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Gliding Wood

Kent

An attractive private ancient woodland with great all year-round access. Close to Bewl Water near Lamberhurst, just off the A21.

Details

Price: £85,000 Freehold
Location: Lamberhurst, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Size: 4 acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 188
Grid ref: TQ 681 347
Nearest post code: TN3 8JH

Local manager

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Description

Gliding Wood is a good-sized wood for those new to woodland ownership and management. Situated within a larger woodland it is surprisingly diverse, from the mature oaks and towering sweet chestnut standards, down to the forest floor where bluebells and male ferns are found (both of which are ancient woodland indicators).

Access to the wood is via a stoned track and there is a place for a new owner to park within the wood itself. Just outside the southern boundary lies an electrical wayleave – this wide-open stretch provides a wonderful habitat to a wealth of insects and butterflies and also allows lots of light into the south side of the wood. On the west side of the wood is a rustic bench in a small private clearing. In the east side of the wood there is a splendid mature hornbeam which is surrounded by bluebells in the spring.

We offer support for new woodland owners, including books, subscriptions, introductions to neighbours, advice on local suppliers and money towards relevant training. You can read more about this here: **https://www.woodlands.co.uk/owning-a-wood/support/**

The purchasers of the woodland will be asked to enter into a covenant to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

Trees

A wonderfully diverse mix of broadleaf species including splendid mature oak, impressive sweet chestnut standards, silver birch, and hornbeam. Gliding Wood has been designated as **Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW)** by **Natural England.** This is woodland that has been under constant tree cover since at least 1600AD. It is valued as a rich reserve of biodiversity. There is a draft Woodland Management Plan for Wiskett's Wood (of which Gliding Wood is a part) – details of this are available upon request.

Wildlife

Numerous animal trails can be found running across the woodland floor amongst the undergrowth, the stream providing a constant source of water. Brown Long-eared bats have been recorded in Wiskett's Wood, as well as reports of turtle dove, lapwing and skylark. A new owner could install some bird and bat boxes and build a simple hide to observe which species are present. Fallow and Roe deer can be found in the wider woodland. For ideas on how to manage your woodland for wildlife why not have a look here:

https://www.woodlands.co.uk/owning-a-wood/managing-your-woodland-for-wildlife/

Features

- Great all year-round access and space to park within the wood itself.

- Private with no public footpaths inside or adjoining the wood.

- Ancient woodland indicators including bluebells and male ferns, and diverse tree species including oak, sweet chestnut, silver birch and hornbeam.

- A small private clearing with a rustic bench.

Access, tracks and footpaths

Gliding Wood is easily accessed from a quiet country lane (Bewlbridge Lane), through a locked metal gate (an owner will be provided the combination number for this locked gate). A stoned track leads to the ride stop entrance to Gliding Wood. A small area of hardstanding allows a new owner to park within the boundary of Gliding Wood itself.

There are no public footpaths within the wood itself.

Rights and covenants

The wood is sold with the sporting rights.

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Activities

- Collecting firewood for use in a wood burning stove, or for a campfire in the woods.

- Private family camping in a yurt or a tree hammock.

- Learning about woodland management.

- Building dens or hides for observing the wildlife.

- Discovering the ancient woodland indicators as they emerge in the spring.

- Other ideas can be found here: **https://www.woodlands.co.uk/owning-a-wood**

Woodlands.co.uk are also pleased to offer £300 for new owners to attend a woodland related course of their choosing to pursue their woodland interests.

Local area and history

There are many historical sites in the area. The English Heritage site of **Bayham Abbey** is approx. 4.5 miles away and features ruins dating back to the 13th century. **Scotney Castle** is just over 1 mile away – this impressive 14th century moated castle is well worth a visit. For those who love water, **Bewl Water** is less than half a mile down the road from the woods and offers various water sports, as well as cycling and fishing.

Gliding Wood is situated in a tranquil rural setting within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) just north of Bewl Water near Lamberhurst in Kent. Historically, Wiskett's Wood was likely to have been coppiced on rotation to supply wood for charcoal making (to support the Wealden Iron Industry), and later, to provide surrounding farms with hop poles, firewood and fencing materials.

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 note, for satellite navigation, use the post code TN3 8JH. This will take you to the area as shown by the red dot on the map. Coordinates to the gate leading to Gliding Wood (off Bewlbridge Lane) are: N51.083661, E0.397466. To find the wood follow the instructions below.

