



DWT's Exmoor ponies play an important role in managing Andrew's Wood nature reserve. Photo, Simon Williams.

Enjoying your visit

To get the most from your visit without harming the wildlife which lives there, please remember.

Respect wildlife

Don't pick flowers or disturb nesting birds! If you see anything particularly exciting during your visit please tell us by recording your wildlife sightings at www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Gates

Please leave all gates as you find them.

Dogs

Grassland areas may contain grazing ponies. Dogs are welcome but we ask you to keep them on a short lead at all times. **Please clean up after your dog.**

Getting around

Andrew's Wood is a wet, boggy site – its trails can be muddy and slippery. It is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. Visitors should take care and keep to the trails.

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Finding Andrew's Wood nature reserve

Andrew's Wood is in south Devon, near the village of Loddiswell, 8km north of Kingsbridge. Its main entrance lies at grid reference SX 713 520. Postcode TQ7 4EA.

By bus/train

For up to date bus and rail timetable information call 0871 200 2233 (open 7am-9pm daily except Christmas day) or visit www.travelinesw.com

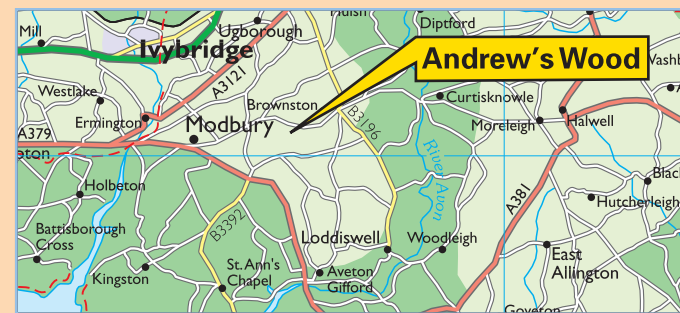
By car

Main entrance (with car park)

From the A38 take the Ugborough/Yealmpton turn off. Turn left onto the A3121, and at Kitterford Cross go straight across towards Modbury on the B3196. At California Cross take the left hand fork beyond the petrol station, towards Loddiswell. The nature reserve's car park lies on the right 250m beyond Coldharbour Cross. From here a track leads into the reserve.

Aveton Gifford Road entrance (with limited roadside parking)

Follow the directions above to California Cross. Here take the first left after California Cross. Turn left at the turning signposted to Aveton Gifford. The reserve entrance is 250m on the left hand side of the road. A track leads into the reserve.



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Discover Andrew's Wood



Front cover photo: Great-spotted woodpecker. Photo, Tony House.

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Wildlife takes over

- 1 Heath lobelia flowers grow here in areas of bare earth. In autumn ponies graze, churning the ground, helping this rare plant set its seed for the following year.
- 2 In May this sheltered glade fills with bluebell flowers. This is a good place to spot butterflies.
- 3 This shady, humid grotto holds dozens of mosses and ferns growing from its rocks and trees.
- 4 Among the patches of heather lie large quartzite boulders.
- 5 The nature reserve was extended in 2010 to include this area of wet grassland. Today it hosts a wealth of wildflowers including cuckoo flower and ragged robin.
- 6 For the surefooted an way marked trail leads to a ruined farmstead – a reminder of the place's past.
- 7 The oak trees here are large and old compared to their smaller neighbours in the nature reserve's younger woodland.
- 8 Frogs, newts and dragonflies all use the ponds here.

Andrew's Wood has undergone dramatic changes.

It was once open, boggy moorland and the quartzite boulders which poke through its surface are remnants of its glacial history.

In the less distant past houses and farmsteads stood here. These were abandoned in the 19th century when the railway came to the area and the importance of an old coaching road which ran close by dwindled.



Nuthatch. Photo, Neil Bygrave

Key

- Way marked trail 1
- Way marked trail 2
- Way marked trail 3
- Way marked trail 4
- Nature reserve boundary
- Pond

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Today, woodland has grown up and wildlife has taken over. Between the trees grassy clearings now provide light and space for a wonderful collection of butterflies, birds and plants.

Andrew's Wood takes its name from the son of the family who gave this place to Devon Wildlife Trust.

The trail around the reserve will take 2 hours, the middle trail 1 1/2 hours and the short circuits 40 minutes.

Grass snake. Photo, David Kilbey.

Satellite photo courtesy of Google Earth Pro



Common frog. Photo, David Kilbey



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