

# Badbury Hill Bluebell Forest

Distance  
**1**  
mile

Time  
**1**  
hour

Elevation  
**46**  
feet

Hike itinerary and  
detailed information



Difficulty: Easy





Take a walk through this magical and mysterious bluebell forest at Badbury Hill in the heart of Wiltshire near Faringdon. Between the months of April and May, the bluebells are in bloom and carpet the entire forest floor.



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## Overview

A fantastic sunrise walk on a clear spring morning.



### Starting early at Badbury Clump

Sunrise in early May is around 05:00 and a slight haze can block the first light of the morning. As the sun comes up, the light pours through the trees and reflects off the top of the flowers, illuminating the bluebells with a beautiful purple light.



## Specifications and features

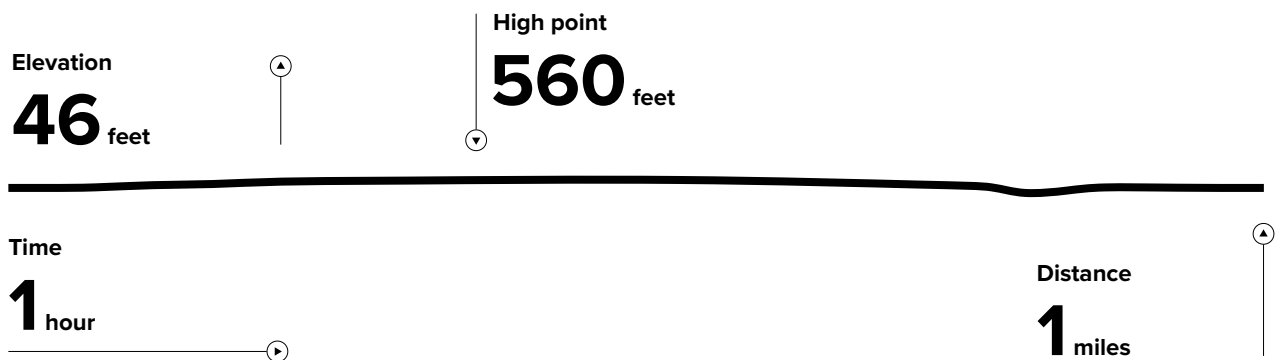
Recorded data from the hike and some extra information for before you start.

### Trail conditions

The entire forest floor is covered in delicate and protected bluebells which have winding trails running through them, however these are off limits and blocked off by dead trees placed there by The National Trust. Walkways surround the bluebells for visitors to use.

### Camping rules

The Badbury Hill Bluebell Forest is protected by The National Trust, as well as the land being privately owned by farmers. Always ask permission before camping. Wild camp at your own risk.



Pub



Parking



Dog-friendly



Difficulty: Easy

## The highlight

The spectacle of the trees sprouting through the bluebells with the morning light of the May sunrise peaking through the forest.



### Outstanding sunrise

This rare and beautiful bluebell forest situated just 20 minutes east of Swindon near the town of Faringdon is one of my favourite things to see in Oxfordshire. The best time of year to come is between April and May as this is when the bluebells are in bloom. I recommend getting up early for sunrise on a clear morning to witness the light illuminating the bluebells and the trees casting long shadows on the tops of the flowers which carpet the forest floor.

## Itinerary

Info, directions and way points from start to finish for the hike.



### Getting there

The best way to get to Badbury Hill Bluebell Forest is by car. Search either Badbury Hill or Badbury Clump in Google Maps, or hit the “get directions” button below. You’ll find the forest on the B4019 heading eastbound from Swindon or westbound from Faringdon.

## Way points

### Step 1

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### Arrive at Badbury Clump

Badbury Hill has a car park right off the B4019 with an overflow car park open if it’s busy. The best time to arrive is early in the morning for sunrise as there’ll be less visitors and the morning light is perfect.

## Step 2

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### Walk to the south west side

At the end of the car park, you'll find the signage offering information about Badbury hill. This marks the main entrance into the forest.

## Step 3

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### Enjoy Badbury Hill, the bluebells and the surrounding area

Badbury Clump is a small part of Badbury Forest, but by far the most spectacular with the bluebells. There's also a wider area of walking trails just north of the clump which are good to explore.



## Next: Gear list

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## Gear list

See the gear I used on my hike around the Cherhill and Calstone Downs.



