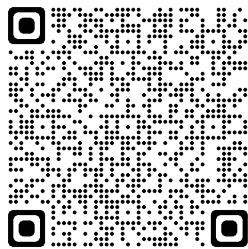


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Buckler's Forest is a 42 hectare (103.7 acre) site containing rich history and wildlife.



Facilities

- Car park and cycle racks
- Information boards, activity cabinets
- Waymarkers to historical features
- Circular, surfaced walking routes
- Picnic tables and seating areas

Circular routes

There are several routes of varying distances available.

3.6km – long route

2.4km – medium

1.3km – short

History

Once part of the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL), elements of its fascinating past and the transport research that once took place here can be seen imaginatively repurposed for all to enjoy. Iconic features include the Fire Tower, Banked Curve, Hill Start Hill and the Dustpan.



Banked curve

Grayling butterfly



Wildlife and management

Buckler's Forest is home to many fantastic wildlife.

- Rare dragonflies and damselflies visit the ponds
- Dartford warbler and stonechat can be seen in amongst the heathland and scrub.
- Woodpeckers and hobbies nest in the woodlands.
- Common blue and grayling butterflies are attracted to the wildflower meadows.

Management helps to conserve and enhance the wildlife value of the site. We restrict access to some ponds to reduce disturbance and the potential introduction of invasive plants. We're gradually replacing some of the conifers with wildlife-rich heathland and native broadleaved woodland. Carrying out once per year meadow cuts helps wildflowers to thrive.

Did you know...?

Please keep dogs under strict control from March to August, when rare woodlarks nest on the ground.

