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Your Guide to Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust

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Spot light on nature reserves, what's on,
volunteering opportunities, community
projects and taking action for wildlife.

Welcome



Welcome to Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, and thank you so much for giving your support to local wildlife and its habitats. As a member you are standing up for wildlife and helping to create and protect wildlife havens,

inspire and engage people with the natural world and encourage sustainable living in your local area.

You have joined a nationwide Wildlife Trust movement of 47 independent Wildlife Trusts with over 800,000 members across the UK, the Isle of Man and Channel Islands, all working in their own local areas to make an environment rich in wildlife for everyone.

Together with our members and volunteers we are able to care for 15 local nature reserves totaling some 600 hectares across Sheffield and Rotherham, ranging from breathtaking Blacka Moor and the rich and diverse Ancient Woodlands at Moss Valley to tiny Salmon Pastures and Sunnybank in the heart of the city, as well as wetland, grassland, river and heath from Wyming Brook to Kilnhurst Ings.

You are also helping to support our Community Engagement programme, including community stewardship and environmental regeneration projects in some of Sheffield and Rotherham's most disadvantaged neighbourhoods, and a full programme of activities for people of all ages, from Wildplay for toddlers to Wild at Heart for older people.

Your membership of the Trust helps to strengthen the voice for wildlife on local and national forums as we campaign on local issues that put wildlife and its habitats in our area at risk.

So whether you like wildlife gardening, birdwatching, wildflowers or hands-on practical conservation, you enjoy unspoilt countryside or work hands-on to make it happen, this is the place for you! We hope you will stay with us for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Ballard
Chief Executive



Carbrook meadow (K Dawson)

Your membership comes with **HUVE** benefits:

1 You will love where you live

Be proud of where you live and keep it local. We have 15 nature reserves across Sheffield and Rotherham for you to explore and discover the local wildlife you love. *Find out more on pages 2-7.*

2 You will have lots of fun

With events from Wild Play, Fungi Walks and Wildlife Gardening there is something for everyone to enjoy and connect with wildlife. *Find out more on page 8.*

3 You can make your mark on Sheffield and Rotherham

With loads of volunteering opportunities from land management to wildlife data input there are so many ways for you to make your mark and have a positive impact on wildlife. *Find out more on page 8.*

4 You are giving wildlife a voice

As a collective our membership is very powerful as it means we are consulted as a representative body regarding important wildlife matters. This gives wildlife a voice at the top tables locally and nationally. *Find out more on page 10.*

5 You will learn a lot

With features from our resident expert ecologists, botanists, conservationists and entomologists in our Kingfisher membership magazine you will learn a lot. Look out for the next Kingfisher magazine landing on your doormat soon.

6 You have a place where you belong

We are a community of likeminded wildlife enthusiasts, you can meet new people and share your passions. *Find our social media contact details on the back page to be part of our online community too.*

7 You will feel good

You are helping to protect and maintain the beautiful yet vulnerable species and habitats in our area. And for this you should feel good. Thank you for your support.

8 You can have a say

As a membership led organisation our members are at the core of everything we do. You can have a say in how the charity is run, vote at our AGM or become a trustee yourself.

9 You will pass on your love for nature to the next generation

With a family membership you are sharing your passion with the children in your family so they reap the lifelong benefits of a wild childhood and learn to look after their natural world.

10 You will be appreciated

We cannot say thank you enough for joining us. We are so happy to have you and together we can work to create a network for nature and help the wildlife, you love, thrive.

Creating a network for nature

Together with our members and volunteers we take care of 15 nature reserves, spanning almost 600 hectares, across Sheffield and Rotherham, where you can enjoy nature and where our conservation work strives to create a network for nature and helps the wildlife, you love, thrive.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Blacka Moor



Nestled on the doorstep of Sheffield and the edge of the Peak District, it is made up of 181 hectares of wildlife-rich landscape, characterised by a mosaic of heathland, woodland, scrub, grassland, streams and peat-bog. 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.

Philanthropist JG Graves gave Blacka Moor to the people of Sheffield in the 1930s. Your support helps us continue his legacy of protecting this natural space for the enjoyment of local people.

Wildlife

Blacka Moor is a great place to see wildlife in every season. 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 enchanting upland woodland and scrub on the moorland edges support a diverse bird population including cuckoo, spotted flycatcher, redstart, wood warbler and woodcock. Ancient woodland plants such as bluebell, greater stitchwort and ramsons carpet the woodlands in spring.

Access

Walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders are all welcome to visit and enjoy the reserve. There is an extensive network of public footpaths and bridleways through the site, but the topography of Blacka Moor means that many routes around the reserve require steep uphill climbs.

