

Hawkins Wood

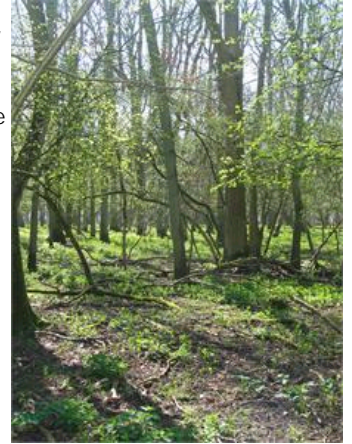
The Wood is shown on maps dating from 1766 - but is thought to be much older: documents from 1676 mention the Wood and link it to a man by the name of John Hawkins. It is separated into North, South and Central compartments by what are thought to be medieval banks and ditches.

The Wood is dominated by oak and ash standards, with an understorey of field maple, hazel and hawthorn. A visit to the reserve in May will be rewarded with views of the bluebells carpeting the northern section of the Wood.

The surrounding open farmland provides grazing for fallow deer which use the wood as cover. There's also a very good chance of seeing brown hare which are abundant in the area.

Populations of many of the species of birds associated with farmland are in decline and therefore they are becoming increasingly hard to see. The hedgerows, open fields and small woodlands around Hawkins Wood provide habitat for several of these species including bullfinch, linnet, yellowhammer, corn bunting, song thrush and grey partridge. Woodcock are known to use the wood in winter. It's certainly advisable to bring your binoculars with you.

The previous owner of the Wood, Mrs Joan Percy, kindly left the reserve to the Trust in 2008.



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How to Get Here

Location

Between Buntigford and Royston

Directions

No parking at the reserve itself. Park in Sandon or Green End and walk to the reserve along a track known as Notley Lane. Alternatively, from Therfield it's possible to walk to the site via Duck's Green and Kelshall Lane.

Public Transport Links

No public transport to the reserve

Walking Links

Map Reference

TL 338350

Visitor Guide

Size

Access to site

Accessible at all times.

Access around site

Walking time

Advice on what to wear/bring

Good walking shoes recommended

Map of site (if available)
