



# Sheffield & Rotherham

Welcome to Blacka Moor. A beautiful nature reserve nestled on the doorstep of Sheffield and the edge of the Peak District. The reserve comprises 181 hectares of wildlife-rich landscape, characterised by its mosaic of woodland, scrub, heathland, streams, wetlands and grasslands.

Blacka Moor forms part of the internationally important landscape of the Eastern Peak District Moors, which is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Special features of the area include its breeding birds, upland vegetation, lower plants, invertebrates and geological features.

The reserve is home to a wide variety of wildlife including the majestic red deer, common lizard, green hairstreak butterfly and moorland birds including wheatear, stonechat, whinchat and tree pipit. The wonderful upland woodland supports a diverse bird population including spotted flycatcher, redstart and several species of warbler.

Blacka Moor has an interesting past: historic records and field remains show that human activities, including arable and livestock farming, lead smelting, quarrying and woodland management took place across the reserve from the medieval period onwards. The remains of extensive late medieval lead-smelting activity are present on Bole Hill, and the area is designated as a Scheduled Monument.

**Dog walking: Please keep dogs on a short lead from 1 March to 31 July.** This will protect ground-nesting birds and prevent grazing livestock from being disturbed. If you feel threatened by cattle we advise that you let go of the lead.



Common Lizard (Graham Thope)



Red deer (Mark Smith)



Bog asphodel (Philip Precey)



Green hairstreak (Nabil Abbas)

The open heathland supports bilberry, cranberry and three different species of heather, while in the damper areas you will find sphagnum mosses, cotton-grass and bog asphodel. Ancient woodland plants such as bluebell, sweet woodruff and sanicle carpet the woodlands in spring.



Blacka Moor was given to the City of Sheffield by local businessman and philanthropist J G Graves in the 1930s. The reserve has been managed by the Wildlife Trust since 2001.

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- Moorland
- Woodland
- Grassland or fields
- Watercourse
- Fence (approx line)
- Wall
- Car park
- Road
- Track
- Bridleway
- Public footpath
- Unofficial path

There are numerous other paths that have not been marked to allow for further exploration and discovery.



Wheatear (Amy Lewis)



Redstart (Margaret Holland)

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