



Skumas Wood Lincolnshire

An attractive mixed woodland offering excellent access and a welcoming natural environment.

Details

Price: £75,000 Freehold

Location: Broughton , Scunthorpe , Lincolnshire

Size: Nearly 5 acres for sale

OS Landranger: OS No 336

Grid ref: SE 958 102

Nearest post code: DN20 0BQ

Local manager

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Description
<p>Skumas Wood is a delight to visit, not only for its wide variety of trees and excellent access but also for the fact that it is surrounded by quiet, private woodland. A sense of well-being is fostered by time spent quietly in nature, where birdsong and the rustle of leaves offer a calming soundtrack to a peaceful walk. The tranquility makes it an ideal spot for relaxation, reflection, and nature observation.</p> <p>Skumas Wood is nestled within a larger area of well-managed forest on the edge of Scunthorpe, near the village of Broughton, just a few minutes' drive from the M180. Despite its easy accessibility, it feels wonderfully secluded.</p> <p>The woodland is level, with fertile soil up to a metre deep, sitting on a sub-base of loose limestone, which makes the area well-drained and ideal for a diversity of plant life. The ground flora includes a number of ferns, such as the scaly male fern, hard shield fern, and bracken. Among the vegetation, you'll find a variety of wildflowers, including primroses, violets, early purple orchids, and red campion. Dog's mercury and grasses grow along the minor tracks, which are easy to navigate and invite further exploration.</p> <p>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.</p>
Trees
<p>A wonderful mix of oak, beech, and sycamore trees dominates the eastern edge of the woodland, creating a vibrant, varied canopy that shifts gracefully with the seasons. In the south-western corner, a majestic Douglas fir stands tall as a striking natural landmark, adding evergreen contrast to the predominantly broadleaved landscape. This blend not only enhances visual appeal but also enriches ecological diversity, providing food and shelter for a wide variety of birds, insects, and small mammals.</p>
Wildlife
<p>The surrounding local area is a diverse and picturesque landscape, blending woodland, parkland, and open fields to create an ideal habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Roe deer and brown hares are known to inhabit the area, often seen quietly moving through the undergrowth or grazing in clearings at dawn or dusk. The abundant vegetation provides ample shelter and food, supporting a balanced and thriving ecosystem.</p> <p>The tree canopy, with its varying heights and densities, offers excellent refuge for owls, buzzards, and a rich assortment of songbirds and woodland species. Tawny owls can frequently be heard calling at night, while buzzards soar overhead by day, effortlessly riding thermal currents. Smaller birds, such as woodpeckers, tits, and finches, nest among the branches, their calls adding to the peaceful woodland soundscape. The combination of habitats supports both resident and migratory birds, making the area a particular delight for nature watchers and bird enthusiasts throughout the seasons.</p>
Features
<p>The woodland is level and well stocked with mature trees, creating a peaceful and sheltered environment. Scattered throughout are numerous small glades—perfect spots for camping and enjoying the tranquility of nature.</p>
Access, tracks and footpaths
<p>The woodland benefits from an excellent stoned access track, suitable for most family vehicles, ensuring reliable year-round access. While there are no public footpaths running through the woodland itself, a footpath runs just outside the eastern boundary, beyond a barbed wire fence.</p>
Rights and covenants
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Activities
<p>The possibilities for this wild woodland are truly endless—from camping and forest bathing to simply soaking in the peace and beauty of nature. Skumas Wood presents an excellent opportunity for a new owner to engage in family forestry, creating lasting memories while caring for and learning about the land.</p> <p>Managing this mixed habitat and developing bushcraft skills offers a rewarding escape from the pressures of modern life. Whether setting up a secluded campsite, building wildlife hides for observation and photography, or exploring woodland trails, there are countless ways to enjoy this natural space. Activities such as tree planting, coppicing, foraging, or simply sitting quietly among the trees provide both relaxation and a meaningful connection to the land. The woodland fosters a deeper bond with nature and serves as an ideal setting for education, outdoor recreation, and sustainable stewardship.</p>
Local area and history

The nearby town of Scunthorpe appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Escumesthorpe, a name derived from the Old Norse *Skumasþorp*, meaning “Skuma’s homestead.” This points to early Viking settlement in the area, with the original site believed to have been near the modern town centre, close to where Market Hill now stands. The town’s long and layered history adds cultural depth to the surrounding landscape, including the adjacent woodlands.