How to get there

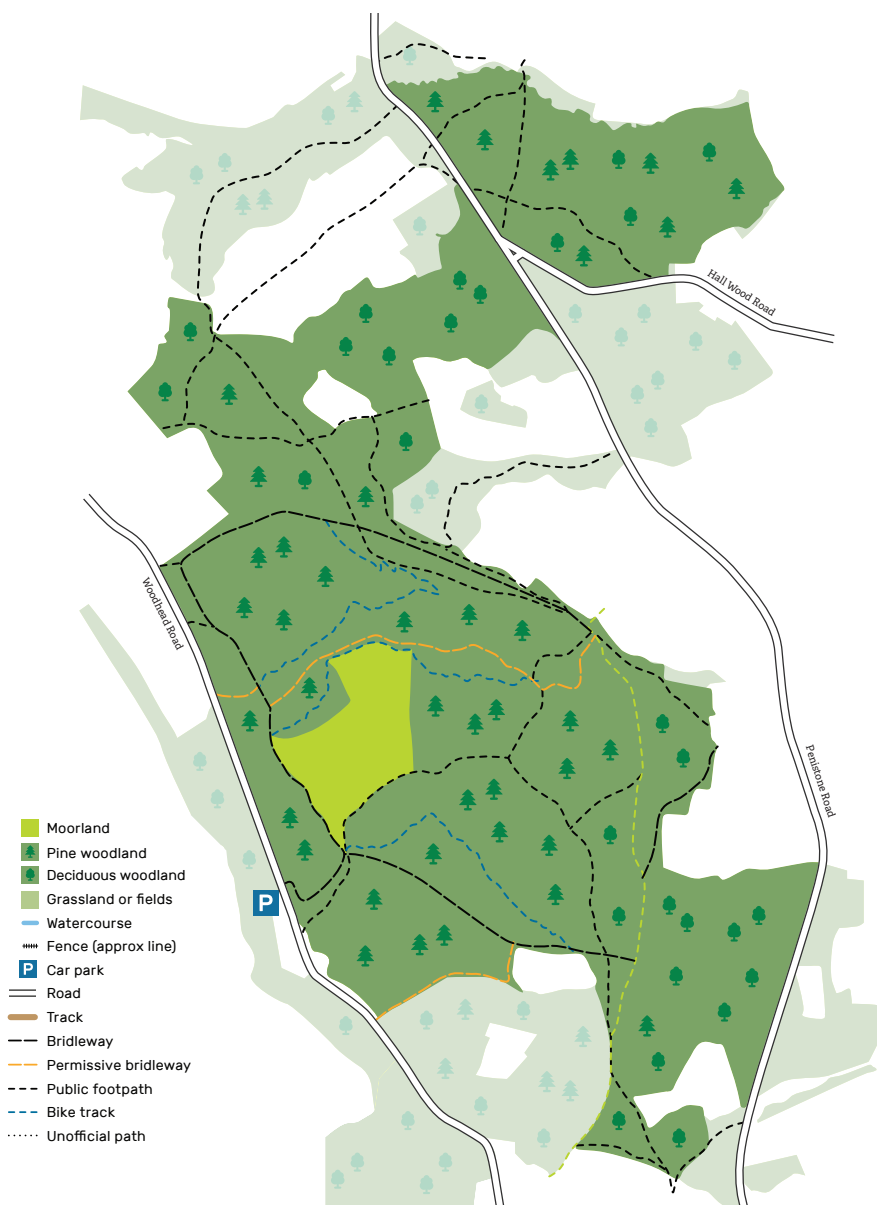
Car parking is available at Stony Ridge off Hathersage Road and also at Strawberry Lee Lane.

Bus numbers 65, 271 and 272 all stop opposite the nature reserve on Hathersage Road (A625).

For more information see wildsheffield.com/blacka-moor



Greno Woods



Greno Woods is an ancient woodland, rich in wildlife and full of historic interest. Covering 169 hectares, offering excellent opportunities for wildlife watching, exploration and recreation. Perfect for a family day out – wander the tracks, investigate the Enchanted Forest Trail or try out our den building before finding the perfect spot for a woodland picnic.

Wildlife

The woods contain some of the county's most vulnerable habitats, including mature oak woodland and heathland. Walk along the Trans-Pennine Trail in spring and revel in woodland wildflowers including bluebells, honeysuckle and common cow-wheat. Take a similar walk in summer and enjoy the ripe blackberries and bilberries, whilst autumn reveals a profusion of fungi.

Birdwatchers will be kept busy through all seasons. Bands of jays, great spotted woodpecker and wood pigeon are all easily spotted overhead, whilst shyer species such as woodcock and bullfinch lurk in the undergrowth. As summer approaches, the woods burst with birdsong – you may hear chiffchaffs, willow warblers and blackcaps as well as the more familiar calls of robins and chaffinches. In winter, visitors such as

crossbill compete with squabbling flocks of coal tit, or grey squirrels, for pine nuts.

