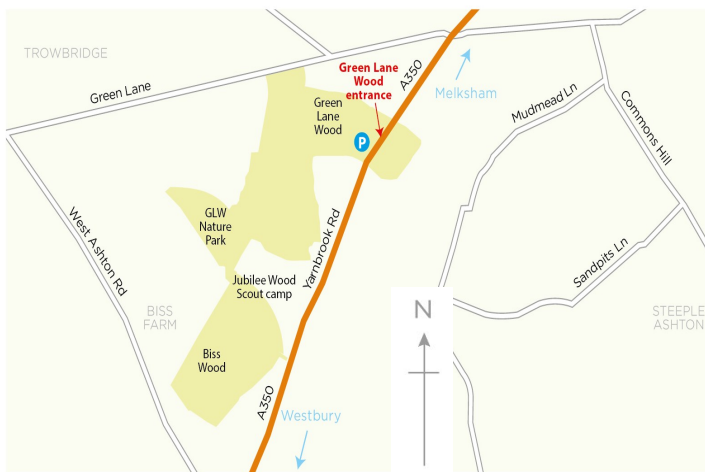


Location

Green Lane Wood
Postcode BA14 6DE
Grid ref ST 87420 57456

Access – suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Main access is currently at Huntingfield off Leap Gate Road, as the car parks off the A350 remain closed.



Other reserves nearby – Conigre Mead

Things to see locally - a'Beckett's Vineyard (7 miles), Lacock Abbey and village (8 miles), Bath Abbey and Roman Baths (9 miles), West Kennet Longbarrow (15 miles)

If driving - Please park at: ST 87420 57456 (Huntingfield off Leap Gate Road) as the car parks off the A350 remain closed.

If using bus - Regular bus services to Trowbridge town centre. Route 66 town centre bus goes to Green Lane. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets

If cycling - There are no designated National Cycle Routes in the vicinity. Visit www.sustrans.org.uk

About Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Our vision is to create a county rich in wildlife and help people live sustainable lifestyles that protect the environment for the benefit of everyone.

We have about 18,500 members, look after almost 40 nature reserves, are supported by hundreds of volunteers, and work with local communities, schools, businesses and public bodies to achieve our aims. To do all this we rely on the support of our members. If you would like to join us, or to find out about how you can help the environment, please visit www.wiltshirewildlife.org

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A sustainable future for wildlife and people

Nature reserves

Green Lane Wood complex



Green Lane Wood

Including Biss Wood and Green Lane Nature Park.

Trowbridge Total complex 91.46 hectares.
Green Lane Wood 40.46 hectares

This ancient oak woodland was left to us in 1991 by its previous owner who had lived in a cabin in the wood. In 1998 we purchased the wildflower meadow next to it.

The wood connects with our Biss Wood nature reserve and Green Lane Nature Park – why not enjoy a walk through them all.

The open part of the wood is coppiced, encouraging woodland flowers to grow. They include Solomon's seal, **stinking iris** and greater butterfly orchid.

In summer look for butterflies: silver-washed fritillary, Duke of Burgundy, purple hairstreak, **speckled wood** and white-letter hairstreak.

Autumn offers striking leaf colour and fungi; and in January and February listen for the hammering of the great spotted woodpecker.

The meadow is full of flowers from spring onwards - scarce adder's-tongue fern, common knapweed and betony. It is light and damp beneath the pylons - ideal for wild angelica and **ragged robin**.

In the woodland you can find nuthatch and **jay**. Look out for a treecreeper walking up the side of a tree trunk in search of food.

Roe and **muntjac** deer are hard to spot, but you might see grass snake and slow worm basking in sunshine.

The rare Bechstein's bat makes the wood its home. It roosts in hollow or rotten trees, although it has been known to use bird and bat boxes.

The rides are covered with stones making access easy. The pond just off the main ride was created by a stray World War II bomb.

Biss Wood

21 hectares

Biss Wood was clear felled and replanted in the late 1940s and early 1950s. It is now a mix of deciduous trees managed in the traditional way by coppicing. It was given to us in 2012.

It is crossed with sunny woodland rides, ditches and also has a pond.

In summer purple hairstreak butterflies seek nectar high in the canopy. Bechstein's bats hunt for insects at dusk and you can see birds such as bullfinch.

Wildflowers grow along the sunny rides such as common spotted orchid, **Solomon's seal**, bugle and St John's wort.

