

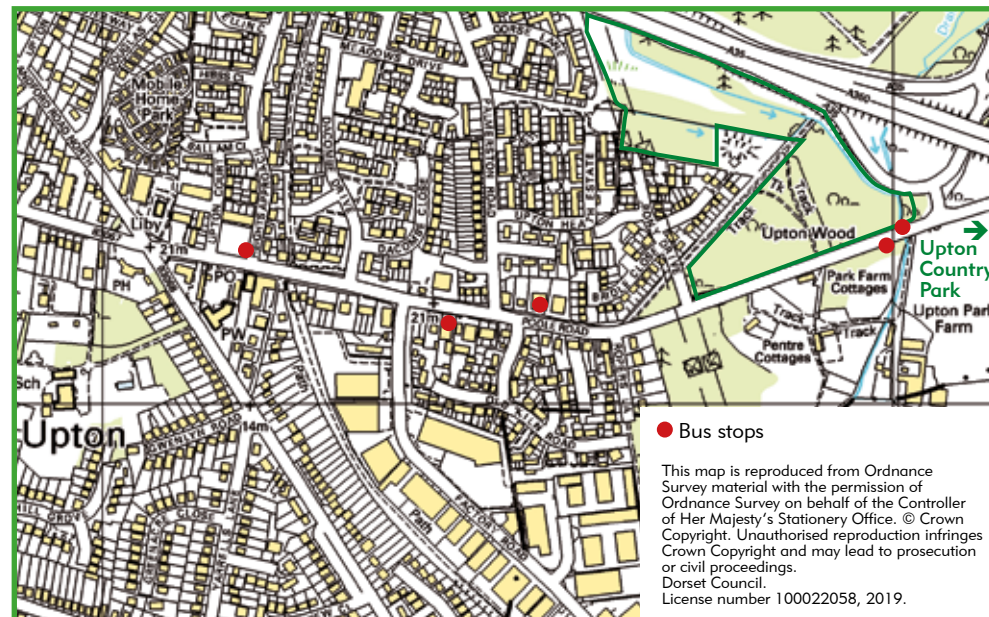
Upton Wood

A small woodland, open all year, found opposite Upton Country Park.



The main paths are open to walkers, cyclists and medium sized mobility scooters with the Woodland Trail suitable for walkers. There is also a bridleway running through the Wood which is available for horse riders. Dogs are allowed in the Wood and owners are asked to clean up after them.

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Grid Ref: SY 987 932

How to get here:

Nearest bus stop: Adjacent (a gate allows direct access into the Wood). This stop is on the route of the number 8,9,10 and 40 buses (run by MoreBus).

Nearest train station: Hamworthy (2 miles).

Nearest cycle route: Poole Heritage Cycle Route linking Poole Town Centre to Upton Country Park.

Nearest parking: Adjacent in Pony Drive (access available for wheelchairs and medium sized mobility scooters).

For bus and train timetables or cycle route leaflets contact Poole Tourist Information on 01202 262600 or visit them inside Poole Museum.

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Previously part of The Llewelin Estate, Upton Wood is owned and managed by Dorset Council as an area to be enjoyed by local residents and visitors to Upton, and also to protect and enhance the site's wildlife value.

The Wood is approx 6 hectares (15.5 acres) and is made up of a mixture of broadleaved (deciduous) and coniferous (evergreen) trees and shrubs, with a small area of heathland to the north. Some of the trees you will see in the wood include oak, beech, pine, sweet chestnut, birch, holly and horse chestnut.

There is a network of tracks throughout the Wood including a bridleway and permissive paths – cyclists should always give way to pedestrians.

The northern part of the Wood has been designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) by Dorset Wildlife Trust for the variety of plants and trees in the area and therefore is an important part of Upton Wood where wildlife is encouraged.

The SNCI contains a heathland area of wet and dry heath and was once part of Upton Heath Nature Reserve before the bypass was built. Species found on the dry heath includes western gorse, plus bell and common heather. The wet heath contains purple-moor grass and bog myrtle with sharp-flowered and bulbous rush found on the edges of the drainage ditch.

Oak leaves

Fly agaric mushroom

Holly leaves



Speckled wood butterfly

Southern hawker dragonfly

Common frog

The Wood is an important refuge for local wildlife and a number of birds use the site throughout the year including woodpeckers, song thrushes and treecreepers. During spring and summer you may see speckled wood, holly blue and peacock butterflies skipping in and out of the sun in the woodland glades. Along by the ditches you might see frogs and toads or catch a glimpse of the colourful dragonflies and damselflies hovering over the surface of the water hunting for insects.

