

Come to **Hatfield Forest** by bus and train!

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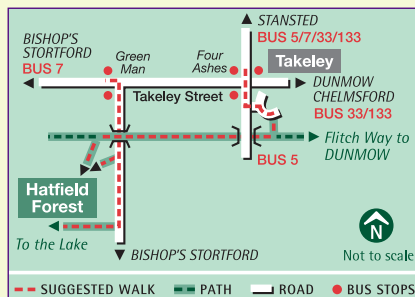
Take the natural route

Hatfield Forest was first mentioned in the Domesday Book. An outstanding ancient woodland, it is a rare surviving example of a medieval royal hunting forest, with deer and cattle grazing among the coppiced and pollarded trees - some 650 years old. It has over 1,000 acres of woodland and pasture, an eighteenth century Shell House and the lake, created in the eighteenth century, is one of the largest fen areas in Essex. There are many excellent walks and nature trails, and four hundred species of plants have been recorded. A National Trust property, Hatfield Forest is in North-West Essex, close to Bishop's Stortford.



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 Bishop's Stortford has a frequent One train service from London Liverpool Street, and half-hourly from Cambridge (hourly on Sundays). Bishop's Stortford Bus Interchange is at the far side of the car park from the railway station. Stansted Airport is the terminus for Central Trains services from Birmingham, via Cambridge, and has a half-hourly service from London Liverpool Street all week.



Monday to Saturday

First Village Link service **7** runs **every hour** from Bishop's Stortford Interchange to Stansted Airport and Stansted Mountfitchet, via Takeley Street and Takeley (A120). Alight at the Green Man (Takeley Street) and take the turning opposite the pub, which leads down to the main Hatfield Forest entrance, or enter the estate via the stile on the right after passing under a bridge. The lake area is just over a mile (2km) to the South, but the estate runs all the way. Consult Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 195 and 183.

First service **33** runs **every hour** from Chelmsford to Stansted Airport, and Stansted Transit service **133** runs **every hour** from Braintree to the airport. Both serve Great Dunmow and Takeley. First Village Link service **5** runs **every hour** from Bishop's Stortford Interchange to Saffron Walden, via Takeley and Stansted Airport. Alight at Takeley Four Ashes and change to the **7** (allow time to cross the road junction to reach another stop), or walk from here: take the road that leaves the crossroads towards the South (B183). Take the first left, then immediately right onto a residential road to the old Takeley station, this gives access to the Fitch Way path along the old railway line. Turn right onto the Fitch Way and follow it to the next bridge. A short distance further on is a gate on the left opening onto the Hatfield Forest estate. Takeley is 1 mile or 1½ km further away than Takeley Street.

Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays


First **33** and Stansted Transit **133**, each run **every two hours** from Chelmsford and Braintree, respectively, to Stansted Airport, via Great Dunmow and Takeley (Four Ashes), from where Hatfield Forest can be reached via the Fitch Way.

For more information or to check journey details, contact Traveline public transport information on **0870 608 2 608**, www.traveline.org.uk or National Rail Enquiries on **08457 48 49 50**, www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Services 5, 7, 33 (Sundays) and 133 are funded by Essex County Council.


Open every day from dawn to dusk, all year round.

Admission is free.

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