



Worthersome Wood North Yorkshire

Ideal for conservation or craft projects, a peaceful broadleaved woodland with a mix of tree species and lots of wildlife.

Details

Price: £79,000 Freehold

Location: Bramham, near Wetherby, North Yorkshire

Size: Just over 4 ½ acres for sale

OS Landranger: OS No 105

Grid ref: SE 403 428

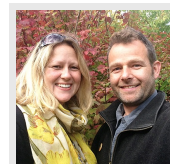
Nearest post code: LS23 6LX

Local manager

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Description

Worthersome Wood is a level and accessible wood with mixed native broadleaved trees with plenty of coppiced hazel, along with [birch](#), sycamore, the odd larch and large [oak](#) trees. A varied age structure and a profusion of coppiced [hazel](#) stools make up much of the understorey, with about 10 years worth of growth. As well as its general attractiveness, the wood feels quite private too.

Some ash trees are present and showing signs of decline from ash die back, which unfortunately is now widespread throughout Yorkshire and the wider UK. These would make good standing-deadwood habitat, to support the resident wildlife or be an ideal source of home firewood. Seasoned ash logs burn cleanly, with little smoke, few sparks and a great heat output. It's also some of the best kindling for getting a fire started.

A short walk from the ride-stop entrance, set in a clearing, a rustic bench is situated with views deeper into the wood. A great spot to rest for a while and listen to birdsong.

Other shrubs you may find, include wild rose, hawthorn and viburnum opulus, (or guelder rose) with beautiful blossom in spring and bright red berries in autumn. At ground level there is a mix of wildflowers, buzzing with bees in summer: along the paths and ride lots of blackberry, wild raspberry, dog's mercury and also ferns deeper within the wood. Path routes have been strimmed to create easy access over fairly level ground.

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Trees

Oak, sycamore, ash, birch and larch with holly, hawthorn, coppiced hazel and willow.

Wildlife

Being a native broadleaved woodland, and part of a much larger forest, Worthersome Wood is a haven for wildlife. There are plenty of nesting sites, food and cover for woodland birds such as [blackbird](#), [wrens](#), [blue tit](#), long-tailed tits, jays, [greater spotted woodpeckers](#) and you may well even see [red kites](#) swooping low over the canopy. They have naturalised into the local area since the successful reintroduction programme at nearby Harewood.

Mammals are also present in the forest such as [brown hare](#) and roe deer and in the summertime bees and butterflies are abundant.

Features

- Mature trees, including lovely oaks and sycamore with coppiced hazel.
- A rustic bench in a clearing.
- Level ground.
- Great for wildlife.
- Potential source of home firewood.

Access, tracks and footpaths

The wood is accessed from Thorner Lane. Beyond the locked gate, there is a wide track that leads to the ride-stop entrance to the wood and there's space to park a car. On entering the wood itself, a network of paths, connect and wind through the trees.

Rights and covenants

There are no public rights of way within the wood.

The sporting rights are included in the sale.

Our standard [covenant](#) will apply.

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Activities

The wood is well suited to [family forestry](#) and conservation projects, ideal for occasional campers, craft workers and naturalists alike.

Local area and history

West Park Plantation, of which the wood is part, sits on a high ridge of limestone, just to the north of Bramham Park and Hope Hall.

Bramham is a product of a [grand tour](#); its creator Robert Benson, later Lord Bingley, completed his formal education with a grand tour in 1697, and whilst in Italy he began to envisage his new mansion in the Palladian manner complemented in a landscaped park, in the fashion made popular by [Le Nôtre](#) in France in the late 17th century.

The house and park is still privately owned by the family with Nick Fox-Lane the current custodian, the estate is best known for hosting Leeds Festival and Bramham Horse Trials.

The wood name is derived from a deserted medieval village, Wothersome, lying to the south, Wothersome Lake lies just off Thorner Road. A new permissive path was opened by the Bramham Park Estate in 2013, linking existing public rights of way to the lake and to the village of Bramham. In 1418, the medieval spelling, or, at least, the pronunciation, may have been Wodusom.

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

Just 11 miles from Leeds, 15 miles from Harrogate and 20 miles from York.

The wood is located west of the A1(M) between junctions 44 and 45.

- Travel parallel with the A1(M) south from junction 45 and north from junction 44 signed to Bramham and turn west on to Thorner Road sign posted for Whetherby, Boston Spa and Thorner.
- After just less than a mile at the sharp left bend keep right on to Thorner Lane.
- The woodland entrance is on the right after a third of a mile.
- Park off the road here keeping both the gate and the field entrance clear.
- Worthersome Wood is located immediately to the left of the woodland track after passing through the gate.

