

Bog Pit Wood

What is special?

Bog Pit Wood is a broadleaved woodland planted in 2012 that covers 3 hectares of land. Signs of past mining activity can still be found at the woodland. Coal mining in the area began with the working of shallow pits in Tudor times. The path down the east side of the wood was used nearly 200 years ago as a track way connecting Bog Pit with Loud Pit to the south.

Local school children helped plant the trees and name the wood. The trees here are all native species such as oak, birch, holly, hazel and rowan. These are most suitable for this area and an excellent way to help local wildlife, providing sources of food, places of shelter and safety from predators.

Native woodland is one of our richest habitats for wildlife, supporting everything from plants, lichens and fungi to insects, butterflies, small mammals and birds. Although the trees are just small saplings and it may not feel and look like woodland yet, it is still an important haven for wildlife. Wildlife most likely to be found here includes speckled wood butterfly, woodpecker, jay and common frog.

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Acorn



Burnet moth



Meadow brown butterfly



Hare



Roe deer



Fly agaric



Common frog



Common frog and frogspawn



Foxglove

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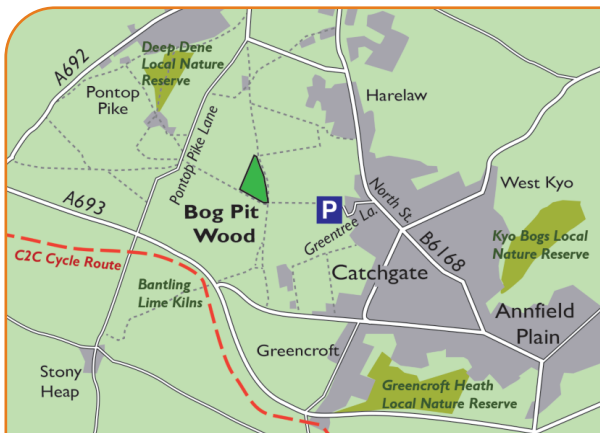
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Enjoying this wood

Bog Pit Wood can be enjoyed as part of a 3.5 mile circular route, a gentle walk, mostly on what was known locally as the Tops. The route follows four different waggonways as well as crossing the summit of Pontop Pike. It also visits Deep Dene Local Nature Reserve with Scots pine plantation, honey scented heather and ponds.

For walks further afield the C2C cycle path runs just south of the A693. Here you can see Bantling Lime Kilns. They were built for the Stanhope and Tyne Railroad Company in 1835. The coal and limestone was fed from the top, where a series of small tramways brought stone from where it was offloaded from the railway. The kilns are an impressive reminder within the landscape of the industrial heritage of this area.

This new wood is part of a unique group created in honour of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. Long after the celebrations, the trees will continue to grow and the wood will become richer and more diverse with each passing season. Sixty years from now children involved in planting the wood could be showing their children and grandchildren the trees they planted.



Area: 3 hectares (7.4 acres)

Grid Reference: NZ 155 523




Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 307

Directions: From the A693 head north into Annfield Plain at the roundabout and follow the road through the village to Catchgate. As the road changes to North Street, turn left onto Greentree Lane before you reach Hare Law School. Follow the path up alongside the allotments to Bog Pit Wood.

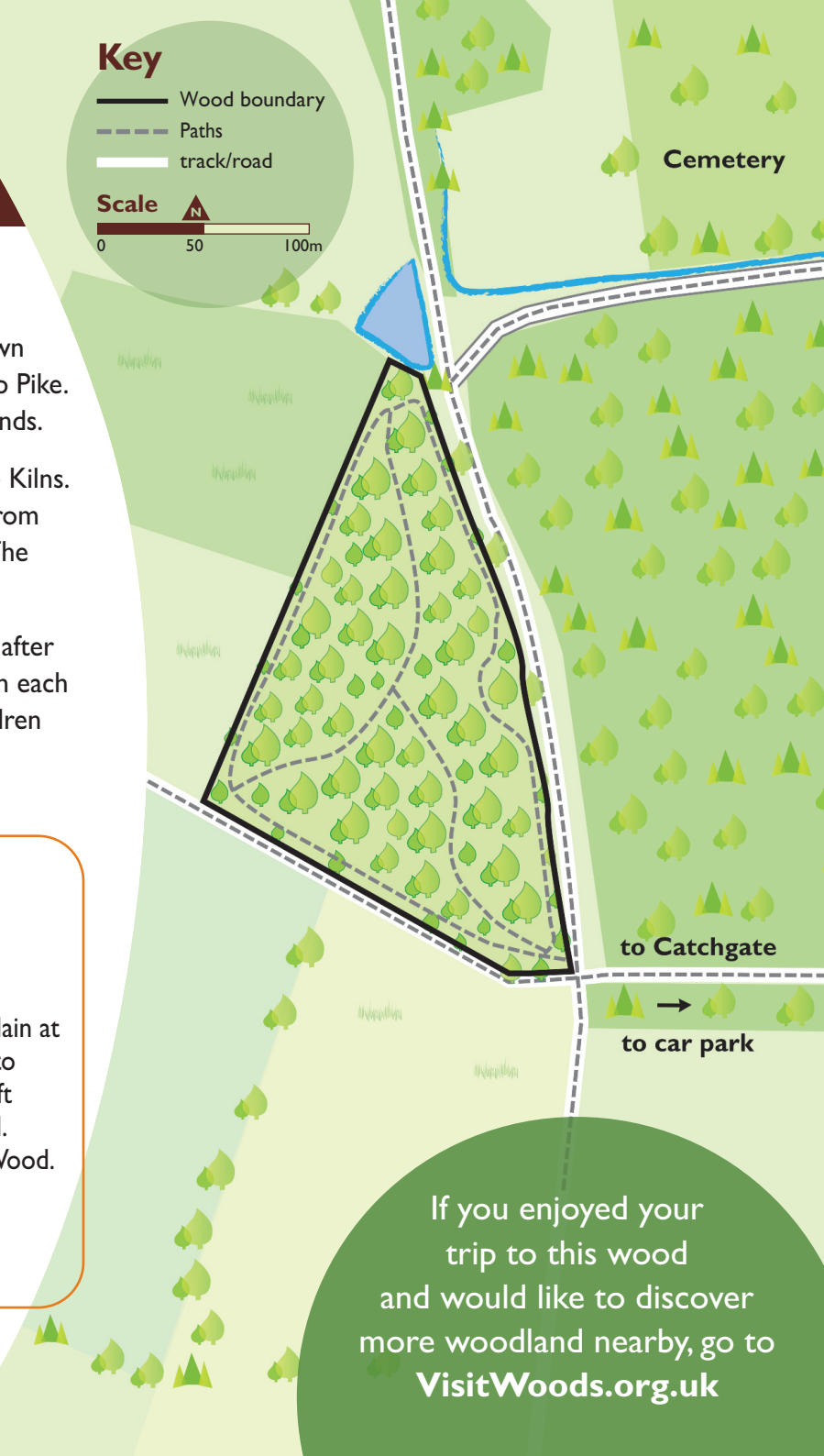
Parking: Greentree Lane.

Dogs: Do not allow your dog to foul the paths and please pick up after your dog.

Key

-  Wood boundary
-  Paths
-  track/road

Scale



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