



Husk Wood North Yorkshire

A superb mixed woodland with mature oak, pine, larch and a diverse ground flora, secluded and tranquil, between Harrogate and York.

Details

Price: £95,000 Freehold

Location: Goldsborough, Near Knaresborough, North Yorkshire

Size: About 4 acres for sale

OS Landranger: OS No 104

Grid ref: SE 398 559

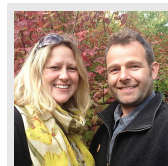
Nearest post code: HG5 8AP

Local manager

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Description

Husk Wood is a fabulous mosaic of differing age and species of trees, with some clear routes through the wood between beautiful and well-spaced trees. This attractive mix is comprised of plenty of [oak](#), [Scots pine](#), larch, [birch](#) and [sycamore](#). Here and there are majestic poplars and groves of [alder](#) and [hazel](#). Everywhere, throughout the understorey there are masses of [honeysuckle](#), foxgloves, wood sorrel and celandine as well as woodland grasses and other flora, even some [bluebells](#).

The ride-stop entrance, on the western boundary of the wood, is reached via a good stone track and there is space to park a vehicle. Walking from here, if you turn right, and then immediately left, a long grassy ride leads off along the sunny southern side of the wood. With lots of sunlight on this side of the wood, butterflies and other invertebrates can usually be seen in the summer months, fluttering along the edges. After about 50 metres, there is a seasonal pond that holds water most of the year and is a valuable draw for wildlife. The new owner may like to make more of this feature and perhaps trim parts of the banks to favour soft grasses, install a bench or even a hide, to observe what comes to the water.

Further on, near the eastern boundary, there are coppiced alder and hazel trees and the landform has a hollow which again, holds water. It would be a fairly simple project with a mini-digger to expand and enhance this valuable habitat. Other great habitat can be found within the wood; There are a few fallen softwood trees that look to have blown down about a decade ago. These provide fantastic deadwood for birds and insects to feed on while the timber slowly decays and returns to the earth, reclaimed by the mosses and ferns.

The alternative route from the ride-stop is to turn left and curve round through the tall oak trees to a grassy glade where a rustic bench is located – the perfect spot to take in the beauty of this lovely woodland.

Please contact Liz Watson, the agent, if you would like to arrange a viewing of the wood.

Trees

Oak, Scots pine, sycamore, alder, birch, larch, hybrid poplar, hazel, holly, hawthorn, and goat willow.

Wildlife

Fern Copse, in the heart of the larger forest has abundant wildlife, [buzzards](#) and [red kites](#) can often be seen, swooping and soaring over the woodland canopy and from time to time, you may hear a [tawny owl](#). The wood takes its name from one of the collective nouns for kites – ‘a husk’!

Many smaller birds are resident in the wood including chiffchaff, [blackbirds](#), song thrush, [wrens](#), [blue tits](#), [robins](#), [jays](#) and many more. The birdsong in spring and early summer is quite sublime.

Roe deer frequent the area and are often seen, if not apparent, then they are evident from their distinct trails, and bed areas or scrapes. There are many of these amongst the ferns.

Features

- Beautiful mixed woodland with mature trees
- Peaceful and private
- A seasonal pond
- Great for birds and other wildlife
- A rustic bench with a lovely view
- Accessible, with level ground

Access, tracks and footpaths

From the end of Church Street in Goldsborough, you follow a stone track between two hedgerows, through three gates, the third of which is the entrance gate to Goldsborough Wood.

A good stone track, suitable for cars and 4x4s leads all the way through the forest to the entrance of Husk Wood, marked with a ride stop entrance and name sign. There is space to park a vehicle here.

The foot-routes within the wood are over mostly level ground but sturdy footwear is recommended.

Rights and covenants

There are no public rights of way within the wood.

The sporting rights are included in the sale.

Our standard [covenant](#) will apply.

Activities

Husk Wood is a great wood to enjoy just as it is, observing wildlife and soaking in the tranquility but for a more active owner, it is ideal for conservation projects, enhancing habitats such as butterfly margins, wetland and pond habitat and nesting sites.

Local area and history

Goldsborough is a quiet and attractive village, close to Knaresborough and Harrogate which between them boast an array of attractions including the [Turkish Baths](#), [Valley Gardens](#), [RHS Harlow Carr](#), [Mother Shipton's Cave](#) and many more.

Evidence of early settlement in the village comes from a remarkable [Viking hoard](#) which was discovered in 1859 during construction outside the north wall of Goldsborough Church. Coins and artefacts dating from 700 to 1050 were found in a leaden chest including fragments of Viking brooches and arm-rings, together with 39 coins. It forms one of the largest collections ever discovered in the UK and is now held at the British Museum in London.

In the Domesday Survey of 1086 Goldsborough is referred to as "Godenesburg" and some fine Norman architecture can be found in St Mary's Church in the village.

In 1599 Sir Richard Hutton, a London lawyer, bought the land and built Goldsborough Hall on its current site. Daniel Lascelles, whose family eventually became the Earls of Harewood, bought

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

Please contact Liz Watson on 07985 548481 to arrange a visit. Always use postcode HG5 8AP and these written directions to reach the wood (and not the map pin). Waterproof footwear is recommended.

