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Whispers from the Woods

TRAIL THIS WINTER

Produced by Arts Melbourne, 'Whispers From The Woods' is a poetry and nature project inspired by the experiences of young residents of Melbourne & South Derbyshire connecting and reconnecting with nature during Coronavirus Lockdowns. The project is possible thanks to a National Forest Arts Grant.

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Following a public call-out in Spring 2021, the stories and experiences shared by the young people have formed the basis of a poem, written by Dan Webber, which has been used to create this poetry nature trail.

The 33-line poem entitled 'Everlong / Evergreen' has been painted onto locally and ethically sourced wooden slices by young ambassadors involved in the project. The trail was debuted at Timber Festival in July 2021, before being shown at Markeaton Park and Melbourne Festival.

Having started as a project to encourage young people to reflect on being outdoors during lockdown this winter the poem will be shared for you to enjoy as you walk through Bare Hills & Browns Field, following Footpath 17.

- Enter the field via the footpath 17 on Ashby Road next to the Bus Stop, opposite Robinsons Hill.
 - Follow the footpath to the left of the field along the wall and through the gap in the hedge. There are often sheep in the field, please dogs on leads and take any litter home.
- Each of the 33 lines of the poem is on logs displayed against the wire fence.
- For a short walk the path continues along the left path around the edge of the field and come out of the footpath exit in Penn Lane opposite Melbourne Health Centre.
 - Turn left to head back to Ashby Road and the start of the walk, straight ahead through footpath to the Market Place or right to head down to Melbourne Parish Church, Melbourne Hall and the beautiful Melbourne Pool.



We would like to thank the Dunningcliff Family for allowing Arts Melbourne to locate the Whispers from the Woods Trail in Brown's Field.

We would like to remind visitors that they visit the Whispers from the Woods Trail at their own risk.

Estimated time to walk the trail is 30 minutes there is a short steep hill at either end however the walk is relatively easy.

To follow this or a longer route scan the QR code.



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