Heading south on the A21

- Heading south past the exits for Royal Tunbridge Wells and Pembury, continue heading south until you reach the roundabout at Kipping's Cross.
- Go straight over at Kipping's Cross and continue straight over at the next roundabout (this is the turning to the BP garage and Burger King).
- Continue 3 miles south on the A21 crossing over the next roundabout onto the dual carriageway and continue on the A21.
- At the next roundabout (after passing under one of the few 'Green Bridges' in the UK) continue south on the A21.
- Passing two 'Woodlands for Sale signs' on the right-hand side, take the right turn signposted Bewl Water onto the Bewlbridge Lane.
- Continue on Bewlbridge Lane approx. 0.4 miles until you reach single green metal bar gate on the right-hand side with a 'Woodlands for Sale' sign alongside on the oak tree.

Heading north from Hastings on the A21

- Follow the A21 heading north out of Hastings.
- At Flimwell (about 16 miles from Hastings) stay on the A21 (crossing straight over the B2087) towards Lamberhurst.
- Continue north on the A21 for approx. 3.2 miles then take the left turn signposted Bewl Water onto the Bewlbridge Lane.
- Continue on Bewlbridge Lane for approx. 0.4 miles until you reach single green metal bar gate on the right-hand side with a 'Woodlands for Sale' sign alongside on the oak tree.

