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# Bosard Wood North Yorkshire

A beautiful mixed woodland with mature oak trees and bluebells, a haven for wildlife and people, close to the historic village of Goldsborough.

### Details

Price: £85,000 Freehold

Location: Goldsborough, near Knaresborough, North Yorkshire

Size: Just over 4 acres for sale

OS Landranger: OS No 104 Grid ref: SE 400 564

Nearest post code: HG5 8AP

## Local manager

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#### Description

The ride-stop entrance to Bosard Wood is set amid maturing <u>beech</u> and <u>birch</u> trees, with a few tall hybrid poplars in this area too. Predominantly a deciduous woodland frontage, with an understorey of young oak trees, coppiced <u>goat willow</u> and <u>hazel</u> and lots of fragrant honeysuckle scrambling through any available host.

From the entrance, where there is space to stack timber off the track, a path leads to the left, winding its way to a sleeper draincrossing. Just beyond here is a rustic bench, situated in a little glade, at the foot of an <u>oak</u> tree. Closer to the stone track, the drain connects with a pond, which holds water in the wetter seasons and sometimes attracts wildfowl and other wildlife.

Beyond the bench, the trees are quite mature with magnificent oaks and <u>Douglas firs</u>, plus some holly bushes, which give the wood a timeless character as well as providing some winter greenery and fir cones. There are plenty of bluebells here in the spring. The path reaches a grassy track which leads down to the drain where a second sleeper bridge crossing is located and the path loops back towards the ride-stop entrance.

A public footpath runs north-south, close to the eastern boundary and on the boundary, a watercourse known as White Rail Beck, or Double Dike, flows year-round with coppiced hazel along its banks.

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#### Trees

Mature oak, beech, birch, hybrid poplar, goat willow, hazel, holly and Douglas fir.

#### Wildlife

The wood is great for wildlife and Bosard Wood has some great habitat, food and cover to support bird, insect and mammal life. The fir trees are often home to <u>tawny owls</u> – you may be lucky enough to spot one but you're more likely to hear the calls, especially as it gets closer to dusk. Bosard is and old English word for <u>buzzard</u> and these are frequently seen hunting along the tracks and rides or wheeling and mewing overhead.

There are lots of other woodland birds too, <u>blackbirds</u>, <u>wrens</u> and <u>robins</u> are never far away, and the birdsong is incredible in the spring.

#### Features

- Mature oak and Douglas fir trees as well as a mixture of native broadleaves.
- Bluebells in Spring.
- Lots of woodland wildlife
- A rustic bench at the foot of an oak, with a view into the wood.

#### Access, tracks and footpaths

From the end of Church Street in Goldsborough, you follow a stone track between two hedgerows, through three gates, the third of which is the entrance gate to Goldsborough Wood.

A good stone track, suitable for cars and 4x4s leads all the way through the forest to the entrance of Bosard Wood, marked with a ride stop entrance and name sign. There is space to park a vehicle here.

The ground within the wood is fairly level but with some undulations, so sturdy footwear is recommended.

#### **Rights and covenants**

There is a public footpath towards the eastern edge of the wood.

The sporting rights are included in the sale.

Our standard covenant will apply

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#### Activities

Bosard Wood is ideal for a <u>family forestry</u> project. Perfect for occasional camping, bushcraft and wildlife observation. There could also be some useful home firewood logs.

Local area and history

Goldsborough is a quiet and attractive village, close to Knaresborough and Harrogate which between them boast an array of attractions including the <u>Turkish Baths</u>, <u>Valley Gardens</u>, <u>RHS Harlow Carr</u>, <u>Mother Shipton's Cave</u> and many more.

Evidence of early settlement in the village comes from a <u>Viking hoard</u> which was discovered in 1859 during construction outside the north wall of Goldsborough Church. Coins and artefacts dating from 700 to 1050 were found in a leaden chest including fragments of Viking brooches and arm-rings, together with 39 coins. It forms one of the largest collections ever discovered in the UK and is now held at the British Museum in London.