The woodland itself lies close to an outcrop of high-lime-content ironstone, containing an average of around 25% iron. This ironstone is part of a seam within the Lias Group strata, dating back to the Early Jurassic period—approximately 180 to 200 million years ago. Running north–south through Lincolnshire, this seam played a significant role in the region’s iron and steel industries. Its presence has also influenced the unique soil composition and drainage characteristics of the surrounding woodland, fostering a rich diversity of flora and fauna well adapted to this calcareous environment.

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.

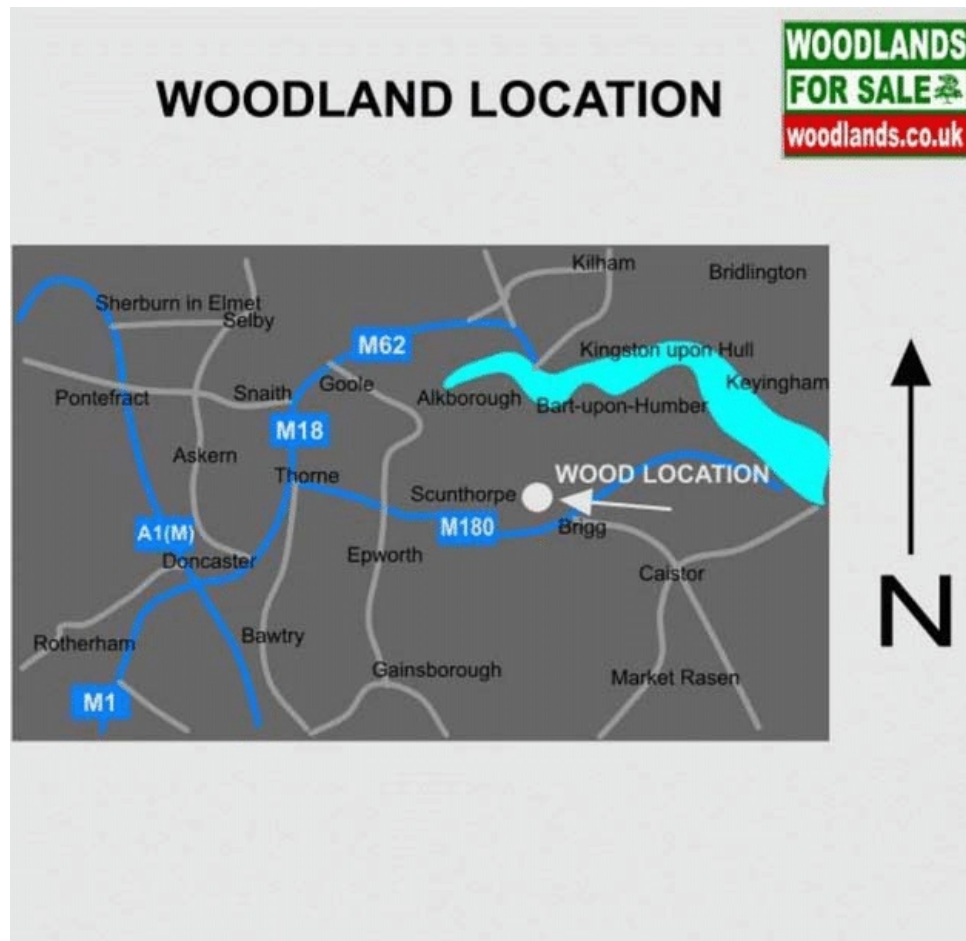
Directions

- Approaching from the east along the M180 take the exit at junction 4.
- Head north on the A15 to the next roundabout and take the second exit north along the minor road, Ermine Street signposted to Broughton.
- At the mini roundabout take the first exit left heading north on Appleby Lane(B1207).
- After Just over one mile the wood entrance gate is on the right.
- Park to one side of the Gate and carefully climb over the gate at the hinge end.
- Follow the track for 200 metres and at the T junction turn right heading southwards.
- After 300 metres the wood will be to your left.
- **Satnav/GPS note:** the postcode DN20 0BQ is for the point shown by the red dot on the location map.
- The main entrance What3words is remembers.deadline.voice.
 - Skumas Wood ride stop entrance What3words is inviting.neon.intruding,

Boundaries:

The boundaries are marked with Blue paint on trees and boundary stakes.

- **Eastern boundary:** Indicated by a line of stakes and painted trees and a barbed wire fence.
- **Northern and Southern boundary:** Indicated with stakes and paint markings on trees..
- **Western boundary:** Where the woodland edge meets the stone track.



