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# Gallica Wood Essex

An attractive mixed woodland within cycling distance from Colchester.

# Details

Price: £125,000 Freehold Location: Boxted, Colchester, Essex Size: About 5 acres for sale OS Landranger: OS No 184 Grid ref: TM 001 322 Nearest post code: CO4 5TN

# Local manager

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#### Description

From where you park your car when viewing the walk to the Gallica Wood takes you along an undulating stone track though areas of private orchards and pasture. Once you reach the woodland sanctuary you have already started your adventure.

The woodland is wonderfully secure and offers plenty of spots to disappear from sight and set up camp for the day or overnight stays.

This area of Essex is truly beautiful with gently rolling countryside. A great mix of open farmland and small woodlands. Over the years it has inspired many artists including Constable.

Whilst having a wonderful feeling of seclusion the woodland is close to some major towns. Colchester 4 miles. Sudbury 10 miles. Ipswich 15 miles. A12 3.5 miles. (All distances are approximate).

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#### Trees

The woodland is a patch work of mixed English hardwoods, intersected by rides and glades and includes oak, ash, and beech.

### Wildlife

This woodland has a wonderfully natural feel. The surrounding area has <u>Red</u>, <u>Fallow</u>, <u>Roe</u> and <u>Muntjac</u> deer. The main deer species seen at Gallica Wood are Muntjac who were introduced from Southern China, where they evolved in a tropical environment and the females give birth all year round. This adaptation continues in chilly England where very young fawns can be seen even in the middle of winter. They look rather similar in colour and size to hares. When fully grown, Muntjac, or to be strictly accurate, Reeves' Muntjac are the size of large dogs. In addition, when in season, to attract a mate the females bark very much like dogs, and they put me in mind of Tony Blackburn's 'Arnold' whose somewhat metallic barks woofed from our transistor radios from 1967 and through the 1970s. This rather odd barking can be heard anywhere in the woodland.

Numerous other mammals can be seen here including foxes and badgers, whilst the tree canopy supports a wide variety of bird species.

#### Features

The woodland is relatively level with some open areas. A bench has been placed centrally and is a perfect spot to sit and enjoy the woodland. Hedging and fencing ensures that the wood is very private.

#### Access, tracks and footpaths

The woodland is accessed via an excellent stone track which provides all year vehicle access directly from the highway. A footpath runs along the western and eastern sides of the wood, these are fenced and hedged ensuring the woods privacy.

#### **Rights and covenants**

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#### Activities

A great opportunity for a new owner to engage in family forestry.

Managing a mixed woodland and learning bushcraft skills is a great way to escape modern life.

Camping or building woodland hides and all sorts of other outdoor activities can be done here.

#### Local area and history

The property is located near to the village of Boxted on the peripheries of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Boxted has good road links to both the A12 and A120. The nearest train station can be found in Colchester with rail links to London and Norwich.

Dedham Vale is an area that has been an <u>Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty</u> since 1970. It is located on the border between the counties <u>of Suffolk</u> and <u>Essex</u> in southeastern <u>England</u>. The area covers a 90km2 area on both sides of the <u>River Stour</u>. It is an open and culturally influenced agricultural landscape that also includes the village of <u>Dedham</u>. Artist John Constable grew up in nearby <u>East Bergholt</u> and has depicted Dedham Vale in several landscape paintings, such as <u>The Vale of Dedham</u> (1828).

# 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.

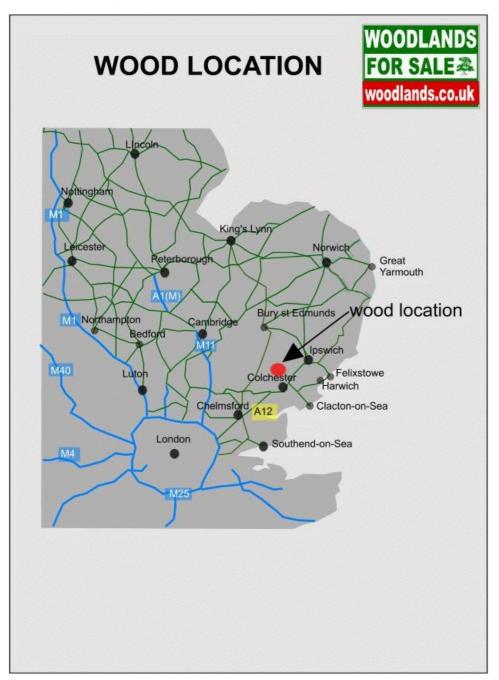
Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

