Everybody likes to look and feel good, and keeping fit is a major part of that. So what better way to get fit than in the fresh air and for free?

GET SET
This versatile Trim Trail combines fun and fitness for all levels of physical ability. Designed to improve your cardio-vascular system it will also test your upper and lower body muscular strength, endurance, coordination and agility.

GO
This trail can be as mild or as intense as you require, you should always work at a pace you feel comfortable with, but if you wish to challenge yourself then aim to increase the number of repetitions or even laps!

The map outlines each exercise station on the trail and provides instructions on how to use them. Keep track of your progress by charting the repetitions completed and also your trail time on each visit. Watch yourself improve!

SAFETY
To reduce the chances of injury it’s essential that you warm up prior to starting the trail and cool down when finished. The trail covers a variety of terrains, so appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear is recommended. Extra caution should be taken in wet conditions.

BENEFITS:
Tests your core strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Option 1. Perform a sit up with your feet under the lowest beam. Option 2. Lay on the floor with your feet under the lower bar and perform a sit up. Option 3. Sit on the highest beam with your feet under the lowest and perform a sit up.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength and climbing ability.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Attempt to reach the top of the pole by moving one hand over the other.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your agility and coordination.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Run and jump over each hurdle.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Perform press ups with hands on beam.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your agility.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Jump from one side of the beam to the other with feet together.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your core strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
See before.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength and climbing ability.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Attempt to reach the top of the pole by moving one hand over the other.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your agility and coordination.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Run and jump over each hurdle.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BENEFITS:
Tests your upper body strength.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Select a suitable station depending upon your height and aim to pull yourself up so that your chin is over the bar.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
A DIFFERENT CHALLENGE

The Woodland Walk provides a beautiful route through 2.6 miles of woodland canopy that can be enjoyed by all levels of ability, from those looking for an interesting run to those wanting a short stroll.

At a moderate pace the full route can be completed in approximately 1.5 hours. However, there are lots of clearly signed points at which you can join or leave the walk to suit your day.

The trail includes varying unsurfaced terrain so suitable outdoor footwear should be worn.

THINGS TO SEE

The Bigforth Estate sporting woodland was planted in 1841 and forms the heart of the University woodlands. Later additions were planted during the 1960’s to offer shelter and screening for the new emerging campus.

In the older developed woodland, Beech is predominant along with some Oak with self sown Sycamore and Elm forming much of the sub-canopy. The understorey is of Holly and Rhododendron. The later woodland is dominated by Alder or Poplar, with Sycamore, Beech and Norway Maple. Ground cover is a mixture of bramble, rushes and grass.

The University has established a 10yr Management Plan 2010–2020 to help implement a number of measures to continue to enable the woodlands to develop.

The woodlands and surrounding parklands support and provide important habitats for a number of species including: 290 different species of plants and animals; 120 bird species; 3 species of Bat and even Roe Deer are seen in the woodlands from time to time.

Throughout the seasons you will encounter many things of interest in the woodland, these include: snowdrops in spring; a carpet of blue bells in May; wild garlic in June; woodland ferns in the summer and a variety of interesting fungi in the autumn.

Between 1899 and 1902, Herbert Storey built Bailrigg House where he lived until his death. Bailrigg House was designed by the architects Woolfall and Eccles of Liverpool. Herbert also re-oriented the land, adding additional elements to the landscape and later hired the landscape architect Ernest Miller with this work continued by the famous local landscape architect, Thomas Mawson.