

About your forest

Donkleywood, Northumberland National Park

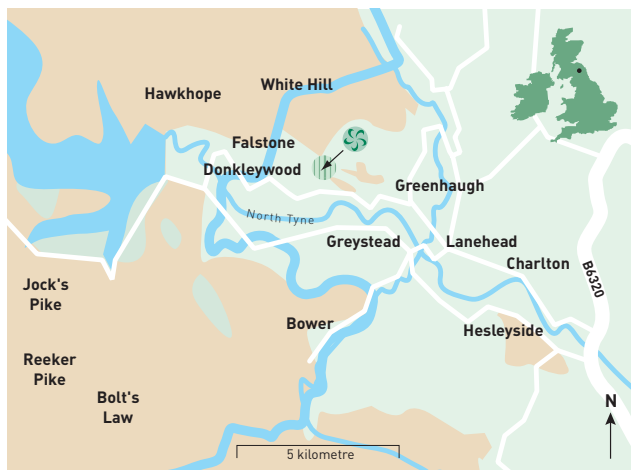
Donkleywood was once home to a native woodland called Duncan's Wood which was made up of ancient oaks. This was cleared at the end of the 18th century for sheep farming. Remnant pockets of original woodland remain onsite and the project will link these pockets together to create the largest native woodland scheme in the Northumberland National Park. This will make an important contribution towards the National Parks plan to increase the area of native woodland cover in the park to 4%.

Donkleywood will be planted with a range of broadleaf tree species, specifically birch as well as some aspen. Planting will commence in the Winter of 2003/4.

Public access is provided by three public footpaths and a bridleway. Border County Ride and Reivers Cycle Route, part of the National Cycle Network, run along the planting scheme's northern boundary.

Around Donkleywood

Donkleywood is on the Western edge of the beautiful Northumberland National Park, recognised as one of the finest landscapes in Britain. As well as being home to some unique habitats and the nationally-endangered red squirrel, unique historic buildings like 'bastles' (fortified farmhouses) and the exhibits at the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site are a testament to Northumberland's sometimes troubled border history. Further to the west lies Kielder Water - the largest man-made lake in Europe - with its walking, cycling and horseriding trails.



Directions

From Bellingham, follow the main road to Kielder Water (the C200) Approximately 3 miles before Kielder Water turn right to Falstone. Travel through Falstone for about 2 miles to reach the hamlet of Donkleywood. The site is just after Donkleywood, on both sides of the road, down to the North Tyne River and up towards the large conifer blocks on the top of the hill.

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