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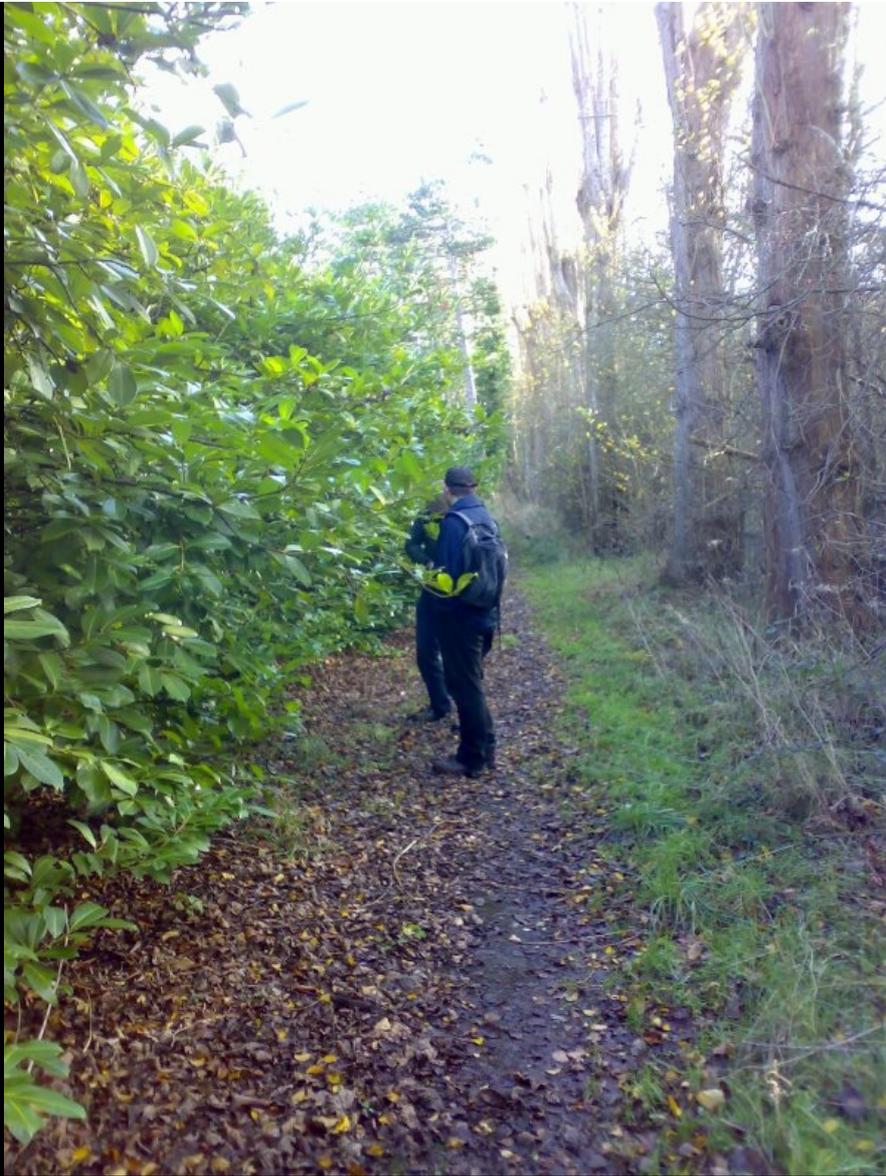


**There's just so much of
this place to see -
it's bloody enormous!**

We spent the first half hour of our day messing about opposite the little car park across the main road, looking for a way into the place. We had to use a bit of cunning, but the entry point is completely invisible to most people. More on that later.



ABOVE: Getting through the outer perimeter fence was not going to be a problem. There were so many holes in it that it may as well not have been there. The advice we were given was to "look for the deer" and follow them in.



ABOVE: It was at this point that we all mysteriously needed a pee - very strange. Which way do we go?



ABOVE: There were a few of these pretty little shelters around this part of the site - I'm guessing that this must have been a recreational garden. The trees and hedgerow look as though they have been laid out rather than just plonked there.







ABOVE: A possible way in? It didn't look very open at the top so we kept looking.



ABOVE: I hate these fences and coating them with sticky crud just adds insult to injury. The trouble is that there is no real way of distinguishing between bonafide Urbexers and vandals so sadly they are an increasingly more present fact of life. We are nice people though and if we look at anything, it goes back exactly as we found it. You wouldn't even see the gap in the dust round the footprint and that's the way it should be!



ABOVE & RIGHT: Hmm. There's an awful lot of these covered walkways about, on both sides of the spikey fences, but how to get into them? Luckily, hardboard is not known particularly well for its weatherproof properties and in a few places wasn't particularly weatherproof or well attached at all, which was to our advantage.

RIGHT: The water tower. Agent Klutz is probably looking longingly at this now. Sadly, as far as we could find, the only way up was walled off but there was plenty else good to see.







ABOVE: Chim chimeny, chim chimeny etc. is that a much denuded and rusting exposed roof support we can see just to the top right of the skylight? That would be the hall then.

BELOW: A little to the right of the point we took the previous photo from, we found the water tower. It is quite fantastic.



BELOW: This is possibly the nicest thing about being in these places - the sense of anticipation. We can see these big impressive bits looming in the distance but we have to try and figure out how to get to them. We get gradually closer and closer until we just turn a corner and viola. It's a little bit like Lassie running through a field of grass and keeps standing up and looking to make sure you're following. Or possibly meercats keeping watch? Damn that Lemsip's good!



BELOW: Everyone loves a good courtyard shot. No chairs set up for us here, though.



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