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Isle of Wight

Set within easy reach of the Isle of Wight north coast, Darwin Wood is an appealing natural environment located amongst other private woodland.

Details

Price: £65,000 Freehold

Location: Ryde, Isle of Wight

Size: Over 3 ½ acres for sale

OS Landranger: OS No 196

Grid ref: SZ 599 899

Nearest post code: PO33 1QL

Local manager

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Description

The intimate character of dense conifer at Darwin Wood offers much opportunity for a new owner. On first entering the wood there are mature conifers that offer teasing glimpses of sunny clearings and open fields beyond. The clear understory makes it easy to move through the wood whilst providing mixed habitat for woodland mammals and woodland flora, particularly in the lighter spaces beneath the impressive veteran oak. A number of pathways have been cut through the undergrowth and continued clearing will promote further growth of more fragile grasses and woodland flowers.

Darwin Wood was originally part of a larger single woodland ownership but in recent months a new community of small woodland owners has developed here and the signs of active engagement in this beautiful environment are now much in evidence. From bird and bat boxes on trees, to freshly prepared log piles and bramble clearing; this activity is encouraging new wildlife and bringing the enjoyment of nature to a new generation of woodland owners.

The purchasers of the woodland will be asked to enter into a [covenant](#) to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

Trees

At one time in its distant past this woodland could have been part of far more extensive forest covering the island dating from the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Ancient woodlands such as these provide an awe-inspiring sense of history for the visitor. Today the wood we see is much more recent, being mainly conifer but with oak, hazel and birch adding diversity at the fringes. There are still signs of an ancient past in the smaller ground flora indicator species such as dogs mercury and wood sorrel along with interesting fungi species to satisfy the budding mycologist.

Wildlife

Even during the stillest hours of dawn or dusk the wood is alive with the rustling and creaking sounds of the perpetually moving and living wood. If you are quiet and remain in the shadows you may share a moment with the animals that inhabit this forest as they move through the thick cover and across the woodland rides. Their presence is much in evidence from the numerous small excavations and trails on the forest floor.

Access, tracks and footpaths

A right of way along a woodland track through the surrounding forest provides good access to the entrance to Darwin Wood, where there is parking at the track's edge amongst the tall conifer. Venturing further into the wood brings you onto further pathways beneath the trees and clearings dominated by large oaks. There are no public footpaths through Darwin Wood and neighbouring woodland is now in the ownership of other small woodland owners who are committed to the protection and conservation of this enchanting habitat.

Rights and covenants

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Local area and history

The Island has many proud associations with leading historical figures, including Charles Darwin who lived for a while at The Kings Head Hotel in Sandown. His extensive study and recording has made a major contribution to our understanding of the natural world and is a fitting patron to lend his name to a delicate woodland environment.

How to find this woodland

You are welcome to visit this wood by yourself, but please ensure that you have a copy of these sales details with you - many of our woodlands do not have mobile phone reception or internet access so we recommend either printing the details or downloading them to your phone/tablet/laptop.

Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

Directions

The Isle of Wight is easily accessed by ferry from Portsmouth (Fishbourne), Southampton (Cowes) and Lymington (Yarmouth). Additional passenger only ferry services operate between Southampton and West Cowes and Portsmouth and Ryde. The nearest crossing point to the wood is Ryde. From here head south on the A3055 Brading / Sandown Road proceeding straight over the roundabout at Tesco supermarket as you leave the town. Continue for a further mile or so and then take the turning into Harding Shute on your right just after the 'Woodlands For Sale' board on the A3055. After a further 150 metres you will see the gate and signboard at the wood entrance. This gate is kept locked for security but you can contact Daniel 07780 900192 for the code for the combination padlock. Please make sure this gate is kept secured during and after your visit.

There is plenty of space inside the gate to park and then enjoy the walk from here up the track through the surrounding Woodland.

