



Visual Guide

This information is designed to help you prepare for a visit to **Morgan's Hill** Nature Reserve.

General Information



Morgan's Hill Nature Reserve is located between Devizes and Calne, within the North Wessex Downs AONB.

The site is managed by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

The reserve has incredible views of Cherhill down.

Part of the reserve has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of the orchids and butterflies, as well as the general quality of chalk grassland and wildflowers.



The site is 11 hectares.

It is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

There are no toilet facilities on site.

Getting there



The reserve can be accessed by car, by parking in the Smallgrain Picnic Area.

The car park has space for lots of vehicles.

There is no signage from the car park.



You will need to walk up the short inclined path to get closer to the reserve entrance.



You will then need to walk down the steps, and turn right to walk further down the track.

After a 10 minute walk along the track, you will come to the reserve entrance which has signage.

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Enter the reserve through the gate.



The reserve is very steep to start with and splits into two pathways. The best pathway to follow is on the left hand side.



There might be livestock grazing on the reserve when you visit.

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Once you have reached the top, walk straight on and enjoy the views!

The left hand side is a shorter walk and takes you back onto a walking trail.

If you want a longer walk, take the path to the right. You may see some people playing golf to your right, as the reserve is adjacent to the golf course.



If you take the longer route, you will come to this gate. You are welcome to continue following the path through here, however at the moment there is no exit gate at the end.



At the bottom of the reserve, you will find the Wansdyke path.

Follow this path back towards the reserve entrance, and you will find yourself returning back to the car park via the way you came in.

Wildlife

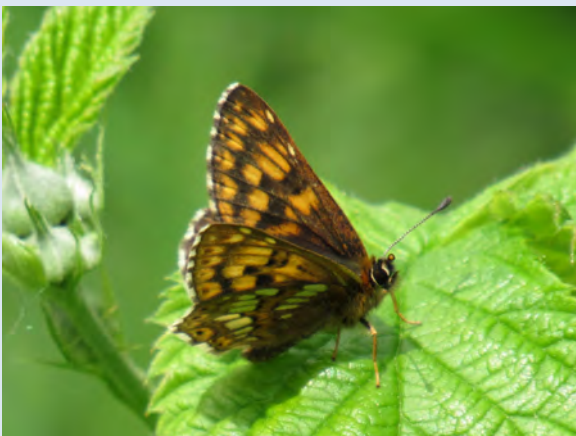


The steep slopes of the Wansdyke is home to early purple orchids and round-headed rampion.

Due to the rich variety of wildflowers, many species of butterfly can also be seen here in the summer months.



Look out for the rare duke or burgundy, or marsh fritillary butterflies in particular.



Whilst walking, look up to see kestrels hovering overhead, or listen to hear the sounds of yellowhammers and skylarks.





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