Biss Wood has 389 species of fungi. Look for them in the autumn: purple jellydisk fungus, lilac bonnet, green elf cup (which is a beautiful turquoise colour), and the yellow coloured **dog vomit slime mould** - otherwise known as flowers of tan.

We are working with the Scouts of Wiltshire West to develop their Jubilee Wood Scout Camp site, which is sandwiched between Biss Wood and Green Lane Nature Park.

Green Lane Nature Park

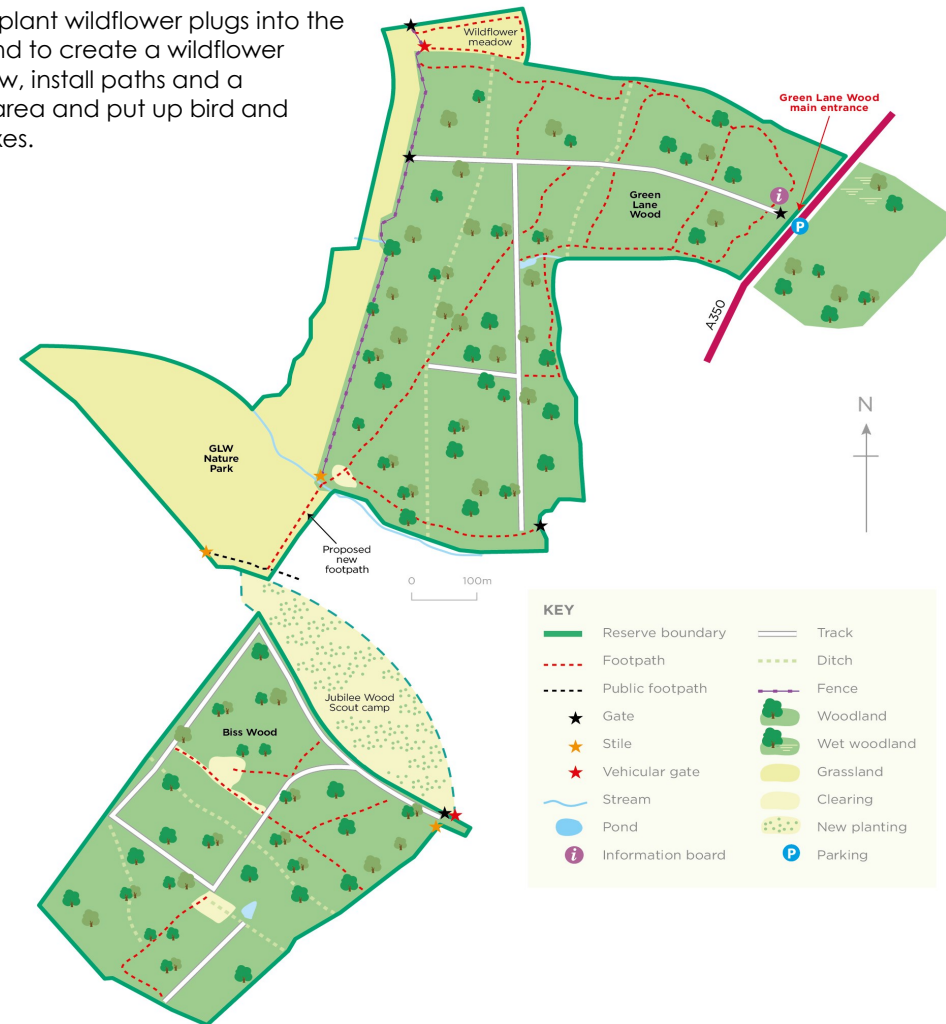
30 hectares

We are developing a nature park on land donated to us as part of the new housing development. We will plant native parkland trees, scrub and hedgerows to link the two woods so that wildlife can move between them.

The woods support up to 11 species of bat including pipistrelle and greater and lesser horseshoe bats as well as the rare

Bechstein's bat. Birds found here include hobby and barn owl.

We will plant wildflower plugs into the grassland to create a wildflower meadow, install paths and a picnic area and put up bird and bat boxes.



Stinking iris, Rob Large WWT. Ragged robin, Rob Large WWT. Muntjac, Darin Smith. Jay, Ian Rose
Speckled wood, Neil Aldridge. Solomon's seal, Steve Day WWT. Dog vomit slime mould, Frankenstoen

