

Gallant Wood

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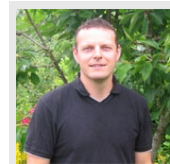
Gallant Wood is a charming mixed woodland with mature conifer trees and an area of attractive broadleaved woodland, enhanced by a meandering stream.

Details

Price: £69,000 Freehold
Location: Near Branscombe, Sidmouth, Devon
Size: Over 3 ½ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 192
Grid ref: SY 182 908
Nearest post code: EX12 3BP

Local manager

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Description

Gallant Wood is an accessible mature woodland with a desirable mixture of tree species. These include some good sized conifer trees and a mature broadleaved section.

The name 'Gallant' has a couple of derivatives - Llan in Gallant can mean Church or village with Church (Celtic) which is a nod to St Winifred's Church in the nearby coastal village of Branscombe. This Church can be accessed from a nearby footpath that takes you towards the sea and along Locksey's Lane.

As a surname Gallant is from the Old French word 'galer' which meant 'to enjoy oneself' and became a nickname for a cheerful or high-spirited person - the effect of spending time within this wonderful woodland setting!

The hazel trees could be coppiced to give a sustainable supply of pea sticks, [hurdle material](#) and firewood. The purchaser could even invest in a [small charcoal kiln](#) to produce their own charcoal, enough to supply a few family and friends!

Gallant Wood is set near the top of a peaceful valley that has good access from the A3052 via a stoned track. The woodland is within an easy drive or a more adventurous walk of the coastal village of Branscombe allowing plenty of opportunities to explore the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

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

Douglas fir trees planted in 1971 alongside Sitka Spruce planted in 1986 have been well looked after and kept clear underneath. There is also a fine area of mature broadleaved trees including towering old oak trees, ash, birch and hazel.

Wildlife

The quietness of the woodland and the surrounding forest and meadows provides good habitat for a number of woodland mammals and birds. Bird species include woodpeckers, tree creepers, nuthatches and the faithful robin. Badgers frequent the woodland from a nearby sett and foxes hunt for food at dawn and dusk. Butterflies enjoy the open glades in the broadleaved woodland section.

Features

The stream within Gallant Wood rises to the western side of the woodland and runs west to east eventually joining another stream which then runs all the way to join the sea at Branscombe Mouth.

There are a number of older oak trees within the broadleaved woodland area, some of which could be considered as [Veteran](#) trees. Within the nearby village of Branscombe are some [ancient ash pollards](#) which used to be cut regularly to create wood for the old bakery's bread ovens. Pollarding is the process of removing the upper branches of a tree to allow regrowth and provide a regular source of timber and has been in place since at least the Roman times.

Access, tracks and footpaths

Access to the woodland is via a shared stoned forestry track.

There are no public rights of way within the woodland.

Rights and covenants

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Activities

Immerse yourself within this special place using the practice of [Forest bathing](#), a form of relaxation, being calm within the woodland environment and observing nature while breathing deeply.

The open ground conditions provide a great spot for overnight camping.

Local area and history

As well as being within walking distance of the picturesque coastal village of Branscombe, the nearby coastline around Seaton and Sidmouth is the beginning of a World Heritage Site consisting of 95 miles of Jurassic coastline that begins at Orcombe point is also not far from the wood.

Historical places can be found within the local area such as [Blackberry Camp](#), an Iron Age hill fort.

There are plenty of attractive villages to explore nearby such as Beer with its shingle beach and small fleet of working fishing

boats, Axmouth with a picturesque harbour and the important wetland site for birds along with the coastal town of Seaton and market town of Honiton all being within an easy reach of Gallant Wood.

Please do enjoy your visit to Gallant Wood, but take care of any undulating ground or trip hazards as well as standing or leaning deadwood which has been left as a wildlife habitat.

Particulars and plans were prepared by our local manager, Stuart Brooking.

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

- Travelling from Exeter and the M5 take the A3052 going east until the village of Sidford after around 11 miles.
- From Honiton take the A375 to Sidford and then head east onto the A3052.
- After about 2 1/2 miles look out for Branscombe Cross and shortly after this turn right down a minor lane signposted to 'Rockenhayne holiday cottages'.
- This track is suitable for car use. Please stick to the track as there are deep drainage gullies at certain points. There are numerous cleared pull in areas along the track if you do meet another car.
- Drive carefully down the track for about 400 metres until you see a wooden gate with a 'woodlands for sale' sign on your left.
- Park just before the gate in the stoned lay-by ensuring the track is kept clear.
- Climb carefully over the access gate mentioned above onto the main track. Please note the purchaser will be provided with a key for vehicular access.
- Walk down the track and turn right where the track splits.
- Continue along the track for around 200 metres until you see the entrance to Gallant Wood on your right indicated by a 'Gallant Wood' name sign.
- Satnav/GPS note: the postcode EX12 3BP is for the point shown by the red dot on the location map.

