What to come and see

This map and guide are designed to help you find your way around Apley Woods, giving an idea of some of the area's historic features, points of interest and suggested walk and accessibilty routes.



Apley Castle

The original Apley Castle still stands today adjacent to the west side of Apley Woods. Built around 1270, the Castle is grade II* listed and has its own Chapel, Great Hall and was once surrounded by its own moat. It was renovated in 1996 and is now eight privately owned properties.



Energy Rising sculpture

Located in the heart of the woodland is a very unusual carved stone sculpture called 'Energy Rising'. It is believed to symbolise larva emerging from the earth. Look out for the stone carved armchairs near to where the Georgian manor house once stood.



Site of the Georgian manor house

This magnificent Georgian manor house was the centre piece of a 900 acre estate with its grand gardens and vistas. The clay to make the bricks was dug from the nearby Apley Pool. Sadly, it became too expensive to maintain and on 18th November 1955, the entire house was dismantled and sold off.



Woodland art

Look up and around for the amazing sculptures of woodland art, which include birds of prey and woodland animals. Some may be higher than you think!



Tree Trail

Some of Apley's finest specimen trees can be found on our tree trail. There are ten in total, see if you can spot them all:

- Red Oak (Quercus rubra)
- Beech (Fagus sylvatica)
- Western Red Cedar (Thuja plicata)
- Sweet Chestnut (Castanea sativa)
- Yew (Taxus baccata)
- Wellingtonia (Sequoiadendron gigateum)
- Birch (Betula pendula)
- London Plane (Platinus xhispanica/acerifolia)
- Lime (Tilia cordata)
- Walnut (Juglans nigra)

