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## Gilsland Wood

## Cumbria

A pleasantly varied, open mixed woodland, located in the north of Cumbria, with excellent road and rail links to the rest of the country.

## **Details**

Price: £65,000 Freehold

Location: Brampton, Carlisle, Cumbria

Size: Nearly 4 ¼ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 86
Grid ref: NY 540 601

Nearest post code: CA8 1HW

## Local manager

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### Description

Primarily a larch plantation, the wood has benefitted from so much natural regeneration that it hardly retains evidence of the hand of man. It has as <u>PAWS</u> woodland designation and this indicates that the area has been woodland for many a long year. The wood was cleared and replanted with larch in the 1960s. A current management plan for the wood has been prepared with the assistance of <u>Cumbria Woodlands</u>, and this is available for any owner of the woods to use if desired.

Moving into the wood from the ridestop entrance the understory opens up to reveal a large secluded glade carpeted with sorrel. The land then rises gently to the northwest and then falls slowly to the perimeter boundary track. The northern slope features some impressively large beech and sycamore.

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#### Trees

The main planted species is <u>larch</u>, these beautiful and deciduous trees are around 60 years old and are now of considerable size. Between the larch a wide variety of native trees have sprung up to give the wood a pleasant natural feel. Sweet chestnut, oak and beech are the main species with a scattering of elm and birch. Hawthorn, holly and rowan help to form a healthy <u>understorey</u> with a variety of ferns and mosses forming a verdant carpet.

#### Wildlife

Itinerant deer and badgers evidence their presence with narrow pathways through the ground flora. Small poke holes in the moss indicate the entrances to the underground homes of voles and wood mice. Diminutive wrens can often be seen on a low perch as they forage for insects on logs and fallen branches whilst tits and finches occupy the mid-line of the canopy.

Probably our most photogenic native mammal, the <u>red squirrel</u>, is resident within the wood. A local charity is actively taking measures to protect this endangered species and secure its future.

#### **Features**

A good hardstanding is an ideal stacking and drying area for small-scale firewood drying with a rustic bench inviting a rest with time out to watch the woodland world go by.

#### Access, tracks and footpaths

**Access by road:** once the public highway has been left, behind a strong, hard, gated track leads through the wood to the ridestop entrance. A small timber stacking area is present to assist with the management and conservation of the wood.

**Access by rail:** Perfectly located for those wishing to visit their woods by train, Brampton Station is just 17 minutes from Carlisle and a little over an hour from Newcastle. Trains by Northern Rail.

## Rights and covenants

The sporting rights are owned and included in the sale.

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## Activities

The variety within this woodland lends itself to a similar variety of potential activities. Wildlife watching coupled with conservation and gentle management, maybe the erection of bird and bat boxes or feeding stations for the squirrels. Overnight camping for a truly immersive wildlife experience or simply a collection of firewood for a domestic fuel supply.

#### Local area and history

The old Brampton railway line is now a footpath named the Dandy which runs through a cutting on the north-eastern boundary of the wood. Gilsland Wood is a short and pleasant walk from the railway station. The line was built in the late 1800's by Lord Carlisle to transport coal and stone from the moors of Alston to Brampton. It is famous as the line that Stephenson's Rocket came to work after it was retired from service in Lancashire.

Gilsland Wood is also within easy reach of the pleasant market town of Brampton with a wide variety of local services. In the wider area is the <u>North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</u> with plenty of <u>B+Bs</u> locally catering for visitors to the not-too-distant <u>Hadrians Wall</u>.

### 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**

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Gilsland Wood is just off the A69 south of Brampton, about 20 mins from Carlisle and an hour from Newcastle.

