

DEANGARDEN WOOD

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From the map "Sixty-five miles around London" J. Andrews and A. Drury 1774



There is an extensive network of public footpaths and permissive paths throughout the woods for recreation and conservation purposes.
This varied terrain has a fascinating past and is home to a wealth of flora & fauna alongside neighbouring Warren, Keep Hill, & Fennels Woods.

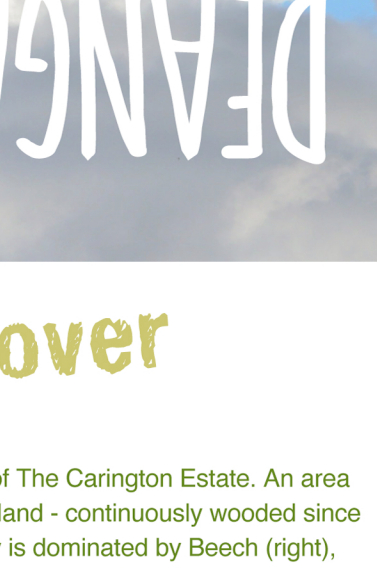
Set in the beautiful rolling Chiltern Hills, **Deangarden Wood** is a haven of Ancient woodland to the east of High Wycombe. With paths, trails and viewpoints, it is a great place to visit at any time of year.

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Deangarden Wood is part of The Carington Estate. An area of semi-natural Ancient woodland - continuously wooded since 1600AD - whose overstorey is dominated by Beech (right), Ash, Oak and Lime, with a mixture of Yew, Hazel, Hawthorn and Holly contributing to the understorey.

This extended period of stable land use, in partnership with traditional Chilterns woodland management techniques such as coppicing and pollarding has created a patchwork of special habitats benefitting a diverse range of species.

The site has a wealth of standing and fallen deadwood, providing plenty of opportunity for woodpeckers, Nuthatch, and Tawny owls. Also present are the perennial herb Coralroot bittercress (*Cardamine bulbifera*) and Wood barley (*Hordelymus europaeus*), which whilst nationally rare can be found in good numbers locally.



Autumn provides a spectacular display of fungi with an astonishing array being present, such as Earth Stars, Trooping Funnels (above left), Magpie Inkcaps (above right) and the Brown Mottlegill.



Local Heritage

Historically, woodlands have been managed for their resources for millennia; Beech for furniture, Hazel coppiced for a variety of uses such as baskets, wattles (fence panels) & walking sticks, and Oak famously for ship masts and buildings.

There are features of a worked landscape dotted throughout the woodland; including the boundary bank separating Deangarden and Keep Hill Woods, and sawpits used by 'bodgers' during High Wycombe's chair-making heyday.





Elm
Ulmus procera



Did you know?

We get the terms '**top dog**' and '**underdog**' from the furniture industry?
It's due to the position of the bodger in the sawpit, the underdog being the one getting showered in sawdust all day long. No wonder we all still root for the less fancied competitor!