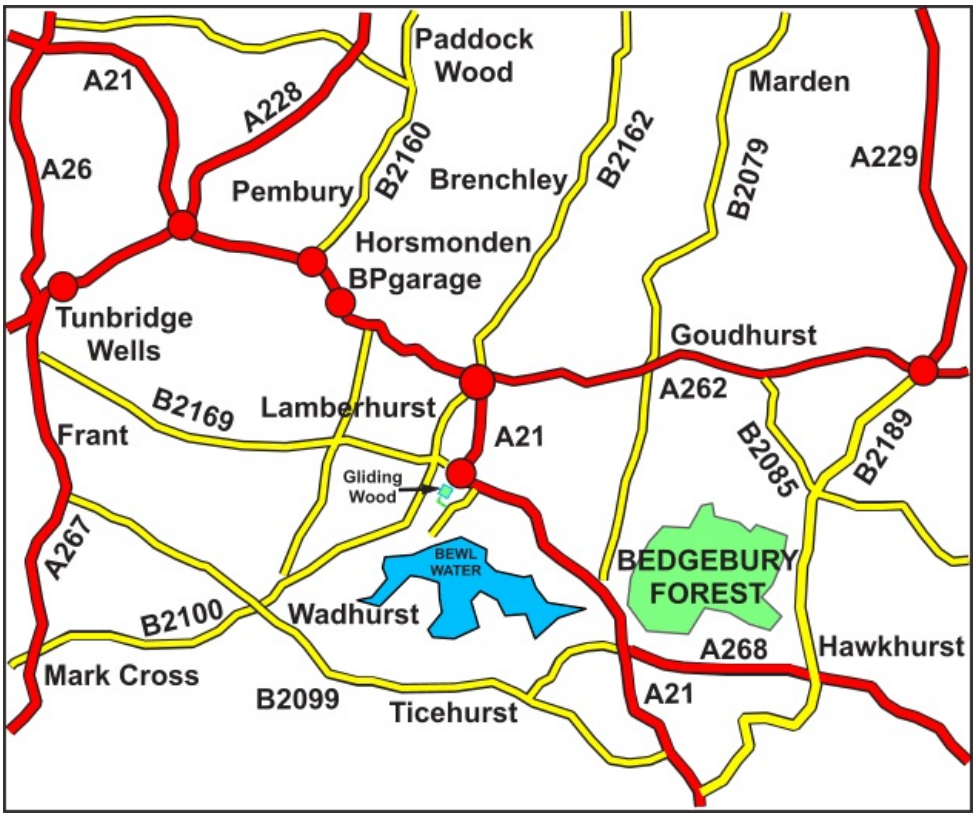
***Once* you arrive at the gate:**

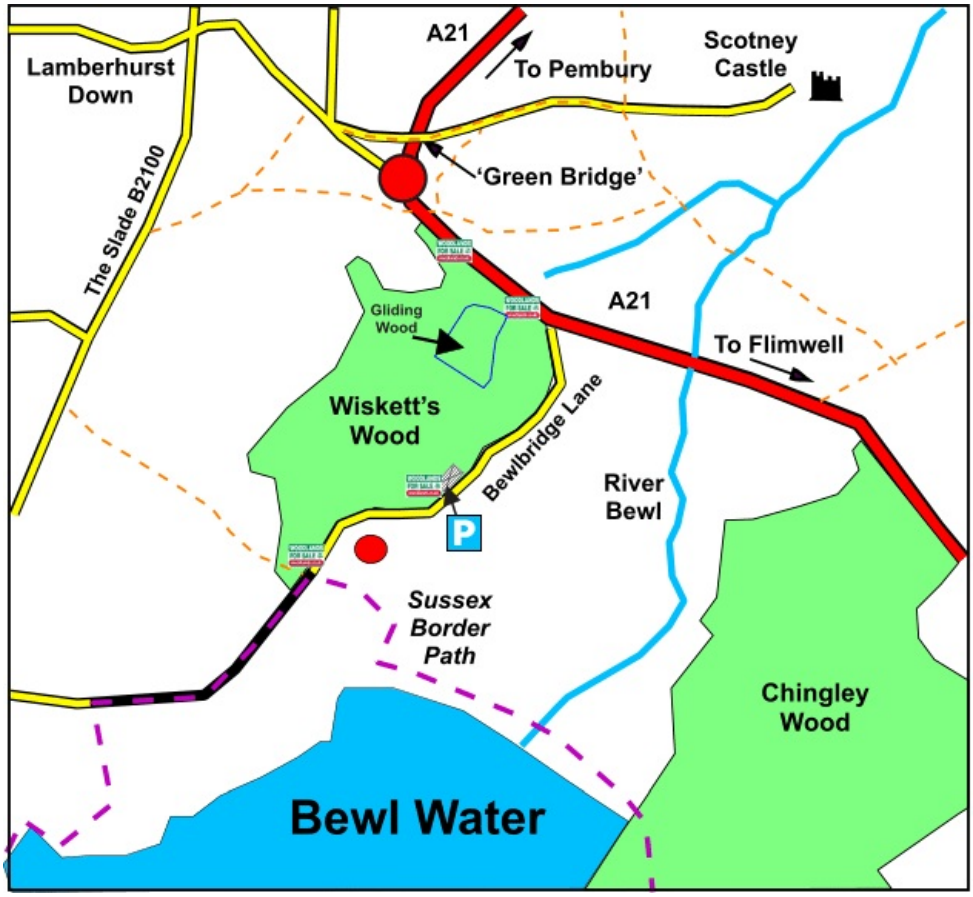
- Park in front of the single bar metal gate ensuring there is space for the gates to be accessed by vehicles.
- Walk under the gate and up the track turning right just before the telecom mast. Continue down the stoned track approx. 325 meters which takes you just past the electrical wayleave. The ride stop entrance to Gliding Wood is on the left-hand side with its boundaries marked in BLUE.

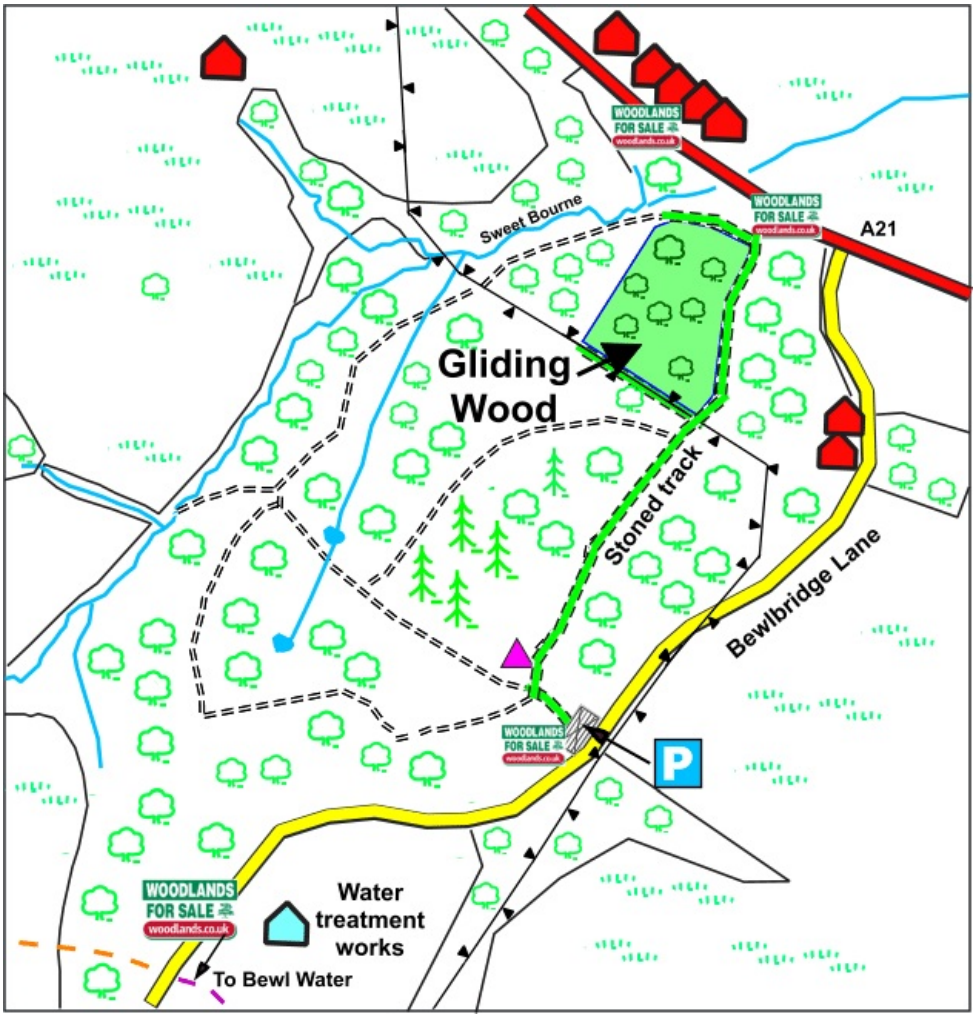
- Sat Nav note: The post code TN3 8JH is for the point shown on the location map by the red dot.

