



Great spotted woodpecker
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Biss Wood bluebells and coppice stools
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Green Lane Wood

including Smith's Well Wood and Green Lane Meadow

101 acres / 41 ha.

● Woodland

This ancient woodland in Trowbridge was given to us in 1991, and in 1998 we purchased the wildflower meadow next to it. The wood now connects with our Biss Wood nature reserve and the 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, and the wildflower meadow on the northern edge blooms from spring onwards with flowers such as the nationally scarce adder's-tongue fern, common knapweed and betony.

In January and February, listen for the hammering of the great spotted woodpecker, and in the summer months, look for butterflies such as the rare Duke of Burgundy. The rare Bechstein's bat also makes the wood its home. It roosts in hollow or rotten trees, although it has been known to use bird and bat boxes.

Did you know?

The pond just off the main ride at Green Lane Wood was created by a stray World War II bomb.

Wildlife highlights



Great for

Bats and butterflies

All year round

Roe and muntjac deer
Barn owl, bullfinch, great spotted woodpecker

Spring – Summer

Butterflies (silver-washed fritillary, marbled white, purple hairstreak)
Bechstein's bat
Grass snake
Orchids (common spotted, early purple), adder's-tongue fern, common knapweed

Autumn – Winter

Fungi (green elf cup, flowers of tan, purple jellydisc, lilac bonnet)

Look out for

Bechstein's bats hunting for insects at dusk.

Directions

From the centre of Trowbridge, follow signs towards West Ashton via W Ashton Road. At the roundabout, turn left onto Leap Gate and then the first right onto Huntingfield, where you can access the reserve.

Address and nearest postcode

Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 6GP

Nearest bus stop

Mascroft Road, Trowbridge (X34, X77, X84)

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OS map reference

ST874574

Nearest train station

Trowbridge (2.2 miles)

Parking

Please park in the lay-bys at Huntingfield off Leap Gate Road.

Cycling

No National Cycle Routes in the vicinity.

Nearest reserves

Widbrook Wood, Conigre Mead



Wheelchairs are only suitable in the nature park. Pushchairs are difficult to pass through wood gates.



Mostly flat level paths.



Dogs on leads are welcome.





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Biss Wood

52 acres / 21 ha.

Biss Wood was clear felled and replanted in the late 1940s and early 1950s. It was given to us in 2012 and is now a mix of deciduous trees managed by coppicing. The wood is crossed with ditches and sunny woodland rides where common spotted orchid and other wildflowers grow, and has a small pond.

In summer, purple hairstreak butterflies seek nectar high in the canopy. Birdwatchers may also spot the red flash of a male bullfinch at any time of year.

Biss Wood has 435 species of fungi, which can be found in the autumn, from the vibrant turquoise green elf cup to the yellow-coloured dog vomit slime mould – otherwise known as flowers of tan.

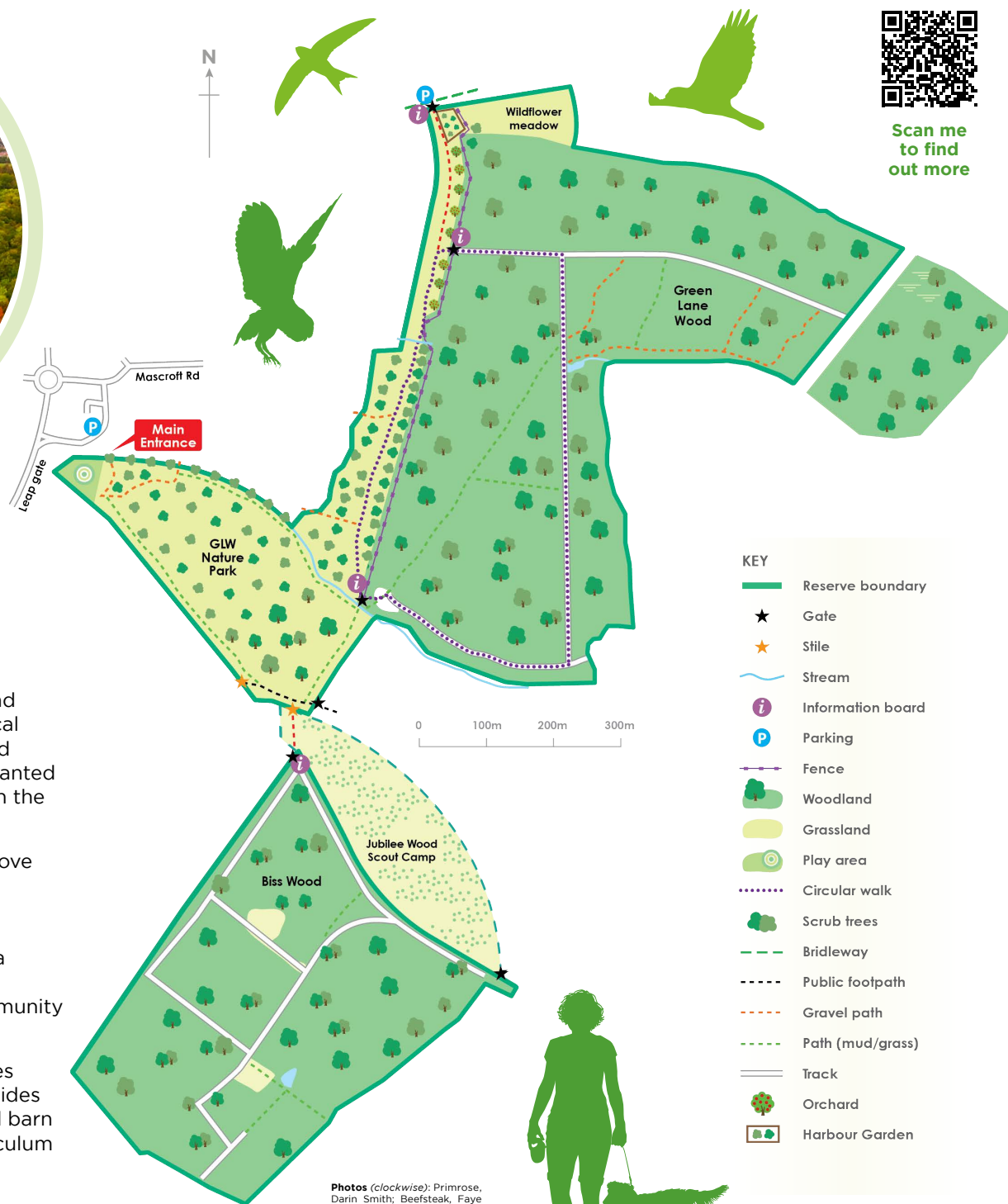
Green Lane Nature Park

32 acres / 13 ha.

This area was donated to us as part of the new housing development and turned into a nature park for the local community to enjoy. Native parkland trees, scrub and hedgerows were planted to create a wildlife corridor between the two woods.

A community orchard called Sloegrove Orchard was planted in 2023, with local varieties of apple and other fruit trees such as plum and quince. It will not only provide habitat and a great food source for wildlife once matured, but will also improve community wellbeing.

Tall grass in the Nature Park provides shelter for small mammals and provides rich hunting ground for kestrels and barn owls. There is also a reptile hibernaculum refuge, and a pond.



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