Volunteer days are run during the year to help maintain the Wood and also give local residents the opportunity to get involved in looking after their local green space. If you are interested in volunteering or have any other questions about Upton Wood, please contact Dorset Council on 01929 557237 or visit www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/uptonwood

Improvements including new foot/cycle paths, bridges and seating have been possible through funding from the Dorset Heathlands Interim Planning Framework.

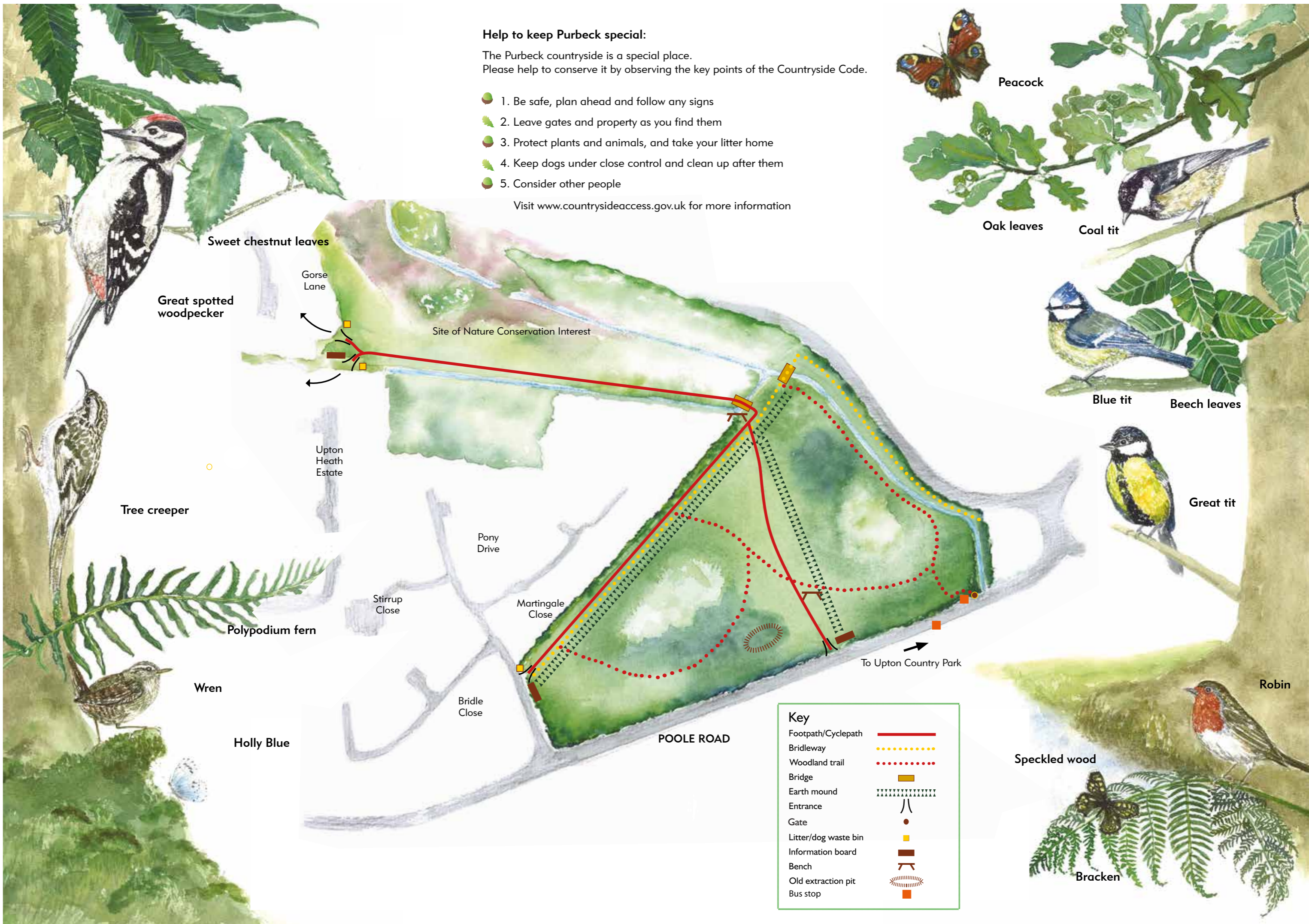
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1. Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
2. Leave gates and property as you find them
3. Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
4. Keep dogs under close control and clean up after them
5. Consider other people

Visit www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk for more information



Key	
Footpath/Cyclepath	
Bridleway	
Woodland trail	
Bridge	
Earth mound	
Entrance	
Gate	
Litter/dog waste bin	
Information board	
Bench	
Old extraction pit	
Bus stop	