



# how to find your dedicated tree

## Birdwell Woods by Birdwell, South Yorkshire

28.32ha (70 acres)  
OS Landranger 110 & 111  
Grid reference: SE341020  
Ancient Semi Natural Woodland,  
Young Native Woodland

Named after a nearby well, Birdwell Wood is part of the South Yorkshire Forest's core extension area in the Wentworth region. Its wooded banks contribute to a forest corridor along the M1 and present a prominent feature in the landscape. The site reflects the surrounding landscape, characterised by steeply rolling and fairly well wooded countryside, with pockets of pasture scattered throughout.

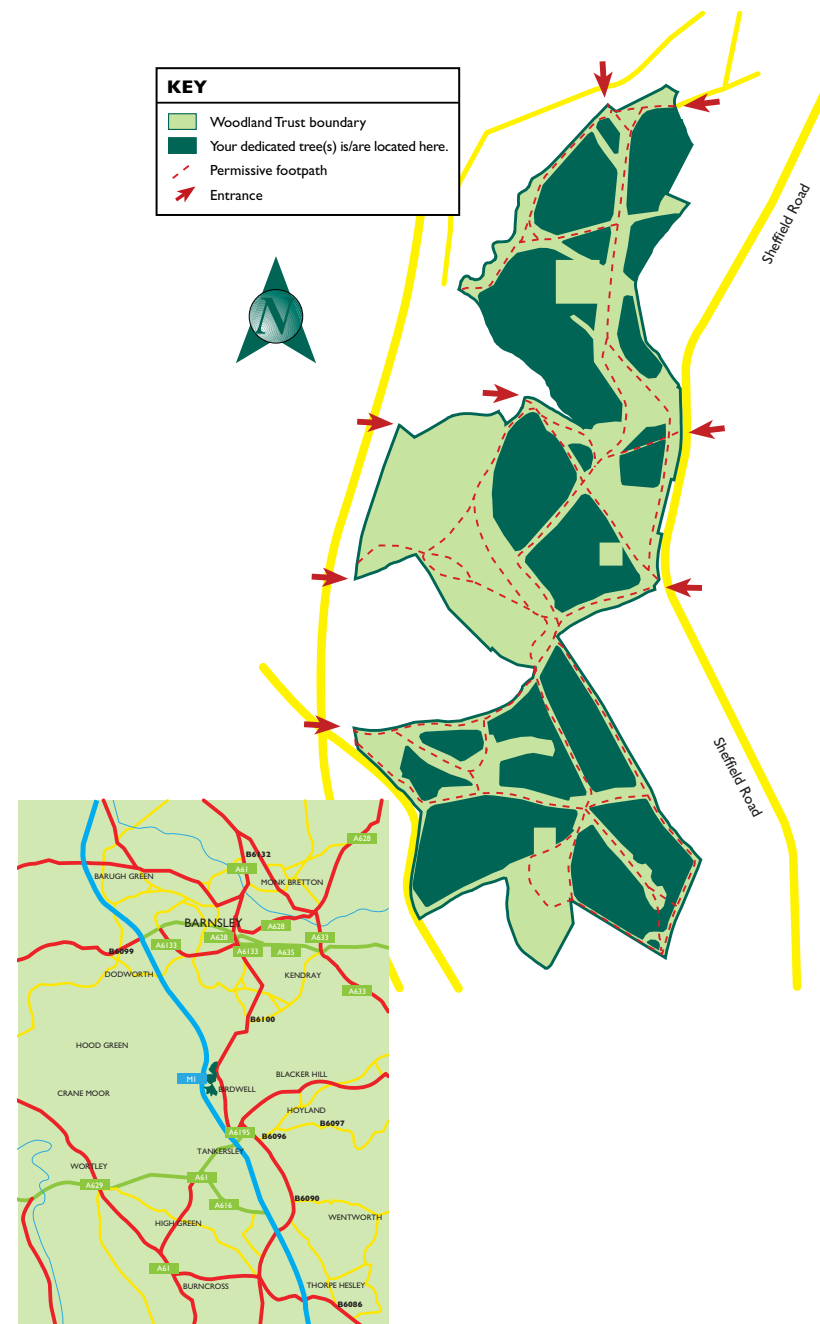
An independent landscape designer drew up the layout of the woodland creation area over a number of months in response to instruction from the Woodland Trust, South Yorkshire Forest, the then Countryside Commission, the Forestry Authority and local councils. Local people were given a number of opportunities to comment on the design, so consequently the site is unusual for the Woodland Trust in that it comprises wide ride avenues, a higher than usual proportion of low growing shrubs and open meadow areas. The planting mix was dominated by sessile oak on the freer draining areas, and pedunculate oak with ash on the wetter ones. Rabbits, hares and roe deer are known to frequent the site.

The wood is located against the western edge of Birdwell village in the rural fringe of Barnsley, whose centre lies just 4km to the north. The wood extends along a band of ex-pasture fields between the A61 and M1. From junction 36 of the M1 visitors should follow the A61 north towards Barnsley, before turning left in Birdwell village into Rockley Lane signposted for Pilley (near a large obelisk). The road leads towards the village of Hood Green. After approximately 1.6km, the road goes underneath the motorway. Turn right immediately before the underpass into a small car park. Another well-used access point is the squeeze stile from Birdwell village half way along the sites eastern boundary, next to the A61 near to the Miller Hill bus stop.

For advice on travel by public transport, contact the national helpline on 0871 200 2233.

More information about this wood can be found on the Woodland Trust website: [woodlandtrust.org.uk/ourwoods](http://woodlandtrust.org.uk/ourwoods)

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### WHEN VISITING THE WOOD PLEASE NOTE

in order to keep our woods as natural as possible, individual trees are not marked in any way.

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