Access

Criss-crossed by a network of footpaths and bridleways, Greno Woods offer many opportunities for walks both long and short. If you prefer to enjoy the outdoors at a faster pace, excellent horse riding opportunities are offered, including a 3km bridleway loop (which links with bridleways in adjacent Wheata and Wharncliffe Woods). Cyclists can also follow the bridleways, or pass through the reserve on the Trans Pennine Trail which runs through the woods here, whilst adrenaline seekers are invited to try our three downhill mountain bike trails, including the famous Steel City run.

How to get there

Greno Woods lie immediately north of Grenoside village, in the north of Sheffield. Car parking is available at the Forestry Commission car park on Woodhead Road.

Buses 79a and 85 run from Sheffield city centre to Grenoside village. Alternatively, buses 35 and 86 run along the A61 with stops adjacent to the reserve.

For more information see wildsheffield.com/greno-woods



Wyming Brook



Once set aside for the exclusive use of the nobility when it was part of the hunting and hawking grounds of Rivelin Chase, Wyming Brook's babbling streams, mossy crags and sweet smelling pines are protected today as a valuable home to wildlife. The difference now is that we can all enjoy this little bit of wilderness on the western edge of Sheffield, with easy strolls by the streams or higher, rockier routes with dramatic views of the Rivelin reservoirs and the city beyond.

Wyming Brook has received a prestigious Green Flag Award, an international award scheme which recognizes this nature reserve as one of the very best green spaces in the UK.

Wildlife

Part of the Eastern Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), there is an abundance of wildlife at this nature reserve, including the common luteostrung and northern spinach moths. It is also home to many kinds of birds, from pine seed eating crossbills to the brown and white dipper which forages for aquatic insects along the fast flowing streams. Other notable summer migrant bird species that can be observed on the reserve include redstarts, wood warblers and pied flycatchers.

Access

Wyming Brook Drive forms a wide, surfaced bridleway running through the reserve on a north-south line, with a division off to the east. The remaining Public Rights of Way are unsurfaced footpaths through the woodlands, with numerous small bridges crossing the brook.

How to get there

Car parking is available on Redmires Road just past Soughley Lane.

Bus number 51 stops at Lodge Moor bus terminus on Redmires Road, a 10 minute walk from the nature reserve. Buses 273, 274 and 275 all stop on Manchester Road to the north of the reserve.

For more information see wildsheffield.com/wyming-brook

Fox Hagg

Neighbouring Wyming Brook, another of our nature reserves, Fox Hagg is a patch of heathland and woodland, perched high on a hillside overlooking the Rivelin Valley. From its peace and quiet, looking out over the hills, you can see for miles over the Rivelin dams and the woods of Wyming Brook further up the valley. The huge range of habitats here attracts a wide variety of birds including linnets, meadow and tree pipits plus a number of warblers which flit between the scattered birch and the woodland edge.

For more information see wildsheffield.com/fox-hagg



What's on



Have
a wild day
with us

We have a wide range of events throughout the year across Sheffield and Rotherham. From Wild Play events for young children to lectures and seminars lead by our resident expert ecologists, botanists, conservationists and entomologists. Our events will connect you with nature, inspire you to take action and give you the opportunity to meet likeminded people all striving to protect Sheffield and Rotherham's wildlife and wild places.



Wild Play

Do your little ones love playing outdoors? Then come and join us at our Wild Play events for families. You will find something for everyone in every school holiday, from bushcraft to muddy play, wild art to campfire cooking.



Wild Nights In

You're invited to a new series of great nights in with us! We have some great speakers with inspirational and informative talks and presentations, with a chance to ask the questions you've always wanted answering.



Guided Walks and Workshops

From bird, herbal and fantastic fungi walks to wild photography workshops we offer numerous ways for you to get involved, learn new things and explore our nature reserves.



Wildlife Gardening

Interested in wildlife gardening? Pop down to our wildlife garden and get involved in our monthly wildlife gardening sessions. Whether you would like to get hands on in our garden or learn more about wildlife gardening techniques, it's a great opportunity to join in and there's plenty to do and learn. We'll provide gloves, tools, refreshments and biscuits!

This is just a small selection of the events we offer. For a full and up to date events calendar see wildsheffield.com/whats-on.

Volunteering

Whether it's working on our nature reserves or helping out in our office, volunteers are vital to our work.

With loads of volunteering opportunities from land management to wildlife data input, Volunteer Community Wildlife Rangers to digital marketing experts, there are so many ways for you to make your mark and have a positive impact on wildlife. We're happy to work around the time commitment volunteers are prepared to make. This is a great way to gain experience and make new friends.

