



# Visual Guide

This information is designed to help you prepare for a visit to **Clouts Wood Nature Reserve**.

# General Information



Clouts Wood nature reserve is located in Wroughton, a village south of Swindon.

The site is of special scientific interest and is managed by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Kings Farm Wood is jointly managed with Swindon Borough Council.

The reserve has four sections; Kings Farm Wood, Diocese Meadows, Clouts Wood and Markham Banks. Each have distinct habitats.



The complex is 62.19 hectares.

There is good access for wheelchairs or pushchairs from the entrance at Kings Farm Wood, with flat gravel paths.

There are no toilet facilities on site. The nearest being at the Ellendune Community Centre.

Dogs are allowed if kept on a lead.



# Getting there



The reserve can be accessed by car, bike and the number 9 bus.

Turn into Nursery Close from Wroughton High Street (at the traffic lights). Continue straight ahead through the housing until you reach the junction with Badgers Brook. Enter the reserve via a small bridge.



Parking is unavailable at the Badgers Brook entrance to the reserve. It is best to park and access from the nearby Ellendune Centre car park.



There is signage and a site map at the entrance, with signposts on route.

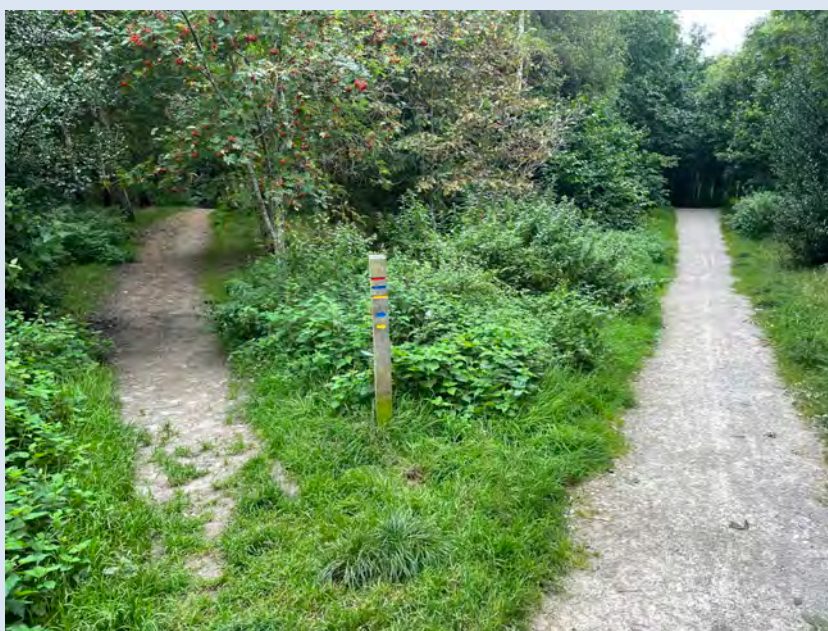


# Exploring **Clouts Wood**



Enter the reserve by following the gravel path from the entrance.

This path is flat.



Continue straight on at this cut-off by following the path to the right.



Eventually, you will reach another gate which opens out onto a field. This is unsuitable for wheelchair users.



# Exploring Clouts Wood



Follow the path straight on, which will take you to an open area like this, on the way to Clouts Wood.

Walk straight on and up the hill. Here you will find three separate entrances to the woods.



The paths in the woods are steep and narrow, and can get very muddy in the winter.



These paths will lead you to the other side of the woods, where Markham Banks is located. Enjoy the sweeping countryside views!

The path will loop back around to the entrance.



# Wildlife



Buzzards and red kite can be spotted soaring overhead, and owls and small mammals make their home here.



Keep your eyes and ears peeled for the green and great spotted woodpecker, treecreeper and chiffchaff.



In autumn look for shaggy parasol mushrooms, stump puffballs and velvet shank toadstool.

Download a reserve leaflet for further information: <https://bit.ly/3l2HPct>