For unaccompanied viewings, there is a round-trip walk of around 3km from the parking area, on good stone tracks.

Goldsborough is situated to the south of the A59 Knaresborough to York Road, about two miles to the west of the A1(M) J47.

From the village of Goldsborough, proceed along Church Street, past Goldsborough Hall and the Church. The road surface ends, continue on along a stone track until the first gate is reached.

This gate has a combination padlock. Please lock this gate behind you.

Continue on for around 400m to reach a second gate at the entrance to a pasture. This needs to be lifted slightly and has a loop of string to secure it closed.

The track crosses pastureland and the first wood gate is reached. This has a combination code and there is space to park just beyond this point, to the side of the main vehicle route into the wood, keeping the access clear. New owners will receive a key to this gate.

Please proceed on foot from this point.

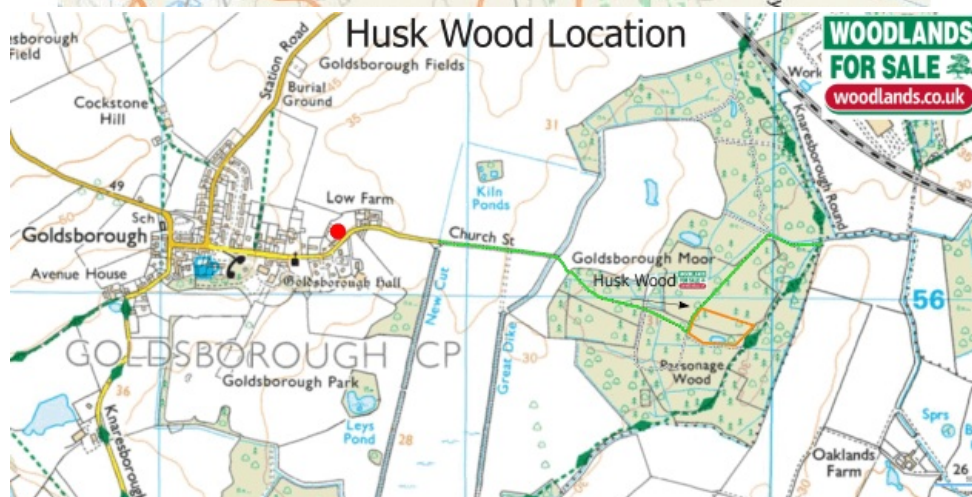
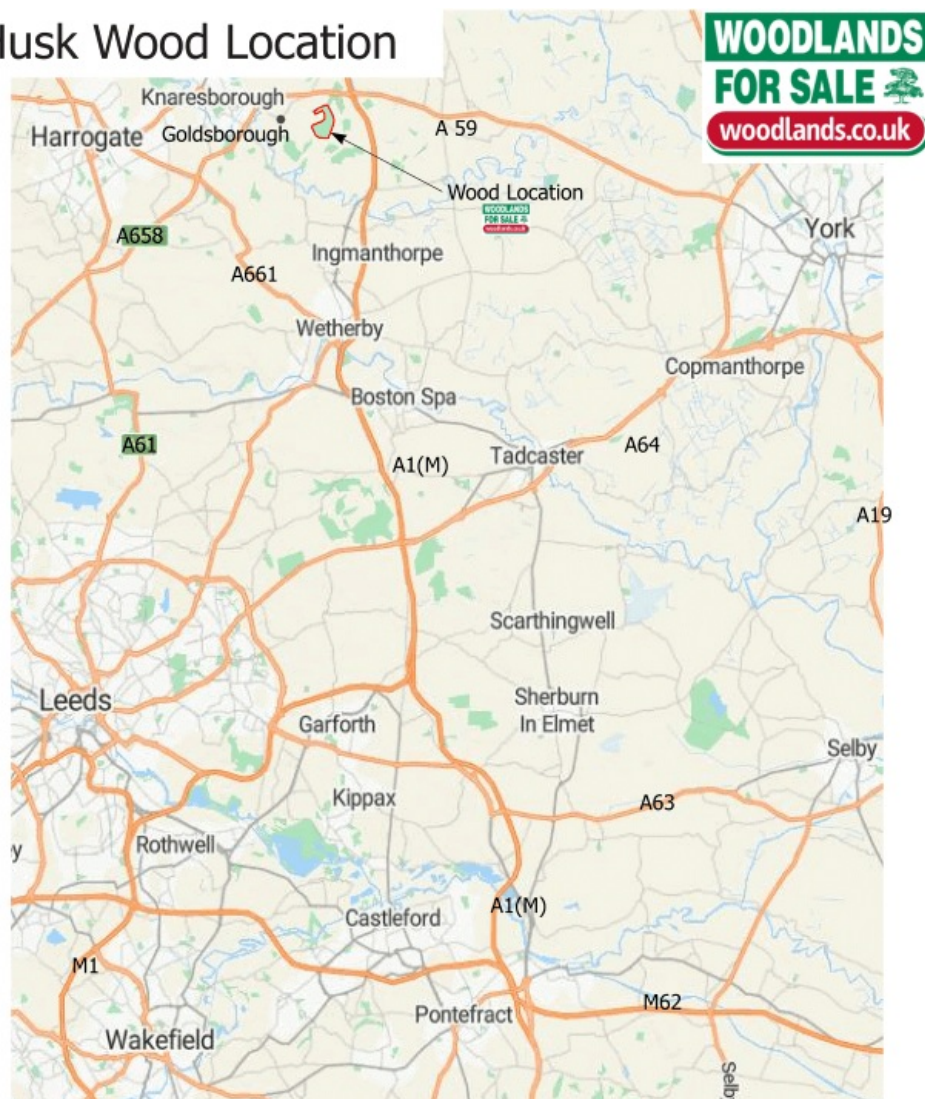
It is approximately 400m walk to the crossroads, at this point turn left up the stone track.

