



**Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust**

Welcome to Hanley Dingle

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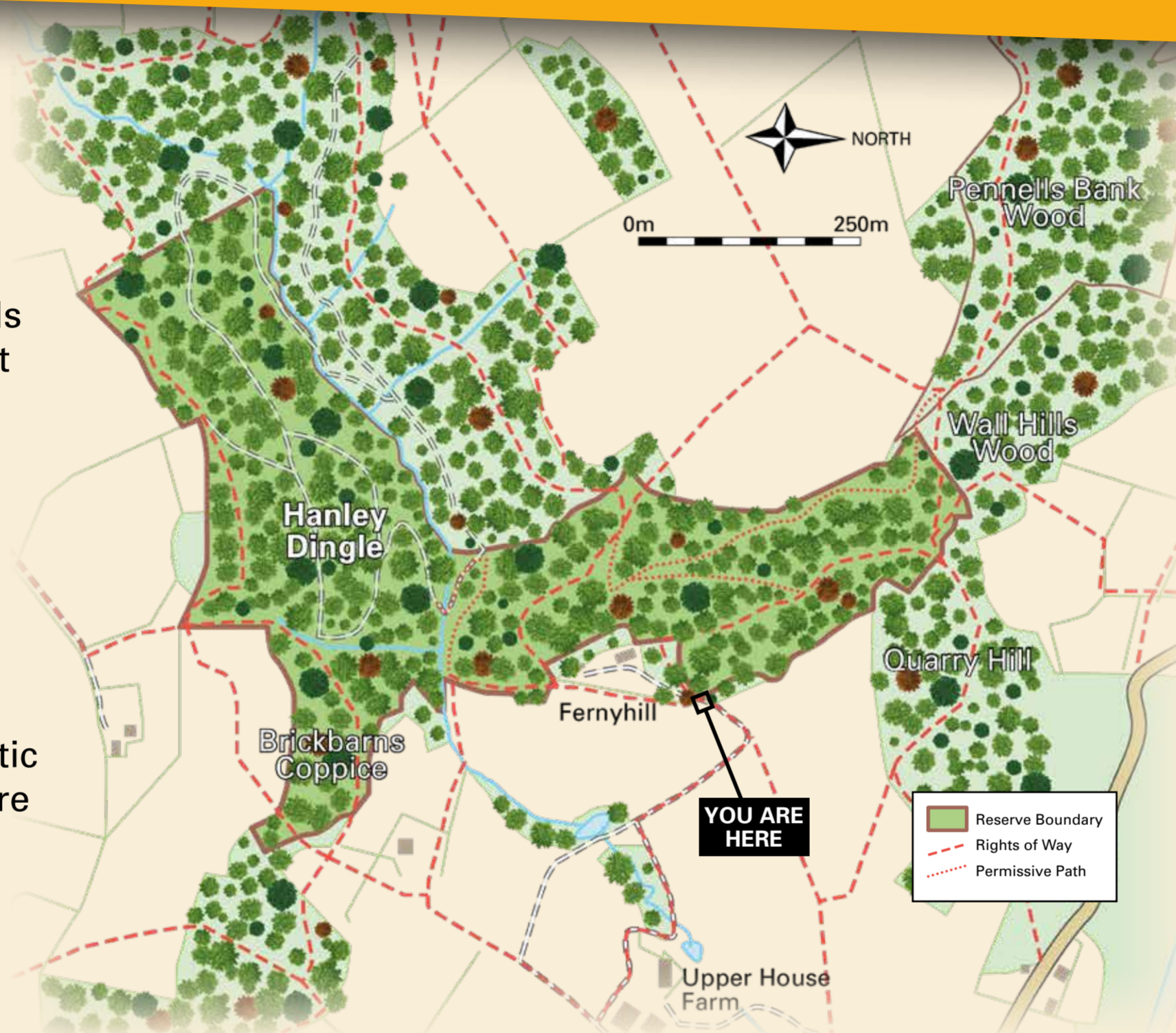
This dingle forms part of a series of ancient woodlands on the southwest side of the Teme Valley. Together with our adjacent Pennells Bank Wood nature reserve, it forms a continuous tract of woodland with many little valleys, streams and waterfalls. The environment created by these damp conditions make them good places to find mosses, liverworts and fungi.

The steep-sided slopes and remote location have allowed Hanley Dingle to remain largely unmanaged in recent times. We undertake minimal management; trees lie where they fall and create natural glades. Dead trees, whether fallen or still standing, are fantastic for invertebrates and fungi and are an increasingly rare habitat in managed woodlands.

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Look for woodland flowers such as yellow archangel, wild garlic and wood anemone in spring. On a warm summer day you may see speckled wood butterflies flying in sunlit clearings. Autumn is the time for fungi; specialities found here include the rare red-spored dapperling, blushing bracket and lemon disco fungi. During winter, flocks of tits, nuthatches and treecreepers may be seen searching for food as they move through the trees.

Speckled wood
butterfly



Did you know...?

Hanley Dingle supports an exceptional number of large-leaved lime trees that are rare in Worcestershire. The alternative name is the linden tree, giving the nearby hamlet of Lindridge its name.

Please remember...

- This is a special place for our local wildlife. For everyone to enjoy the nature reserve please respect the following:
- Keep to marked paths, be aware of steep slopes and paths especially in wet conditions
 - Keep dogs on leads
 - Make sure you have a map with you as it's easy to get lost

Seasonal Highlights

SPRING: Hazel catkins, Toothwort, dog's mercury, great spotted woodpecker



SUMMER: Large-leaved lime, chiffchaff, violet helleborine, speckled wood, ringlet



AUTUMN: Wild service tree, honeysuckle, badger, comma, turkey-tail fungus



WINTER: Buzzard, rowan berries, tawny owl, lemon disco fungus, nuthatch



This reserve is one of over 75+ nature reserves that we own or manage. They form part of our vision for a Living Landscape for Worcestershire. By working with other landowners, managers and communities we aim to **restore, recreate** and **reconnect** fragmented natural habitats to achieve a landscape where wildlife can flourish and people can lead healthier and happier lives.

You can help protect wildlife by:

- Becoming a member
- Making a donation
- Volunteering to help
- Making space for wildlife where you live

We are part of a national network of The Wildlife Trusts, protecting wildlife across the UK.