



Lake District

Osprey project

A partnership project between Forestry England, Lake District National Park and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) with fantastic support from many volunteers.

The partnership aims to ensure the continued success of breeding ospreys at Bassenthwaite, and to provide visitors to the Lakes with the opportunity to see and find out more about ospreys.

The return of ospreys to Bassenthwaite Lake in 2001 was the culmination of several years' hard work to encourage them to breed. The Lake District Osprey Project partners built a nest platform in Wythop Woods overlooking Bassenthwaite Lake and in 2001 all the hard work paid off. For the first time in over 150 years, ospreys had been recorded nesting successfully in the Lake District!

The ospreys have returned every year and used different nest sites, successfully raising at least one chick most years.



The project is funded by visitor donations, and support from other partners, as well as funding from the main project partners; Forestry England, RSPB and the Lake District National Park.



Get a bird's eye view...

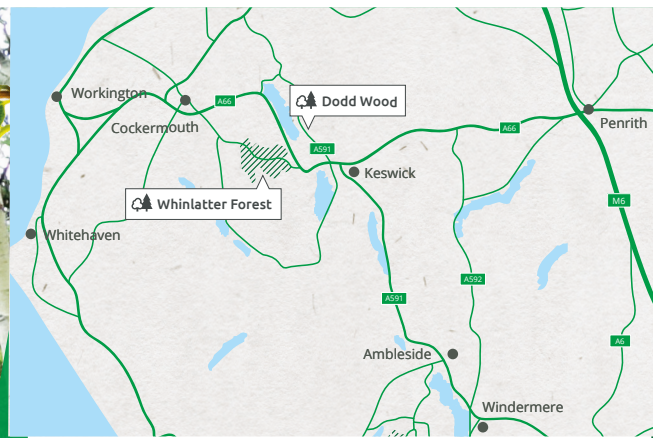
Dodd Wood is a fantastic place to get some amazing views of the northern Lake District.

The network of walking trails will take you deep into the woodland, and if you are up for it, you can access the paths that lead to the Skiddaw mountain range. Walk to the top of Dodd Summit for spectacular views over the fells and mountains.

You can also see the magnificent Bassenthwaite ospreys from the specially designed viewpoints (April-September). These fish-eating birds of prey are protected by the Lake District Osprey Project, whose expert staff and volunteers show visitors the birds, and educate them about their natural recolonisation. Forestry England manages Dodd Wood to produce timber, to encourage wildlife and for people to enjoy.

The Old Sawmill Tearoom

The Old Sawmill tearoom is always popular and specialises in homemade Cumbrian cooking. Open 10am-5.30pm during summer. Check website for reduced hours in winter.



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Location

Dodd Wood, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4QE

Grid ref: NY 240 275

Public transport and parking

The nearest rail station is Penrith. From Easter to October, bus service 73/73A from Keswick calls at Dodd Wood. A pay and display car park operates here. Dodd Wood Membership available for great value year-round parking.

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 Lake District Osprey Project

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Red Squirrels

Dodd Wood is a fantastic place to view the very rare, red squirrel. A feeding station, located at the osprey viewpoint, attracts these native squirrels throughout the year. Once very common, the range of the red squirrel has declined, and now only a few colonies remain. Good numbers can be found at Dodd Wood, and Forestry England is one of a number of organisations working to conserve them.

Mirehouse & Gardens

Set in stunning landscape, Mirehouse is a privately owned family-run historic house. The informal gardens include the walled Bee Garden, terraced lawns, the Poetry Walk and rose borders. While in the grounds visitors can take in expansive Lakeland vistas and see wildlife such as red squirrels, badgers, deer and woodpeckers. There are four adventure playgrounds, which will delight children of all ages.



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Trails

All trails start from the car park

Sandbed Gill trail ● ● ● ●

2.5km (1.5 miles)

This trail gently traverses northwards through areas of conifer and broadleaved woodland crossing Sandbed Gill. There are fine views to be seen of the northern end of Bassenthwaite Lake. The trail returns to the car park and tearoom through areas of semi-natural and mixed woodland.

Skill Beck trail ● ● ● ●

2.5km (1.5 miles)

Skill Beck provides water to the Old Saw Mill Tearoom and Mirehouse. The trail climbs over 300 metres crossing the beck and following its course back to the car park and tearoom. Excellent views of Bassenthwaite Lake and surrounding fells can be seen along this trail.