**Satnav:** the postcode **CA8 1HW** is for the point shown by the red dot on the location maps. Satnav coordinates are: **N 54 : 55 : 58 W 2 : 42 : 11** 

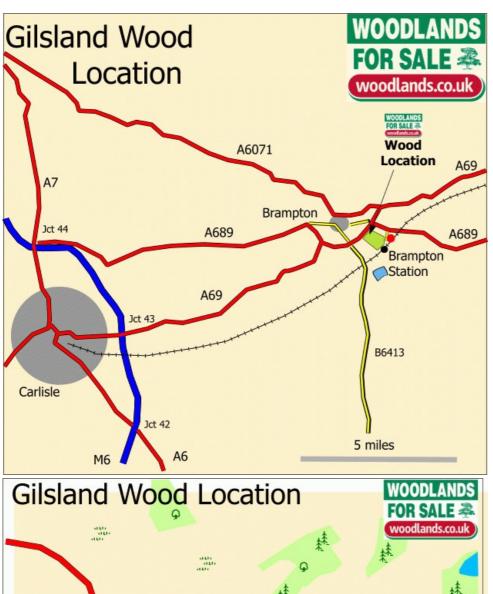
<u>Click Here for Directions From Bing Maps</u> enter your own postcode, (Gilsland Wood coordinates are already entered) and click on the blue "Go" box. This will take you to the main gate close to Brampton Station.

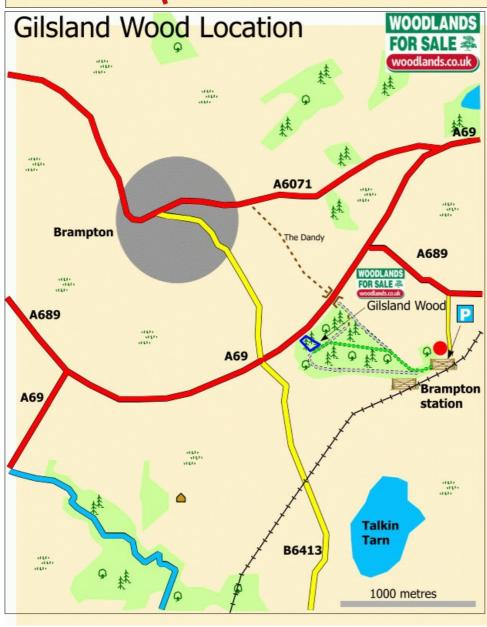
#### **Our Directions:**

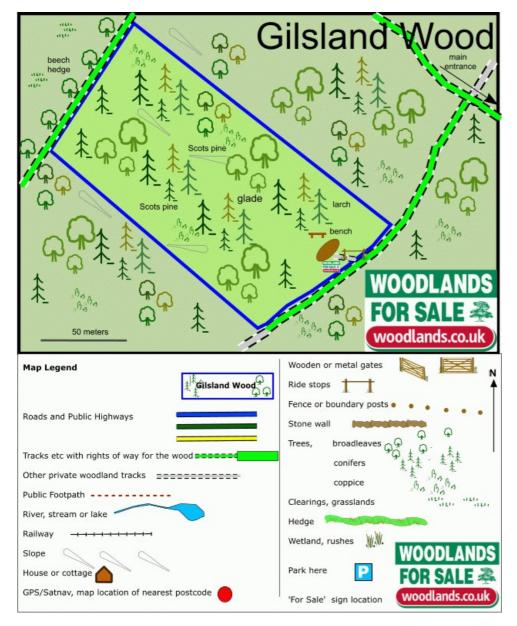
- Locate Brampton and take the A689 east from the junction with the A69 Carlisle to Newcastle road.
- After a ¼ mile turn right signed for Brampton Station.
- $\bullet\,$  After another  $1\!\!/_{\!4}$  mile park at the end of the road close to the Station.
- Pass through the wooden pedestrian gate which leads to the station platform and turn sharp right.
- Walk parallel with the railway track for 200 metres and pass through the kissing gate.
- Follow the footpath round to the right for 300m before taking the left fork opposite a small, fenced transformer.
- Follow this track past an area of new planting on the right to the point where two paths cross.
- Turn left along the track to find the entrance to Gilsland Wood,150m on the right-hand side.

The boundaries of the wood are marked by blue painted-topped posts.









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.

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.