Clapgate Pits



Location & Access

OS: 112 • **GR:** SE 961 109 • 1.00ha (2.60 acres) • Freehold 1996 **Habitat type:** Grassland

The reserve is situated at the north-east corner of Broughton Far Wood on the B1208 about half a mile from its junction with the B1207 (Ermine Street). A public footpath skirts the western edge of the reserve. Access into the reserve will be provided either by a stile or a gate when fencing arrangements for grazing have been decided. Cars may be parked on the road verge.

Description & Management

Clapgate Pits consists of a long, disused quarry with a rich and varied limestone flora - the best in North Lincolnshire which includes several plants rare in the county. Notable among these are pale St John's-wort, squinancywort and wall germander, a national Red Data Book species, often a garden escape but considered here to be of native origin. This was also formerly the most northerly site in Britain for pasqueflower but the plants were apparently dug up by vandals in 1969.