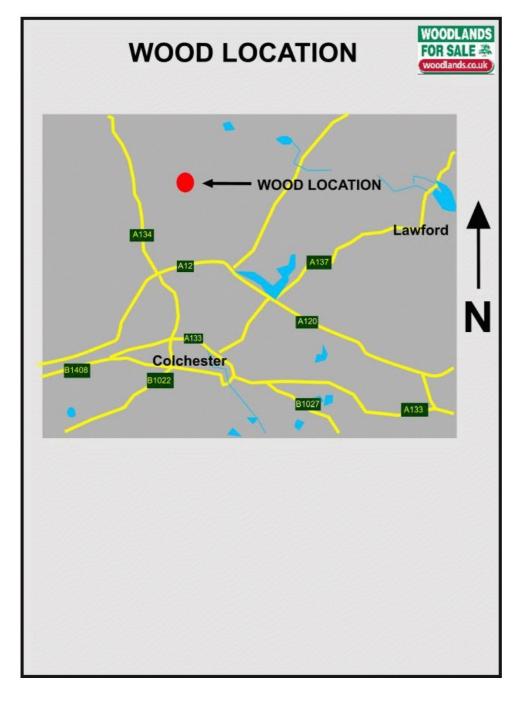
# Directions

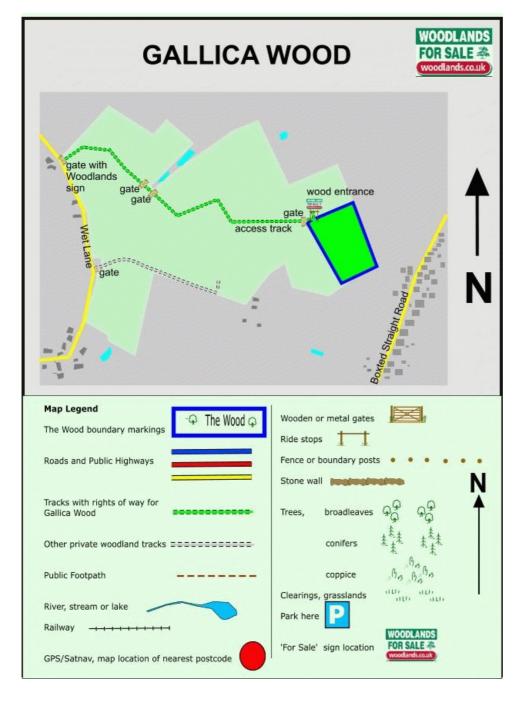
- To view this woodland please call the local manager Matt on 07979 755188 for the combination code to the car park.
- From the A12 Colchester head east at Junc 28 exit Sudbury A134.
- At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Cuckoo Farm Lane
- At the next roundabout take the 1st exit staying on Cuckoo Farm Lane.
- At the next roundabout take the 1st exit onto Axial Way continuing onto Severalls Lane.
- After 2 miles at a roundabout take the first exit staying on Severalls Lane.
- At the T junction turn right onto Straight Road.
- After 0.7 mile turn left into Mill Road.
- After 0.3 of a mile turn right into Ellis Road.
- After 0.6 of a mile Ellis Road becomes Wet Lane.
- After 150 metres you will pass a gate with a Woodlands for sale sign, go past this.
- After another 300 metres you will see another Woodlands gate: this is the access gate.
- Once you own the wood you will have full vehicle access and key to the gate.
- A private car park for wood owners is on the right.
- Follow the stone track down the hill through the gates and up the hill on the other side.
- The track bends left and right and at the end of the long straight, you pass through two more gates and reach the woodland entrance.
- The What 3 Words for the wood entrance are barbarian.across.meals.
- Whats 3 Words for the main entrance gate at Wet Lane are triads.clashing.shipwreck.
- Nearest postcode CO45TN.
- Please note this is a long walk, the new owner will have full vehicular rights to the woodland.

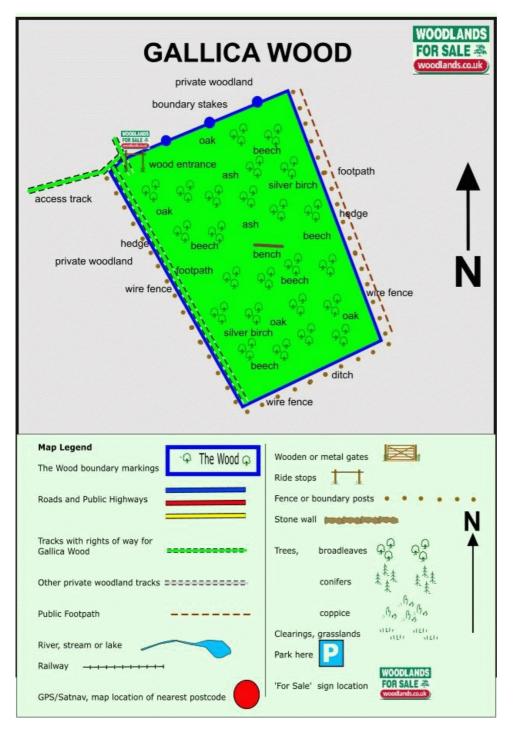
# **Boundaries:**

The boundaries are indicated by blue paint markings on trees and boundary stakes. The western boundary is the wire fence to the west of the footpath. The northern boundary is a line of stakes and paint markings on trees along its length. The eastern and the southern boundary are wire fences.









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 <u>Small Woodland Owners Group</u> and the <u>Royal Forestry</u> <u>Society</u>, as well as  $\pm 300$  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.