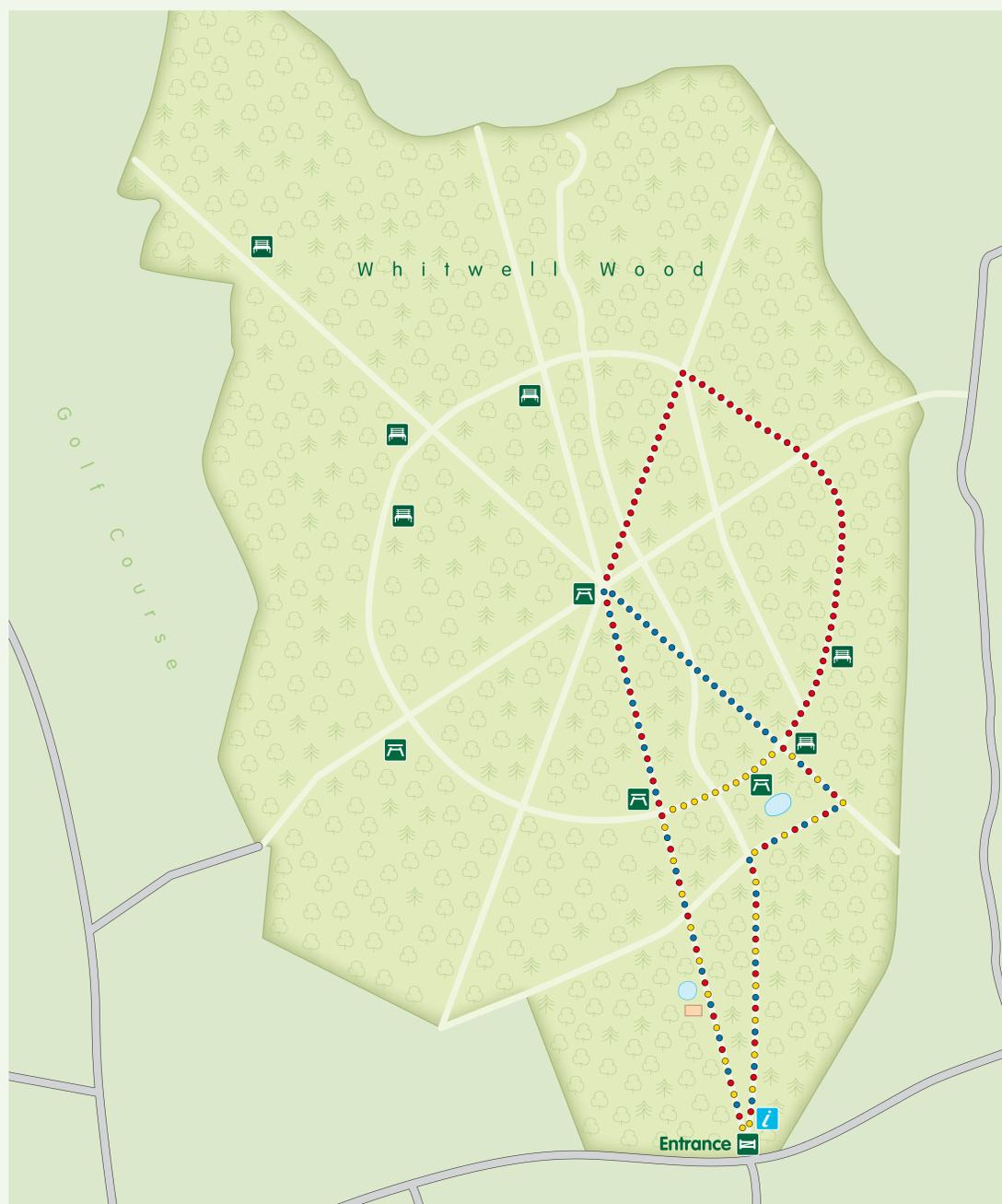


Explore Whitwell Wood



Welcome to Whitwell Wood. A 170 hectare broad-leaved woodland managed by the Forestry Commission.

The wood is influenced by the underlying magnesian limestone and has a very high nature conservation status. It is particularly notable for its range of flora, including over 20 species that are indicators of ancient woodland. This creates a beautiful display of flowers during the spring and early summer. The wood is also a valuable wildlife habitat, notable for its butterfly and bird populations. The woodland's broad-leaved trees also produce high quality timber and this is an important consideration for the management of the wood.

The Ginny Spring Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) can also be found in the wood. It has been designated for its rich flora including some species rare in Derbyshire.

In addition there are numerous features of archaeological interest. Archaeological surveys have shown that part of the present wood was once farmland and small settlements. Over 400 features of interest have been found including Romano – British settlements and medieval boundary banks.

The Whitwell Wood Natural History Group was formed in 1972 and since 1982 has been licensed by the Forestry Commission to assist with the woodland's management.

There is a wide choice of tracks that you are welcome to walk. For those who wish to explore without getting lost, follow one of the colour coded waymarked walks.

Key

-  Entrance
-  Picnic Area
-  Bench

Trails

-  Red Trail 2 miles
-  Blue Trail 1.5 miles
-  Yellow Trail 0.75 mile



Above: Wood Anemones

Centre: Sunlight through leaf canopy

Bottom: Main Drive, Jan 2010

Far right: Waymarked Walk

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- Guard against all risks of fire.
- Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Keep dogs under control.
- Take your litter home.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Take only memories away.



Forestry Commission woodlands have been certified in accordance with the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council.

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