**Berghaus Men's Expeditor**  
Lighter than most boots.  
£110.99\*



**Eiger Hillside 25L Backpack**  
A simple laptop pack for day trips.  
£30.00\*



**North Ridge Goose Down Jacket**  
Packs up small, keeps you warm.  
£99.00\*



**Craghoppers Winter Trousers**  
Warm, durable and flexible.  
£29.75\*



**Berghaus Windstopper Hat**  
Ear and head winter protection.  
£17.50\*



**North Ridge Grid Fleece**  
Flexible yet durable base layer.  
£15.00\*



**DJI Mavic Pro Drone**  
Foldable aerial photography.  
£1,100.00\*



**Canon EOS 700D DSLR Camera**  
Quality stills at an affordable price.  
£279.72\*



**Rode VideoMic Go**  
High quality, directional sound.  
£55.00\*

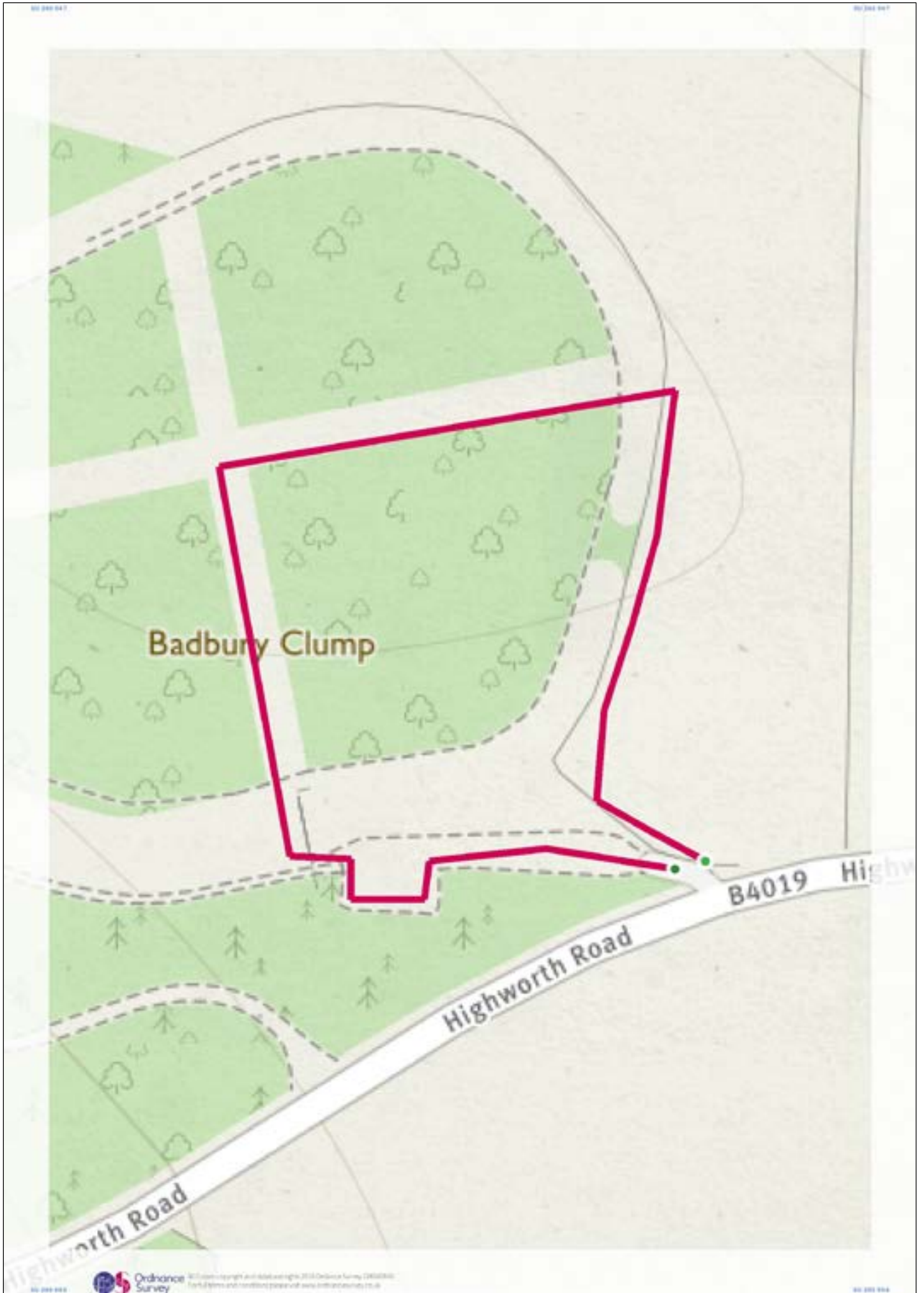


**Rode Dead Cat Go**  
Windshield for the Video Mic Go.  
£16.80\*

**Next: Map**

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\*Price at time of purchase



## Route Information

Route Name                      Badbury Hill Bluebell Woods

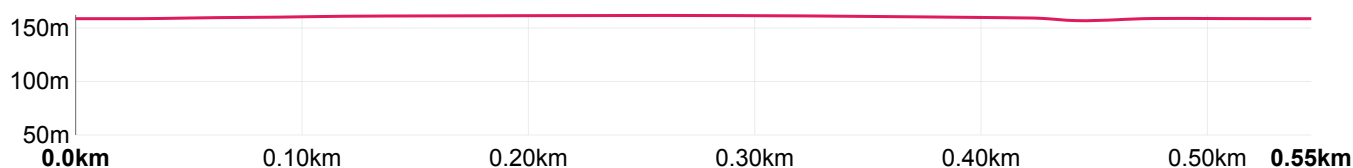
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## Route Summary

|                |                              |       |             |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Total Distance | <b>0.5km (0.3mi)</b>         | Walk  | <b>7min</b> |
| Elevation      | <b>156m</b> at lowest point  | Run   | <b>2min</b> |
|                | <b>162m</b> at highest point | Cycle | <b>1min</b> |
| Total Ascent   | <b>7m</b>                    |       |             |

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## Elevation Profile



## Route Card

| # | OS Grid Ref           | Dist from start | Ascent to next | Latitude      | Longitude    | Elevation |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 | SU 262 945            | 0.00km          | 7m             | 51° 38' 57" N | 1° 37' 19" W | 159m      |
|   | Dist to next: 0.54 km |                 |                |               |              |           |
| 2 | SU 262 945            | 0.54km          | 0m             | 51° 38' 56" N | 1° 37' 19" W | 159m      |

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