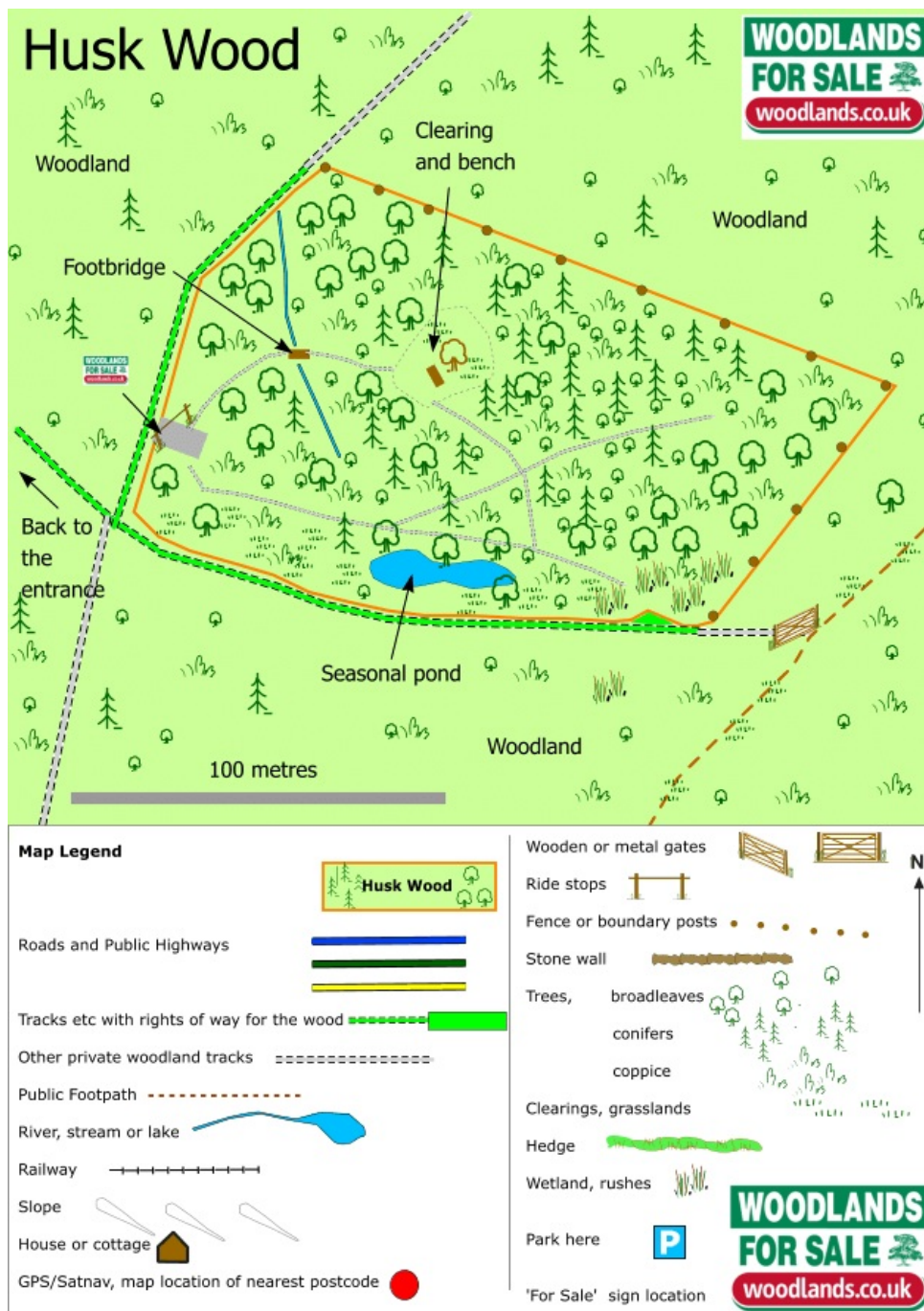
After another 30m, the entrance to Husk Wood is here on the right, clearly marked with the name and a for-sale sign.

Boundaries:

The boundaries of Husk Wood are marked with orange paint. These are on post tops on the northern and eastern boundaries. Along the southern and western boundaries where the wood abuts tracks, the markings are on trees.

Husk Wood Location





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.