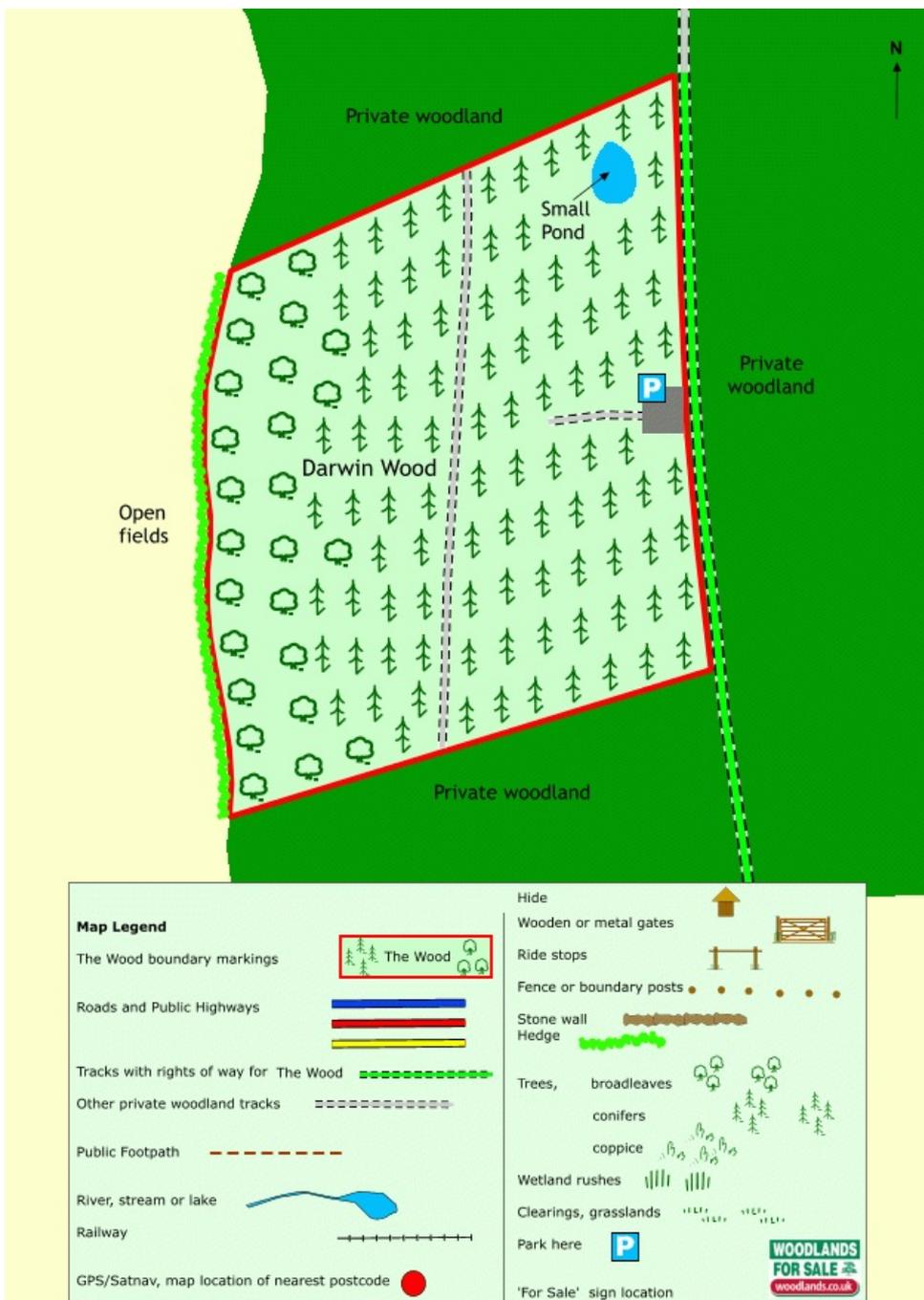
Follow the track straight ahead for 600 metres and as the track bears sharply round to the left continue for a further 80 metres and then turn sharply right. After a further 150 metres you will observe the red coloured markings and name sign for Darwin Wood on your left as indicated on the plans provided with these particulars.

The nearest postcode is PO33 1QL is shown on plan 3 with a red dot.

Boundaries:

Red markings running through the wood on posts and trees to the north and south indicate the boundaries. To the east is the access track and to the west there is an old bank bordering open fields.





Our regional managers are often out working in our woodlands, so if you email an offer and want to be sure it has been received, please phone our manager on his or her mobile phone. The first offer at the stated price which is accepted, whether by phone or email, has priority.

Please take care when viewing as the great outdoors can contain unexpected hazards and woodlands are no exception. You should exercise common sense and caution, such as wearing appropriate footwear and avoiding visiting during high winds.

All woodlands are sold at a fixed price, and include free membership of the [Small Woodland Owners Group](#) and the [Royal Forestry Society](#), as well as [£300 towards paying for a course](#) (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

These particulars are for guidance only and, though believed to be correct, do not form part of any contract. Woodland Investment Management Ltd hereby give notice under section 21 of the Estate Agents Act 1979 of their interest in the land being sold.