Dodd Summit trail ● ● ● ●

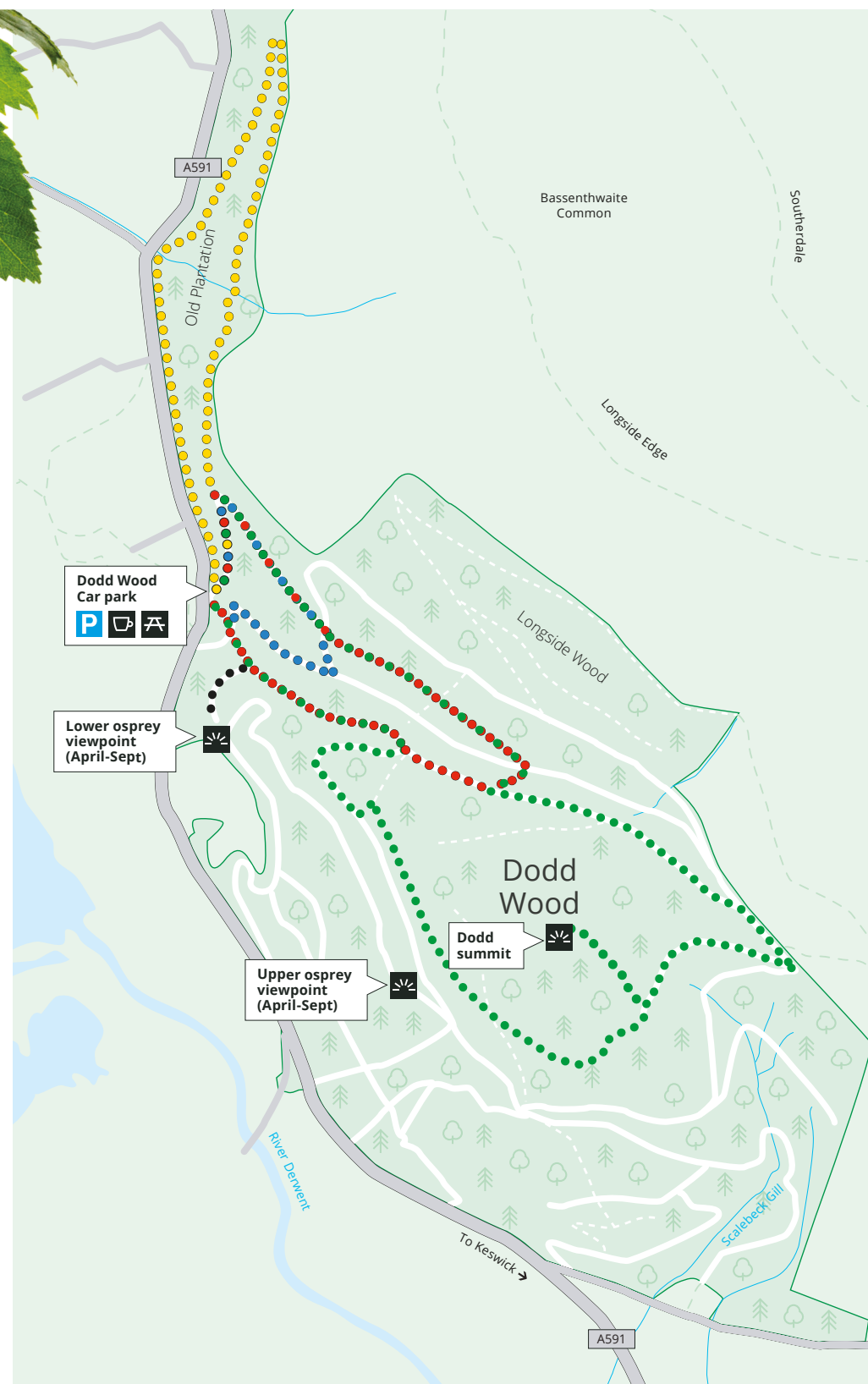
4.75km (3 miles)

The summit of Dodd Wood gives unrivalled panoramas which encompass Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite Lake, the Solway Coast and even the hills of Dumfries and Galloway. This steep circular trail passes through wooded slopes, dramatic open hills and spectacular scenery.

Douglas Fir trail ● ● ● ●

1.5km (1 mile)

The magnificent Douglas Fir trees on the lower slopes of Dodd Wood are the prominent feature of this trail. These trees are selectively thinned to create gaps on the forest floor so that natural regeneration of Douglas Firs takes place. This is called continuous cover, which means there is no clear felling required.



Emergency info

Name of key location:

Dodd Wood

Grid ref: NY 240 275

Nearest access road: A591

In case of an emergency call 999.

If Mountain Rescue required, ask for Cumbria Police then ask for Keswick Mountain Rescue. Inform Forestry England on 017687 78469

Mobile phone coverage:

Good but poor in some areas

Hospital with A&E unit:

Whitehaven

T: 01946 693181

Keswick (minor injuries only)

T: 01768 245678

Forest code

- Guard against all risks of fire
- Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees
- Keep dogs under control and clean up after them
- Take your litter home
- Make no unnecessary noise
- Take only memories away

Key

- Parking
- Picnic area
- Viewpoint
- Cafe

Forest path/footpath

Forest track

0 200 400 600m