In the Domesday Survey of 1086 Goldsborough is referred to as "Godenesburg" and some fine Norman architecture can be found in St Mary's Church in the village.

In 1599 Sir Richard Hutton, a London lawyer, bought the land and built Goldsborough Hall on its current site. Daniel Lascelles, whose family eventually became the Earls of Harewood, bought Goldsborough Hall and the estate in the late 1750s and the entrance gates to the village date back to this time.

#### How to find this woodland

You are welcome to visit this wood by yourself, but please ensure that you have a copy of these sales details with you - many of our woodlands do not have mobile phone reception or internet access so we recommend either printing the details or downloading them to your phone/tablet/laptop.

Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

#### Directions

Please contact Liz Watson on 07985 548481 to arrange a visit. Always use postcode HG5 8AP and these written directions to reach the wood (and not the map pin). Waterproof footwear is recommended.

For unaccompanied viewings, there is a round-trip walk of around 3km from the parking area, on good stone tracks.

Goldsborough is situated to the south of the A59 Knaresborough to York Road, about two miles to the west of the A1(M) J47.

From the village of Goldsborough, proceed along Church Street, past Goldsborough Hall and the Church. The road surface ends, continue on along a stone track until the first gate is reached.

This gate has a combination padlock. Please lock this gate behind you.

Continue on for around 400m to reach a second gate at the entrance to a pasture. This needs to be lifted slightly and has a loop of string to secure it closed.

The track crosses pastureland and the first wood gate is reached. This has a combination code and there is space to park just beyond this point, to the side of the main vehicle route into the wood, keeping the access clear. New owners will receive a key to this gate.

Please proceed on foot from this point.

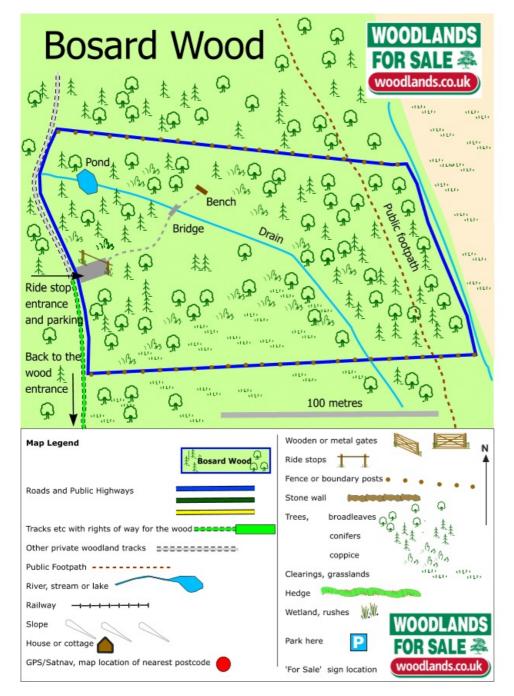
It is approximately 400m walk to the crossroads, at this point turn left up the stone track.

After another 400m, the track crosses a deep dike, continue on for a further 250m.

The entrance to Bosard Wood is here on the right, clearly marked with the name and a for-sale sign.

The boundaries of the wood are marked in red. These are on post tops on the northern and southern boundaries, elsewhere they are on trees





Our regional managers are often out working in our woodlands, so if you email an offer and want to be sure it has been received, please phone our manager on his or her mobile phone. The first offer at the stated price which is accepted, whether by phone or email, has priority.

Please take care when viewing as the great outdoors can contain unexpected hazards and woodlands are no exception. You should exercise common sense and caution, such as wearing appropriate footwear and avoiding visiting during high winds.

All woodlands are sold at a fixed price, and include free membership of the <u>Small Woodland Owners Group</u> and the <u>Royal Forestry</u> <u>Society</u>, as well as  $\pm 300$  towards paying for a course</u> (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

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