

Welcome to... Round Wood

Local Wildlife Site...

Discover...

Round Wood Local Wildlife Site may now only be 10 acres, but it was once part of a much larger network of woodland. This has ensured that Round Wood contains a great mix of species that probably wouldn't be here if it had grown in isolation.

Sands Industrial Estate



Explore...

Following the way-marked circular route will take approximately 30 minutes. The central area is dominated by Ash trees that grew up after the storm of 1990 blew down the mature Beech trees. The Beech weren't all lost and are now found primarily at the top of the slope on the southern side of the site. This area of mature woodland is a good place to look for birds like Nuthatch, Treecreeper and Great Spotted Woodpecker. The west of the site is characterised by chalk grassland and scrub and is a great place to look for wildflowers and invertebrates.

| Key | | | |
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| | Mature woodland | | Steps |
| | Ash woodland | | Play Area |
| | Scrub | | Bench |
| | Chalk grassland | | Information Board |
| | Amenity grassland | | |
| | Public footpath | Area (exc Recreation Ground): | 10 acres:4.3 Ha |
| | Circular Walk | | |
| | Permissive paths | | |

Look out for....

Great Spotted Woodpecker
Dendrocopos major

Look up at the mature Beech and Oak trees that are found at the top of the site for this bird. Listen as it drums on the tree trunks, declaring its territory to all. The holes and deadwood to be found in the trees are also great places for them to hunt for their main food - insects and grubs.



Lesser Stag Beetle
Dorcus parallelipipedus

This rather large and mean looking beetle is more common than you may think. The larvae's favourite foods include rotting Beech, Ash and Apple making it a relatively common species amongst the deadwood left on site. Look out for the adults in mid-summer.



St. George's Mushroom
Calocybe gambosa

This edible mushroom gets its name from the time of year it can first be found (around the end of April). It is a particular lover of chalky soils and is found primarily within the woodland here. However, it can also be found in more open areas.



Comma
Polygona c-album

This butterfly with distinctive jagged wings is generally seen flying between March and mid October. Look out for the adults anywhere on the site where there is warm sunshine and some nectar sources, particularly Thistles, Brambles, Ivy, Knapweeds and Privet. The caterpillars feed on Stinging Nettles and Elm.



Round Wood is managed by WDC Woodland Service with funding from the Forestry Commission's Woodland Improvement Grant to ensure it is protected and its biodiversity enhanced for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.

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