gradient: Varying gradients.

Surface Type: Woodland.

Barriers

RADAR Key required: Padlock requiring a RADAR key.

Latched gates: Low colour contrast to the latch.

Kissing Gates: Large mobility steel kissing gate with bypass.





Tree Roots: On a section of the sloped path to the viewpoint.



Rest Stops

Seating: Natural, log style seating is provided at the viewpoint.



Level Access to Seating: Level access is provided.

Distance between Seating Areas: Four benches are provided at regular intervals within the first half mile of the trail.

Wayfinding

Finger Posts: A finger post is provided indicating the Shropshire Way.

Numbered Way Markers: Provided (Walk 40 – Shrewsbury Ramblers).

Pictorial Information: Partially provided.

Directional arrows: Partially provided.

Interpretation

Information Boards Available: Information boards are located on the Darnford Trail.



Accessible Height Information Boards: Accessible height is provided for the information boards.

Pictorial Information: Pictorial information is provided.

Audio Information: The Darnford Trail has three audio points accessed via QR code, one of which is at the viewpoint seating.



WC and Changing Facilities

General WC Provision: Nearest facilities at The Bridges Pub (400 metres).

Accessible WC Provision: There is accessible WC provision at The Bridges Pub.

Left- or Right-Hand Transfer: Lateral transfer space to the right.

Changing Places: Nearest Changing Places facility is Darwin Shopping Centre, Raven Meadows, Shrewsbury SY1 1PL (12 miles/19.3 kilometres).

Baby Changing Facilities: Nearest baby-changing facilities at The Bridges Pub.

Sensory Features

Touch: Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plants within the open areas.

See: Woodland setting, with view over tranquil Darnford Brook and surrounding fields.

Smell: Earthy aromas of the woodland.

Hear: Wildlife such as birds and bees in the spring and summer months. Gentle sound of the water from the brook as it makes its way through the valley.