

Old Park Wood

Possibly the most varied piece of woodland in Middlesex, Old Park Wood is an ancient woodland teeming with wildlife.

The highlight of the wood is the abundance of flowers in spring. Bluebells form a stunning carpet, along with yellow archangel, lesser celandine, wood anemone and the uncommon coralroot bittercress. Golden saxifrage and marsh marigolds grow on stream banks and around the pond. The pond is also important for dragonflies and amphibians. The wood is rich in [invertebrates](#) and birds, including all three British species of woodpecker. The types of tree change as you walk through the wood due to the change in soil types. For instance birch and oak at the top, giving way to oak and hornbeam, with oak and ash at the bottom of the hill.

Old Park Wood is designated a Site of Special Scientific interest and is owned by the Trust.

The management of the reserve is based on a policy of limited intervention. Some open areas are created and managed in the form of paths and [glades](#) to benefit wildflowers and butterflies, but much of the woodland is left to develop naturally.



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How to Get Here

Location

Behind Herefield Hospital

Directions

From Harefield village take the Rickmansworth Road, turning left into Hill End Road and left again through the hospital gates. Keep to the right around the hospital road until arriving at a fence where there is a small parking area (a charge is made). Follow the waymark down the slope, go through the gate and follow the field edge into the wood.

Public Transport Links

Bus stop in Harefield Hospital grounds. Trains to Northwood (Metropolitan Line).

Walking Links

Map Reference

TQ 049913

Visitor Guide

Size

8 hectares

Access to site

Accessible at all times.

Access around site

Walking time

Advice on what to wear/bring

Wellingtons required in wet weather.

Map of site (if available)
