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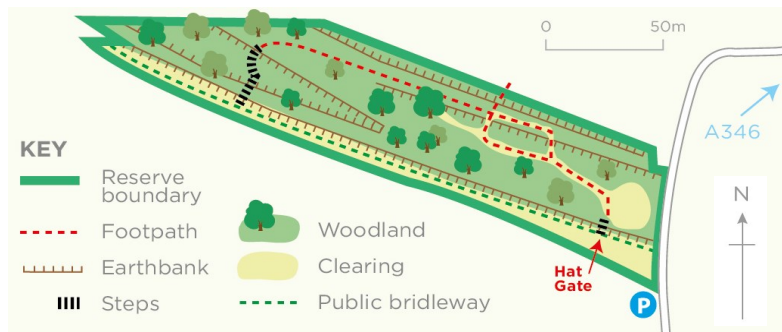
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Postcode SN8 4NG Grid Ref. SU212642

Access

Not suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Directions

If driving - from Marlborough High Street drive east to mini roundabout and take second exit onto the A4 signposted Salisbury A346, Hungerford A4. At mini-roundabout take second exit and continue up the hill on A346. At next mini-roundabout take second exit to continue uphill on the A346, signposted Burbage A346, Salisbury A338. Drive through Cadley and about 2.7 miles after the mini-roundabout take turning on right signposted Wootton Rivers, Brimslade. Drive for 0.5 miles until you see a brick abutment. Immediately after this, park on right in lay-by, being careful not to block Mud Lane bridleway. Access to reserve is by steep steps on right from bridleway.

If using bus – bus 70/80 Swindon to Ludgershall stops in Marlborough. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets

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