Boundaries:

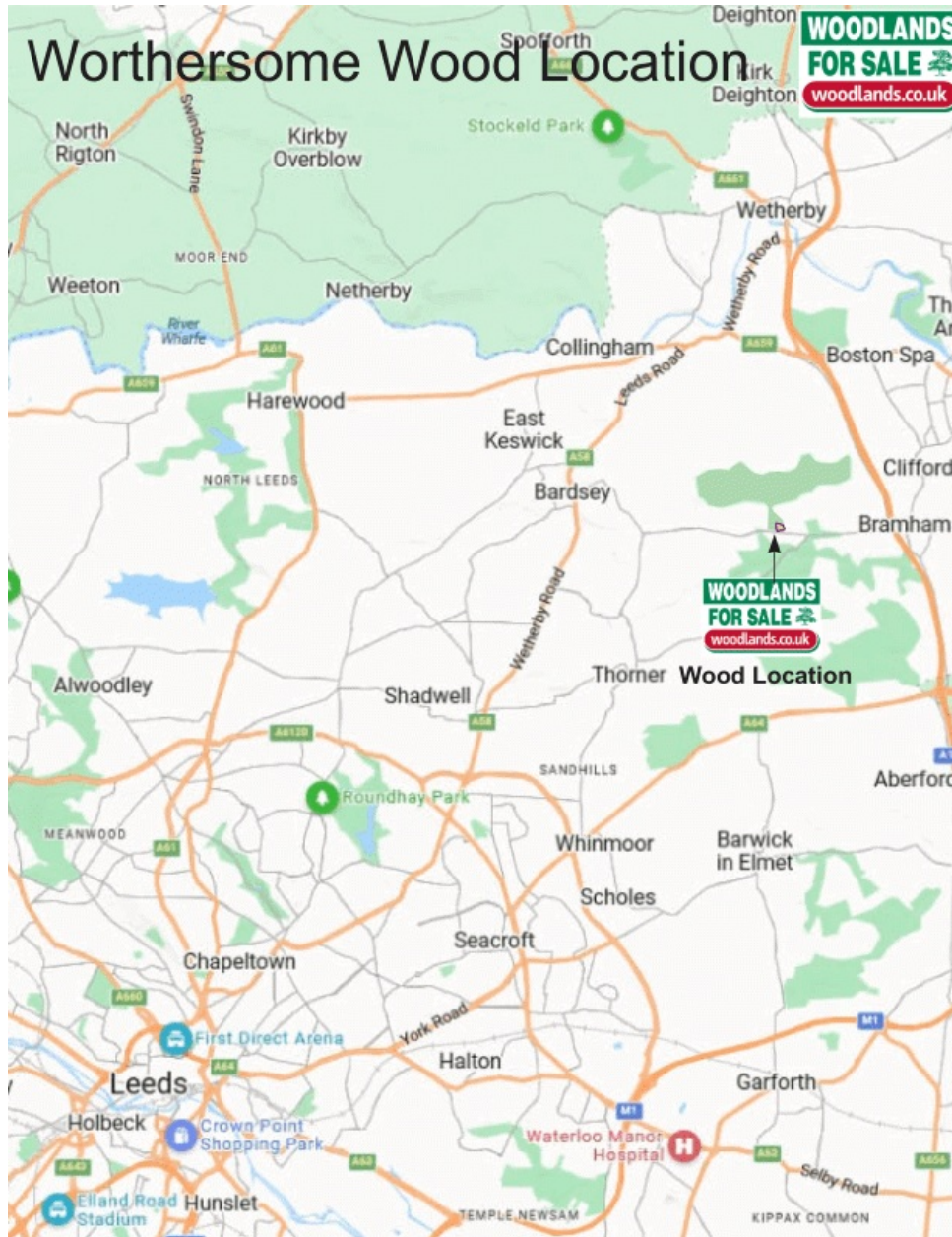
The boundaries are indicated on the ground with mauve markings and are as follows,

