

# About Bishop's Wood

Bishop's Wood Country Park is owned by Three Rivers District Council. It is managed to provide a haven for local wildlife and to make it easy for visitors to enjoy the woodland.

The long history of the woodland has shaped what can be found here today. Traditional management included hazel coppice and wood pasture. Areas of coppice still remain, and the leaves and nuts of the hazel have been adopted as the logo for Bishop's Wood.



Woodland management in action

Wood pasture resulted in the development of heathland, small fragments of which can be found today. Post-war management has also left its mark, in the form of dense conifer plantations where thinning the trees helps more light to reach the woodland floor.



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Great spotted woodpecker



You can see a wide variety of plants and animals as you explore the wood. These might include flowers like common spotted orchid and enchanter's nightshade, butterflies such as white admiral and silver-washed fritillary and birds including woodcock, nuthatch and great spotted woodpecker.

The wildlife of Bishop's Wood will benefit from the management work which takes place here, from thinning and ride widening to restoring traditional coppice management. Improvements to the path network have already made it much easier for visitors to explore the woodland.