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# Armada Wood - SOLD Co Antrim

Armada Wood is a small, young woodland, planted on former agricultural land, and predominantly coniferous, which is accessible and located close to the scenic north coast and Antrim glens. It has great potential for a base from which to explore all the area has to offer, as well as offering the keen amateur forester the chance to develop the crop of young trees into a fine stand through careful thinning and high pruning, and perhaps produce their own firewood and timber.

#### **Details**

Price: £29,000 Freehold

Location: Armoy, Ballycastle, Co Antrim

Size: About 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> acres for sale OS Landranger: OS No 5 Grid ref: D 079 435

Nearest post code: BT53 8RE

#### **Local manager**

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#### Description

To enter Armada Wood, go through the gate and follow the yellow flashes on the trees until you reach a line of round posts marked with yellow paint; this is the western boundary, and everything beyond this line up to the fences to the south, east and north is included. Its triangular shape is deceptive; the wood widens out the further you go and is over 150m wide at its widest point.

Being relatively low lying, the land was intensively drained at the time of planting. The drainage has done its job and most areas are now dry underfoot. With a small amount of stone an all weather track could be built to provide year round access, and a strip of land through the area of trees nearest the road has been reserved for this purpose.

A circular path could easily be made, by pruning spruce and larch trees, and forming a simple plank bridge across the main drainage ditch, to make a pleasant walk right round the wood. There are already natural glades and a sunny south facing clearing could be made in one of these, for camping, barbecuing or simple relaxation.

The young trees have grown fast, and are now ripe for thinning, which could provide a small income or firewood and timber for the owner's own use; regular thinning will open up the wood and allow the remaining trees room to grow more and give visitors the space to enjoy their surroundings.

Armada Wood lies in a renowned scenic area. The local landscape is dominated by Knocklayd Mountain, which stands apart from the rest of the Antrim Plateau at a lofty 514m (1646ft), and offers fine views of the Scottish mainland, and Rathlin, Islay and Jura, from its summit.

The wood is at the head of Glentaisie, one of the 9 Glens of Antrim, which forms a gentle, pretty valley leading into the bustling seaside town of Ballycastle. Indeed the old Ballymoney - Ballycastle railway line passed right by the entrance to Armada Wood before descending this lesser known glen. The old embankment can be seen nearby, and there are plans afoot to develop the old line into a greenway for walking and cycling. The famed north coast is a short drive away, with its cluster of Game of Thrones filiming locations such as Fair Head, Ballintoy Harbour and the Dark Hedges, as well as the Giant's Causeway. The coast is a World Heritage Site and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Armoy Armada was formed in the 1970s by a group of local motorcycle road racers who achieved success in road and track races near and far. The most famous, Joey Dunlop, was a multiple Isle of Man TT champion and winner of 24 Ulster Grand Prix titles, as well as achieving success in events and championships around the world. Harking further back, the Girona was a ship from the ill fated Spanish Armada, wrecked along the north coast and in recent times rediscovered and explored by divers; a number of artefacts from the ship are on display in the Ulster Museum. Armada Wood's name provides another local link to this famous fleet.

Armada Wood is a small piece of tranquility in a beautifully rural, fascinating area, close to a pretty seaside town that offers all the amenities you could need. It offers its owners opportunities for small scale woodland work as well as the opportunity to relax and get away from it all in a beautiful environment.

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

This wood is no longer available. For more woods in the area, please see the regional page or contact our regional manager. To be notified as soon as new woods become available, please subscribe to our regional mailing lists, or subscribe to notifications in one of our apps for iPhone and Android.

#### **Directions**

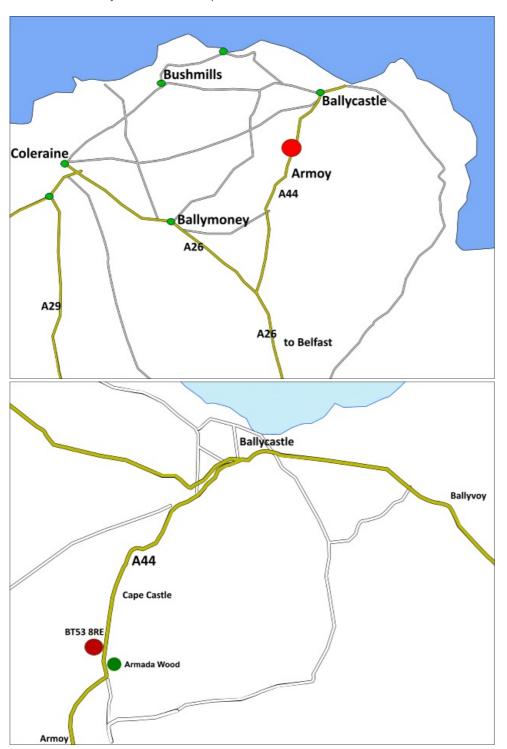
Armada Wood lies north of Armoy just 5 miles from the north coast at Ballycastle.

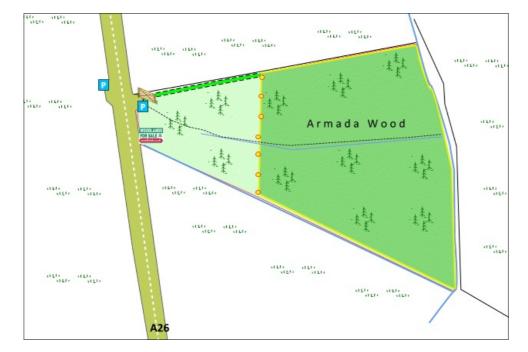
- 1. <u>Click here for Bing Maps Directions</u> enter your own postcode, (the coordinates for the entrance gate and parking is already entered) .
- 2. **For Satnav**: the nearest postcode is **BT53 8RE** on Magheramore Road, as shown by the red dot on the maps: the coordinates are: **N55.151155**, **W6.310919** for the entranceway.

Travelling from the south and Belfast take the M2 / A26 from Ballymena towards Coleraine, then turn right towards Ballycastle at the end of the dual carriageway onto the A44 Drones Road. Stay on the main road through Armoy and as you round a long left hand bend about a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles after the village you will see Armada Wood ahead on the right; pull off the road and park in front of the gate.

### **Boundaries:**

The western boundary is marked by a line of yellow posts through the trees; the southern, eastern and northern boundaries are fenced and marked yellow on the fence posts.





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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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