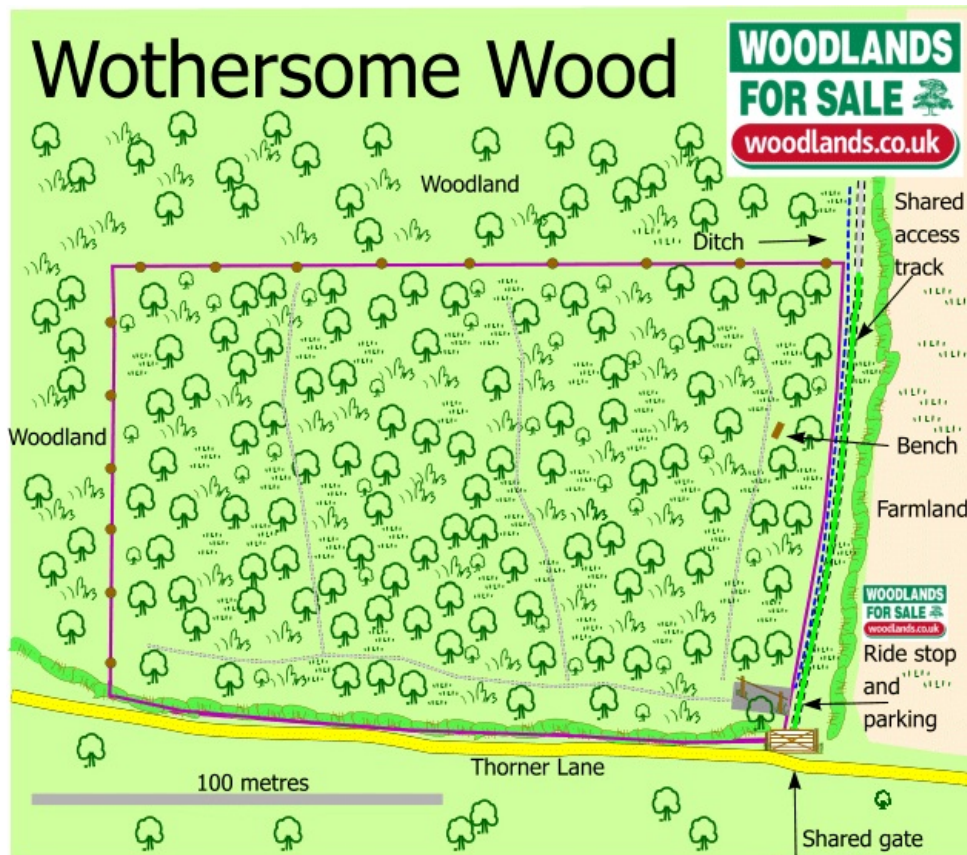
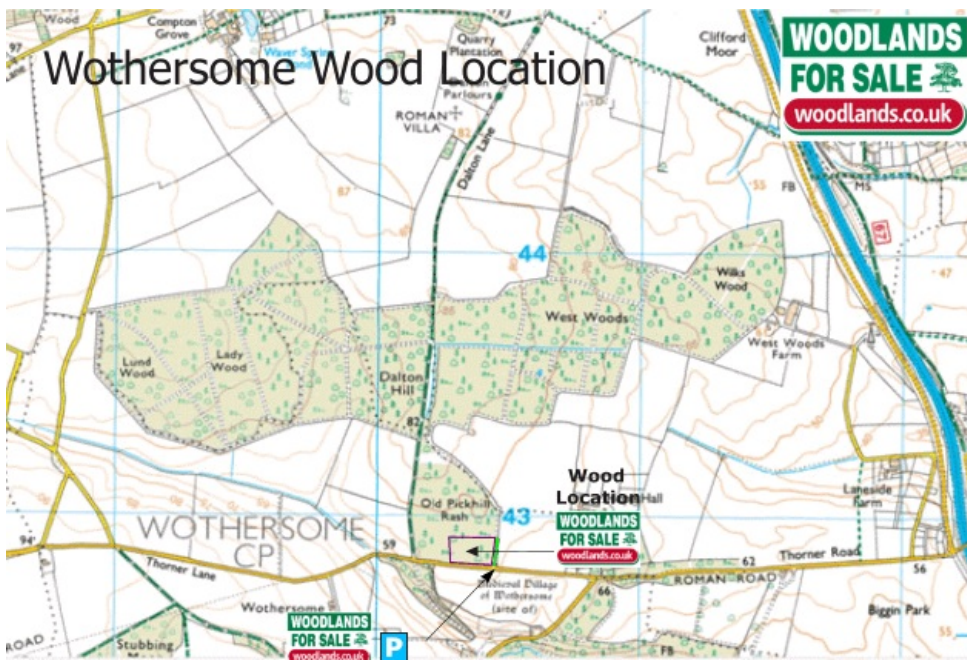
The northern boundary is shared with adjacent woodland and has posts with painted tops.

The eastern boundary is parallel with the shared ride and runs at the centre of the ditch and this is marked on trees adjacent to the ditch.

The southern boundary is adjacent to Thorner Lane, running along the centre of the hedge, marked on trees adjacent to the hedge.

The western boundary is shared with adjacent woodland and has posts with painted tops.





Map Legend

<p>Wothersome Wood</p> <p>Roads and Public Highways</p> <p>Tracks etc with rights of way for the wood</p> <p>Other private woodland tracks</p> <p>Public Footpath</p> <p>River, stream or lake</p> <p>Railway</p> <p>Slope</p> <p>House or cottage</p> <p>GPS/Satnav, map location of nearest postcode</p>	<p>Wooden or metal gates</p> <p>Ride stops</p> <p>Fence or boundary posts</p> <p>Stone wall</p> <p>Trees, broadleaves</p> <p>conifers</p> <p>coppice</p> <p>Clearings, grasslands</p> <p>Hedge</p> <p>Wetland, rushes</p> <p>Park here</p> <p>'For Sale' sign location</p>
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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.