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Quarry Den Wood

A very pretty and secluded woodland, delightfully diverse and very conveniently accessible within half an hour's drive from Edinburgh.

Details

Price: £49,000 Freehold

Location: Pitadro Craigs, Dunfermline, Fife

Size: Over 5 ¼ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 66
Grid ref: NT 140 860
Nearest post code: KY11 7EX

Local manager

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Description

Quarry Den Wood, as its name suggests, is part of what was Pitadro Craigs, a quarry linked to Fordell Castle estate and may have supplied stone to one of Scotland's oldest railways that ran within 500m of the woods. The Fordell railway route took coal from the Fife coalfields to the ships waiting in St Davids Bay, now part of the Dalgety Bay settlement, although this line is now long gone.

Pitadro Craigs has, over time, transformed itself into a quite wonderful little woodland and Quarry Den Wood incorporates three distinctive and contrasting zones: in May it is all carpeted in a sea of bluebells.

From the ride stop entrance a track rises to a plateau and hard standing. This type of hard, lean ground is a perfect habitat for wild orchids and woodland herbs and is a stunning sight in summer. The plateau area is framed with the backdrop of the small crags that represent the upper boundary. Dry ground conditions here create a secluded space and would make an site to build a woodland shelter or to set up a campsite.

To the right pf the access track is the quarry den, an enchanting area for young and old to explore and with maturing timber. A wide range of broadleaf deciduous species such as oak, elm, ash, willow and yew are some of the trees that bring this woodland to life. Above the crags are some fine mature trees that dominate the skyline.

Moving more to the north east, away from the plateau area, the gorse and broom make excellent cover for wildlife and ground dwelling or nesting birds. The whole effect is a rare woodland of quite exceptional diversity, atmosphere and is truly worth exploring.

Surrounding area:

Quarry Den Wood is located close to Fordell Firs, a well-known Scout camp, and to Fordell Castle, a restored 16th Century tower house. Dunfermline is within ten minutes drive and Edinburgh is within thirty minutes: Quarry Den would make a great and easily accessible bolthole from city life. Fife, bounded to the north by the <u>Firth of Tay</u> and to the south by the <u>Firth of Forth</u>, is a natural peninsula whose political boundaries have changed little over the ages. Legend has it that the <u>Pictish</u> realm was divided into seven sub-kingdoms or provinces, one of which went on to become Fife.

The purchasers of the woodland will be asked to enter into a <u>covenant</u> to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

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.

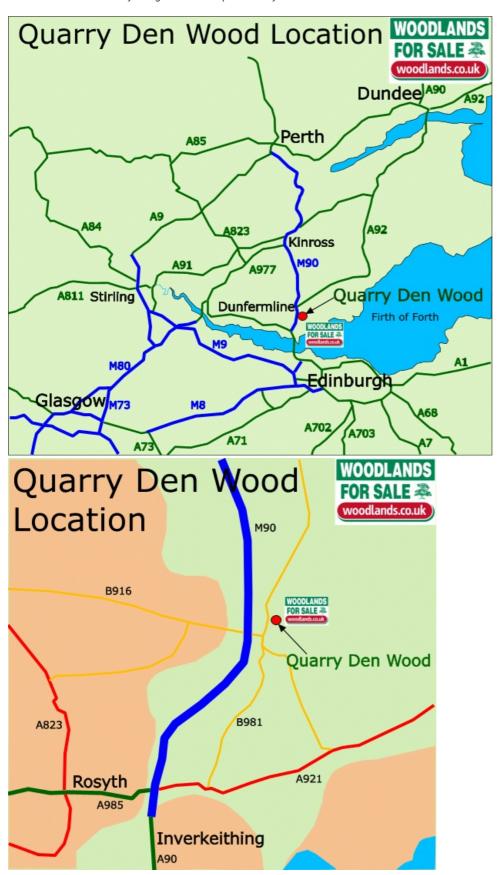
Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

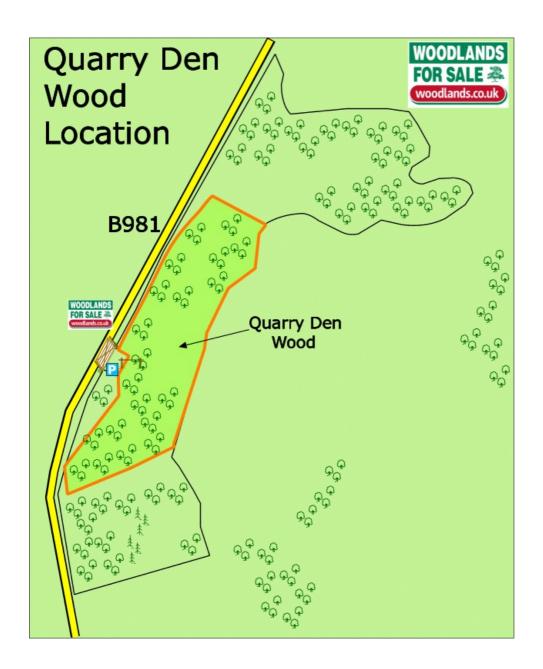
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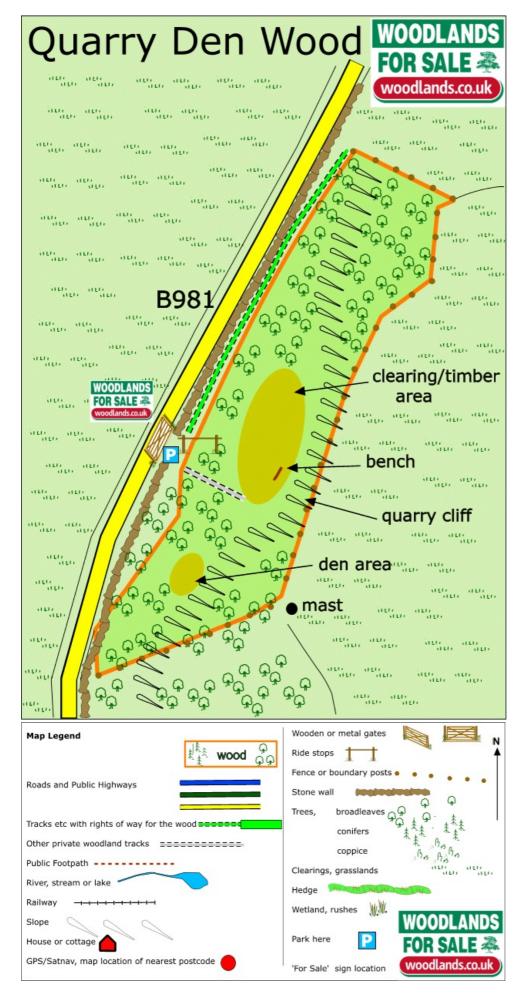
From Edinburgh

- Cross over the Forth Road Bridge and take the first exit at junction 1 to Dalgety Bay on the A921
- First left onto the B981 (Great North Road) and follow this for about 3 miles.
- Past turn-off for the B916 to Hillend
- Just past the turning for Fordell Firs Scout Centre and the woodlands are on the right.
- Pull in at the first layby next to a "Woodlands For Sale " sign
- Park here. Climb over metal gate and directly opposite is the entrance to Quarry Den Wood.
- From Dunfermline take the B916 towards Dalgety Bay. Turn left onto the B981 and follow above directions.

Boundaries are indicated by orange markers on posts and by a stone wall.







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 Society</u>, as well as £300 towards paying for a course (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

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