For more information see wildsheffield.com/volunteer email volunteering@wildsheffield.com or call us on 0114 263 4335.



Volunteer work days

Volunteer Work Days, are held monthly at our nature reserves across Sheffield and Rotherham. They are the perfect option for those looking for less of a commitment, and a great way to get some fresh air, get closer to wildlife, and help improve our local green spaces.

For more information and to sign up see wildsheffield.com/whats-on.



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connecting people with nature

We connect people with the natural world through a range of programmes which have helped thousands of local people, young and old, improve their lives through natural experiences and outdoor learning. Thanks to our members we work to create a better future for nature and for people in Sheffield and Rotherham.

Wild at Heart

Wild at Heart is an innovative, National Lottery Community Fund project, delivering wildlife-related activities for older people and other vulnerable and isolated adults in Sheffield and Rotherham aimed to improve their health and wellbeing, reduce isolation and give them the confidence to get out and about in their community.

For more information see wildsheffield.com/wild-at-heart.

Outdoor Learning

We want children and young people across Sheffield and Rotherham to reap the lifelong benefits of a wild childhood and to learn to look after their natural world.

Our Outdoor Learning team delivers curriculum based workshops providing great learning experiences in the outdoors to enrich and support teaching right across the curriculum – not just science but Art & Design, PE, Maths, Geography, History, Literacy and Geography too!

For more information see wildsheffield.com/outdoor-learning.



Barn Owl / (Russell Savory)

Natural Neighbours

Natural Neighbours is a National Lottery Community Fund project, which enables communities in Rotherham to use, enjoy, improve and reclaim local green spaces. Providing opportunities to connect with nature in a way that celebrates community, improves wellbeing, brings neighbours together, develops skills, promotes physical activity and, above all, builds community ownership and trust.

For more information see wildsheffield.com/natural-neighbours.

The Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership

Sheffield Lakeland to the north west of Sheffield is an outstanding example of a living landscape, rich in history, with diverse habitats abundant in wildlife, vibrant communities and strong traditions.

The Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership is a National Lottery Heritage Fund partnership, lead by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, made up of 20 projects from natural flood management to barn owl conservations. These projects aim to protect and celebrate the things that make the Sheffield Lakeland landscape so special, join up the management of the landscape, create a more resilient landscape – where the needs of nature and people are met and engage people in the stories of the landscape through heritage, cultural and arts projects.

For more information see wildsheffield.com/sheffield-lakeland-landscape-partnership.



Nature counts

You can now add your wildlife Sightings to our online database – Nature Counts. Whether you've seen something common or rare, on one of our nature reserves, in your garden or elsewhere within Sheffield and Rotherham, let us know. This information will help us to get a clearer representation of how our local flora and fauna are thriving or where they are in decline. The data collected will also feed in to the National Biodiversity Network's database, the NBN Atlas, which is shared by ecologists across the country and used to inform national policy decisions about nature and the environment. Add your sightings here – <http://record.wildsheffield.com>.

Taking action

What you can do to take action

Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust campaigns on numerous local issues that put wildlife and its habitats in our area at risk.



Report wildlife crime - Recognise: Record: Report

Sadly illegal persecution of wildlife continues in our area. If you witness a wildlife crime taking place, call 999 and ask to speak to a Wildlife Crime Officer. Tell them what you have seen and where, ask for an incident number and if you feel safe to do so, try to take photos or record a video as evidence.

Contact your MP

Tell your MP what is important to you, raise the importance of our campaigns and ask them what they intend to do to end wildlife crime, support the creation of a nature recovery network or how they will respond to the climate emergency.

Contact your MP today -
writetothem.com



for nature

Fight a planning application

If you're concerned about a local development proposal or planning application that could impact on nature, please contact us at takeaction@wildsheffield.com or call 0114 263 4335.



Take up wildlife gardening

Whether you've got a windowsill, a small garden or a big piece of land there are loads of simple things you can do to help wildlife and help to create a nature recovery network, from building bug hotels to creating a garden pond.

Find wildlife gardening tips here -
wildlifetrusts.org/gardening

Donate to our campaigns

Badger Appeal

Following the Government's announcement in 2018 to expand the badger cull to Low Risk Areas, Sheffield and Rotherham's badgers are now at threat of being culled. Although there are currently no licences for badger culling in Sheffield and Rotherham, a licence to cull could be granted for Low Risk Areas like ours at any time.

We've launched a Badger Appeal to raise funds to protect our local badger population and deter culling from taking place - but we need your help to make this happen. Donate to our appeal today - wildsheffield.com/badgers.

