

Wildflower grassland?

The field between the marsh and coppice is 'semi-improved' grassland, which means it has some wildflowers but isn't currently species rich. Seeding with 'green hay' from local wildflower meadows will help boost the number of species. Seasonal grazing by cattle also encourages healthy diversity. A wider range of colourful flowers will then attract more invertebrates—from beetles to butterflies and bees.



Bluebell Woods Drifts of fragrant bluebells carpet the woodland floor in spring.

Bluebells and badgers

Jackson's Coppice is an ancient woodland on a sandstone ridge above the River Sow. It is best known for its carpets of fragrant bluebells in spring, and its huge and ancient badger sett—one of the largest in Staffordshire. Historic planting means the coppice holds over twenty species of native trees and shrubs; look out for sweet chestnut, hornbeam and bird cherry. The woodland also supports a good range of birds, including greater spotted woodpeckers, nuthatches, treecreepers, marsh tits and pied flycatchers.

How to find us

Approaching from Eccleshall on the B5026, turn left at Sugnall (signposted for Sugnall Business Park). Continue down the lane for roughly 1.5 kilometres/1 mile and turn right immediately before Walkmill House and Pool. Less than 0.5 kilometre/quarter of a mile down this narrow lane, on the left, is a signed parking area and access to the nature reserve.



Facilities

Free, off-road parking. No toilets on site.

Caution! Jackson's Coppice is on a steep slope. Please take care on the paths, which can be slippery and are pitted with animal holes.

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