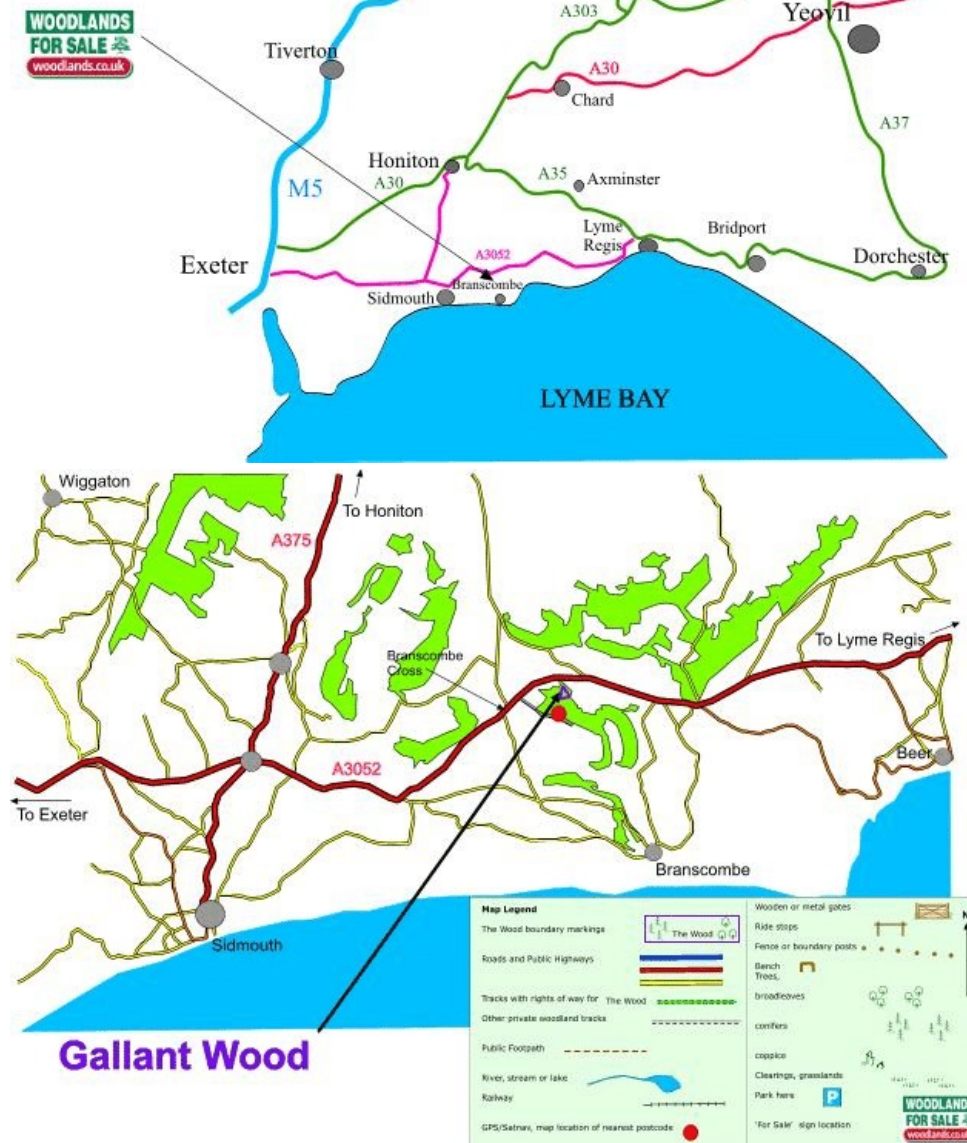
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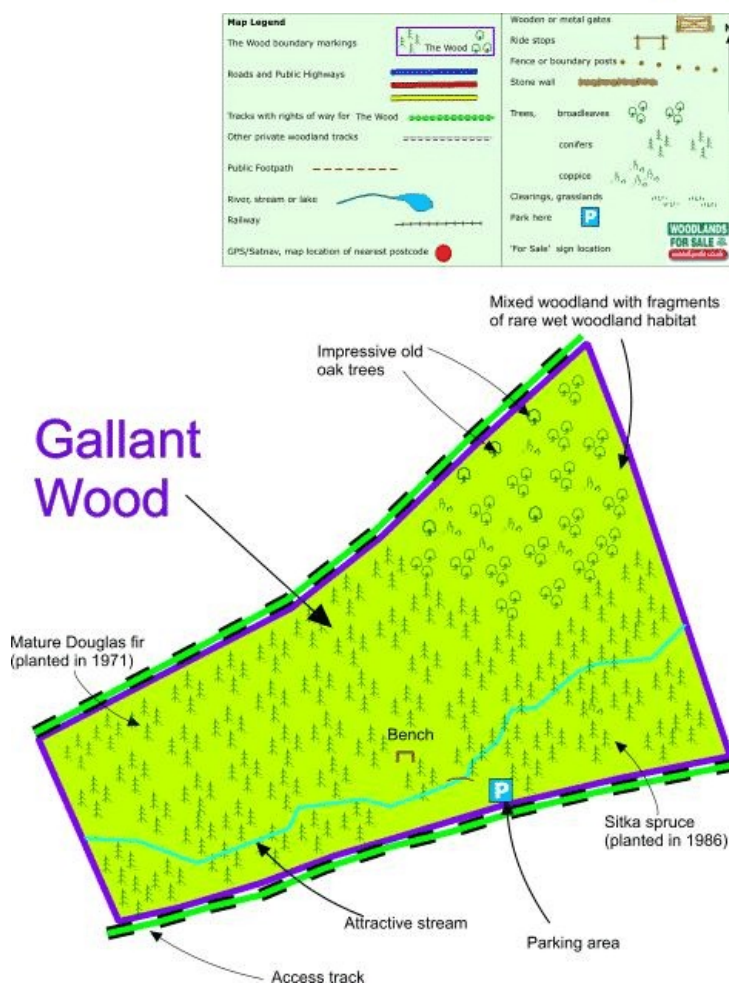
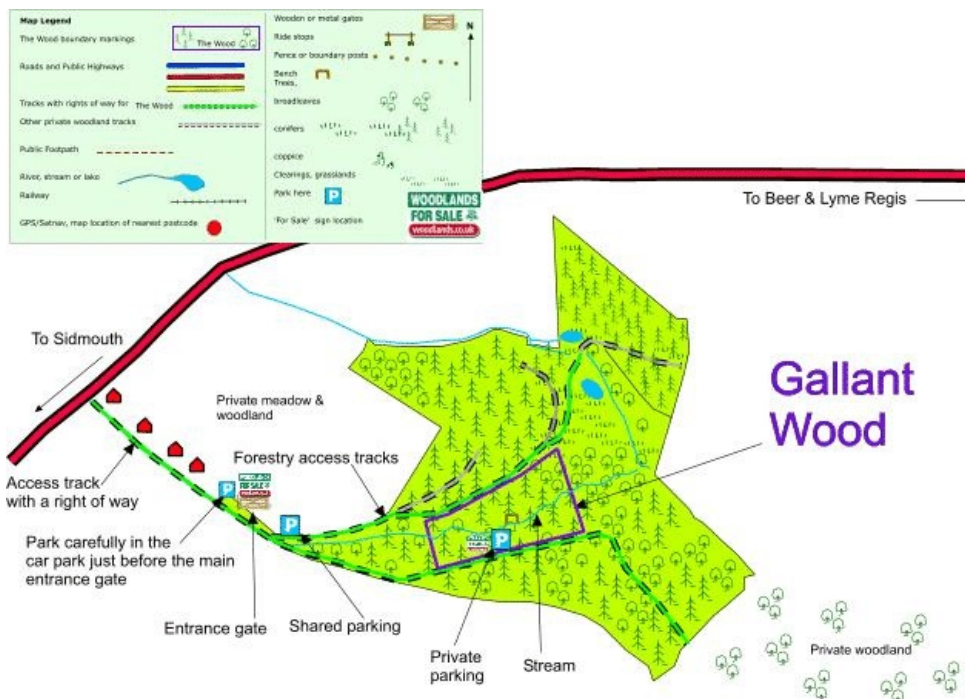
All boundaries are indicated with purple markings on posts and trees.

The northern and southern boundaries are along the edge of the forestry access tracks.

The western and eastern boundaries are indicated by lines of posts with purple markings on.

Location of Gallant Wood





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.