Part 5: Management Proposals



View across the Wyre Forest: Phil Rudlin

Part 5 provides a mapped representation of the management prescriptions outlined in part 4. The maps outline the year in which the Wyre Forest high forest stands are due to be thinned as well as the locations and timings of areas due for felling to restore a variety of habitats including open habitats and coppice.

Alongside each of the felling maps is a management map which details the ongoing enhancement and maintenance that will be required over the duration of the plan. Together these maps provide Natural England and Forestry Commission staff with a detailed overview of the habitat outcomes and management required for the Wyre Forest management area.

5.1: Management Area Thinning Map: 2016-2026







5.2 Felling Map: Kinlet & Earnwood







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5.2.1 Management Map: Kinlet & Earnwood



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5.3 Felling Maps: Hawkbatch







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5.3.1 Management Map: Hawkbatch



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5.4 Felling Map: Longdon Orchard





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5.4.1 Management Map: Longdon Orchard

2017, 2021 and 2025: Control bracken on heathland : Control bracken by rolling/spraying/weed wiping to prevent bracken becoming dominant / deep layer of bracken litter from developing.

2017, 2021 and 2025 : Manage scrub on heathland : Manage scrub cover by tractor mowing /manual cutting to promote scattered scrub cover over 10-15% of the area of open habitats.

2017, 2021 and 2025: Control tree regeneration on heathland : Control regeneration to maintain tree canopy cover <20%. Cut regen. by mowing or manually and treat cut stumps to prevent regrowth.

2019 : Control tree regeneration and scrub on wet flushes : Control tree and scrub growth on wet flushes to maintain open conditions and prevent suppression of the ground flora.

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2021 : Enrichment planting : Carry out planting to promote the development of a diverse site-native woodland.

2019 and 2024: Manage brash on felling sites : though windrowing / burning to prevent accumulated brash suppressing the development of broadleaved woodland / ancient woodland ground flora.

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2019 and 2024: Fence coppice coupes : Fence coppice coupes with high tensile plastic netting to a minimum height of 1.5 m to reduce deer browsing

Park

2019 and 2024 : Tree planting/seeding for coppice restoration : Where insufficient natural regeneration of oak to support coppice restoration, restock through seeding with acorns / re-planting with oak at 0.9m spacing.

> 1111 Annually from 2019 : Maintain coppice fencing Regularly inspect deer fencing and maintain fences until tree growth > 2 m. Remove redundant deer fencing.

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Annual cutting of rides and embankments : Carry out annual cutting/ mowing of rides and railway embankments to maintain open habitats (grassland and heathland) and a diverse short sward/ scrub edge.



Annually : Manage scrub and bracken on rides and embankments : Manage tree regen. to remove 3m rideside trees and to promote the establishment of under-storey tree species. Coppice understorey trees on the railway embankments to promote a diverse structure and maintain stability of the steep banks. Roll / spray bracken as necessary to prevent it dominating.

2017: Establish woodland rides : Following felling operations to create new 20m wide rides; stump grind/mulch stumps and clear brash from rides to enable vehicle/machinery access and subsequent management.

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5.5 Felling Map: New Parks





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5.5.1 Management Map: New Parks



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5.6 Felling Map: Wimperhill Wood





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5.6.1 Management Maps: Wimperhill Wood



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5.7.1 Management Map: Brand Wood



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5.8.1 Management Map: Ribbesford



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5.9 Felling Map: Longdon Wood & Withybed Wood



5.9.1 Management Map: Longdon Wood & Withybed Wood



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Annually : Graze meadows and orchards with cattle : Graze between early July - end October to maintain high quality grassland habitats, ensuring that 80% of the grazed area is grazed to sward height of 2-5cm by the end of the grazing/growing season.

2017 and 2021 : Manage orchard trees : Manage to stabilise, balance and if necessary reduce the crowns to extend their lifespan. Carry out replacement tree planting as necessary and pruning and maintenance of trees and tree cages on the orchards.

2018 : Maintain water supply to the meadows : Install mains water supply to the meadows / orchards surrounding Coopers Mill.

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5.10 Felling Map: Hitterhill, Town, Symonds Stool and Cold Harbour Coppice



5.10.1 Management: Hitterhill, Town, Symonds Stool, Cold Harbour Coppice





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Rock Coppice

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5.11 Felling Map: Rock Coppice & Brandlodge Wood







5.11.1 Management Map: Rock Coppice & Brandlodge Wood





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