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Map Legend

The Wood boundary markings

Roads and Public Highways

Tracks with rights of way for Skumas Wood

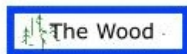
Other private woodland tracks

Public Footpath

River, stream or lake

Railway

GPS/Satnav, map location of nearest postcode



Wooden or metal gates

Ride stops

Fence or boundary posts

Stone wall

Trees, broadleaves

conifers

coppice

Clearings, grasslands

Hedge

Wetland, rushes

Park here

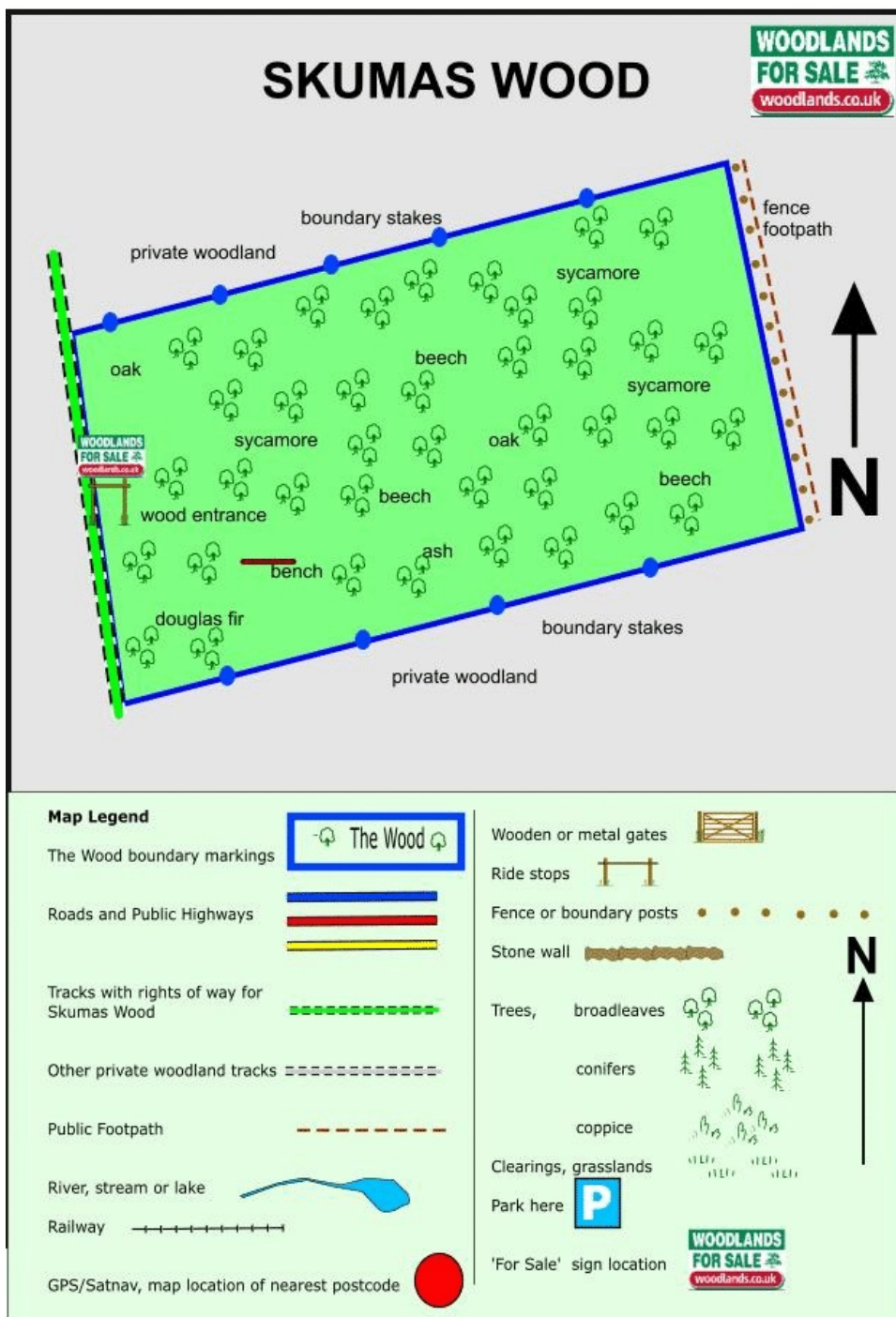


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Our regional managers are often out working in our woodlands, so if you email an offer and want to be sure it has been received, please phone our manager on his or her mobile phone. The first offer at the stated price which is accepted, whether by 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.