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Wick Ball Wood Wiltshire

Extremely private broadleaved woodland within the Cranborne Chase National Landscape.

Details

Price: £79,000 Freehold

Location: Teffont Magna, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Size: About 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres for sale OS Landranger: OS No 185

Grid ref: SU 001 321

Nearest post code: SP3 5HH

Local manager

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Description

Wick Ball Wood, located in Wiltshire close to the village of Dinton, has developed naturally through self-seeding, without any planting or formal landscaping. The site was previously open land but is now undergoing natural regeneration, supported by seed dispersal from nearby established woodland and hedgerows. It is a good example of early successional woodland, where pioneer species dominate and the habitat is still evolving.

The main species present include silver birch, sycamore and hawthorn. These are typical colonisers of disturbed or open ground, capable of establishing quickly and creating the initial structure of a woodland. Gorse is also found in scattered patches, particularly along the woodland edges, where it offers a splash of colour and contributes to structural diversity and provides valuable resources for pollinators. In spring and early summer, its golden flowers are alive with bees. A clump of laurel offes shelter and an evergreen screen at the northen tip of the wood, close to the public highway.

The ground layer is characteristic of young woodland and includes a mix of bramble, coarse grasses, and early successional herbs. In areas with more shade, there are early signs of woodland ground flora beginning to take hold. Overall, the site remains open and dynamic, with a shifting balance between scrub and young tree cover.

Wildlife interest is steadily increasing. The mix of young trees, scrub, and open ground supports nesting and foraging birds, invertebrates, and small mammals. As the woodland continues to develop, its ecological value will increase, particularly if natural processes are allowed to continue, perhaps augmented by some additional active tree planting of native species in the open spaces.

The wood is accessed via a well-stoned track from the public highway and there is a small area of hardstanding before the ride stop where a vehicle can be parked. From here a woodland path winds inwards towards a clearing where a bench can be found; a place to sit and reflect close to nature. The peripheral tree cover makes the centre of the woodland extremely private.

Although relatively recent in origin, the woodland is important in a conservation context. It contributes to local habitat networks, supports biodiversity, and demonstrates the effectiveness of natural regeneration in creating semi-natural habitats. With minimal management and a light hand, it will continue to evolve in its own time, shaped by seasons, storms, and the slow hand of mother nature.

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.

Features

- Excellent access
- Ideal location within Cranborne Chase National Landscape
- Mix of native broadleaved species
- Scope for additional planting

Access, tracks and footpaths

The woodland is accessed via a well-stoned track from the public highway. There are no public rights of way across the wood.

Rights and covenants

Sporting rights are in hand.

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Local area and history

The wood is located a short distance from the ancient scheduled monument, Wick Ball Camp, from which it derives its name. The monument is an Iron Age hillfort with a single rampart on its northern and western sides. The name 'Wick' typically indicates a vicus, which is a Latin term for a settlement outside the walls of a Roman fort. The term 'ball' often signifies a boundary and is a shortened form of 'bailiwick'. Another related expression is 'beyond the pail', meaning outside the pail or bail (in this case, 'ball').

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

Wick Ball Wood is accessed via a stoned track from the public highway between the villages of Teffont Magna and Dinton in Wiltshire. Salisbury is around a 20 minute drive away to the east.

<u>Click here for Google Maps directions</u>. Enter your own postcode, (the location coordinates are already entered), and click on the "Directions" box. This will take you to the roadside gate where the main track begins, where you can park. The gates are marked by a "Woodlands" sign on the road and blue signs on the gate reading "Fontwyke Park". Thereafter please follow the green route on the "wood map".

The entrance to the wood is a few hundred metres up the woodland track on the right hand side.

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Satnav: the postcode **SP3 5HH** is the nearest to meadow, but please note will take you closer to the village of Dinton. Please see the "wood maps" image which shows this.

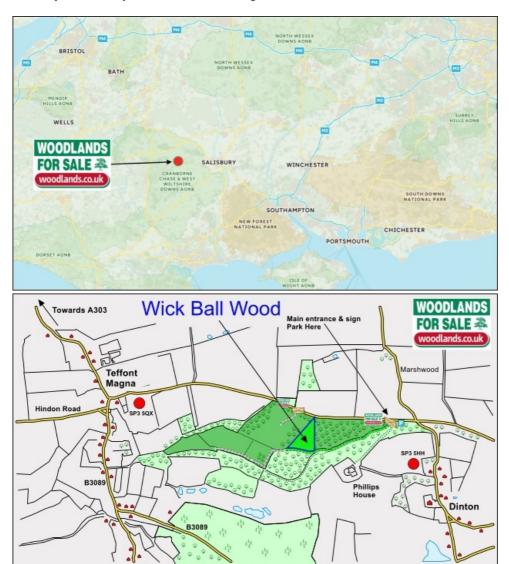
Coordinates for satnav are: 51.08942, -1.992118 for the metal gates at the start of the access track.

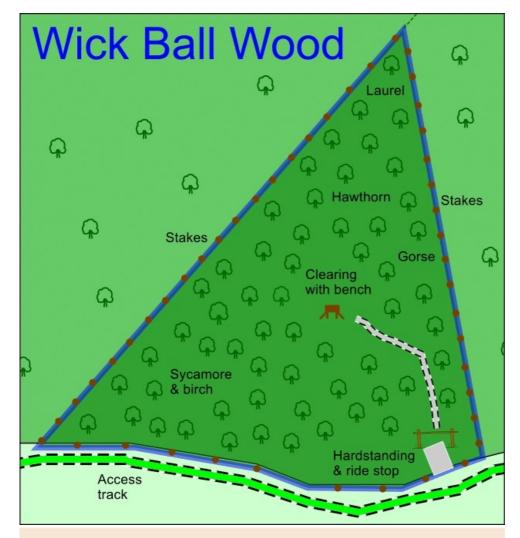
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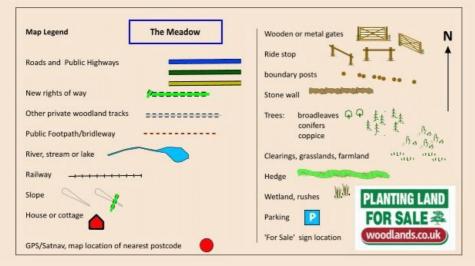
When heading west on the A303, turn off at the sign post showing "Teffont Magna & Chilmark". Head south along Cow Drove, taking the first left hand turn available to you. Continue to follow south and this road will take you all the way into the village of Teffont Magna. Turn left when you reach St Edward's Church where a red post box is immediately opposite you set into a stone wall. Continue along this road for just over 1.5km, passing a "Tree Planting Land" sign on your way, until you see a "Woodlands" sign on your right-hand side. The main double entrance gates are just beyond this on the right hand side, labelled Fontwyke Park

Boundaries:

Boundary posts are marked with blue paint. The eastern and western boundaries are marked with wooden stakes. The southern boundary is marked by a fence which runs alongside the access track.







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</u> <u>Society</u>, as well as <u>£300 towards paying for a course</u> (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

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