

Roughton Moor Wood

Location & Access

OS: 122 • **GR:** TF 212 632 • 10.1ha
(25.00 acres) • Freehold 1988

Habitat type: Woodland

The reserve lies to the north of Moor Lane, which runs from Woodhall Spa to Kirkby-on-Bain. The only access is from Moor Lane. There is a roadside parking area a short distance towards Woodhall Spa. Cars should not be parked where they will obstruct the entrance to the poultry unit. The reserve is entered by a stile. Visitors are requested to keep to the waymarked route.

Description & Management

The reserve consists of woodland of oak, birch, rowan and Scots pine. The woodland has regenerated on former heathland, some remnants of which still survive in open glades. There are some fine trees and there is an impressive avenue of ageing Corsican pines planted apparently as the approach to a large house, which was never built.

The wood has a varied bird population, including great spotted woodpecker, treecreeper, coal tit and goldcrest. Fungi are also a notable feature. The reserve is a valuable adjunct to the nearby Kirkby Moor and Moor Farm reserves.

Management is designed to maintain the woodland by natural regeneration as far as possible. Where heather and other open heath plants survive, glades will be kept open and some will be widened.