Boundaries:

The boundaries of the wood are indicated with **BLUE** markings.



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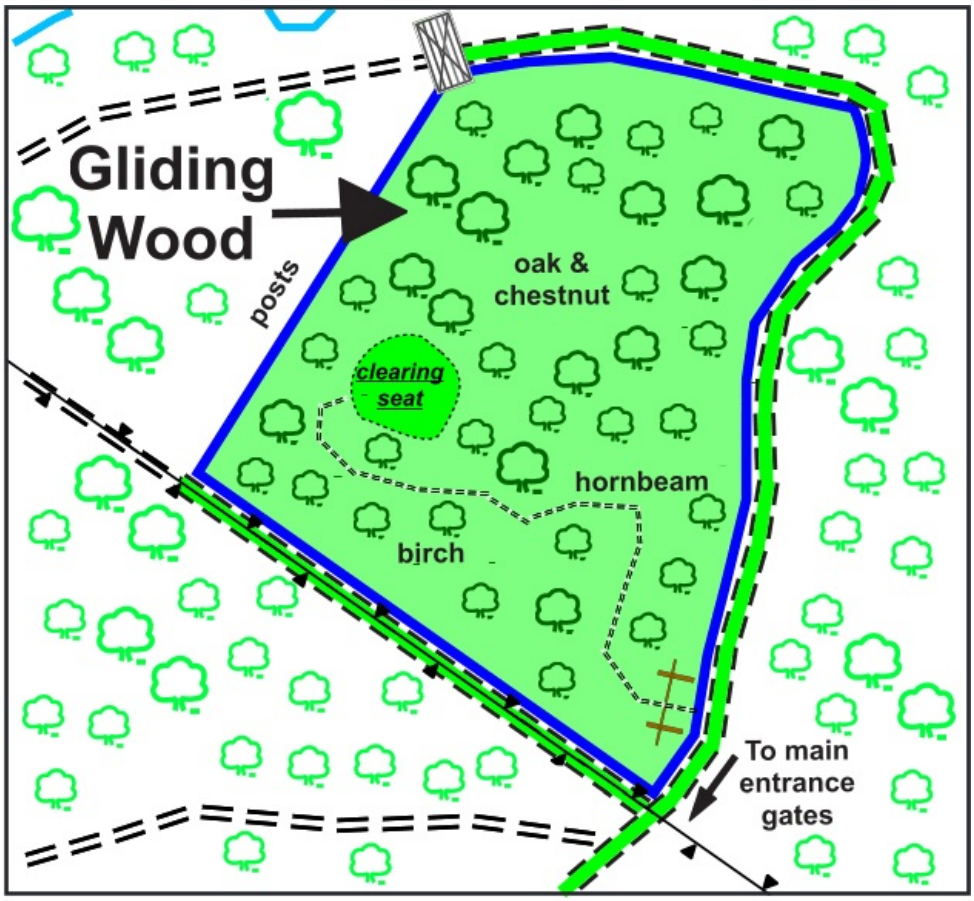
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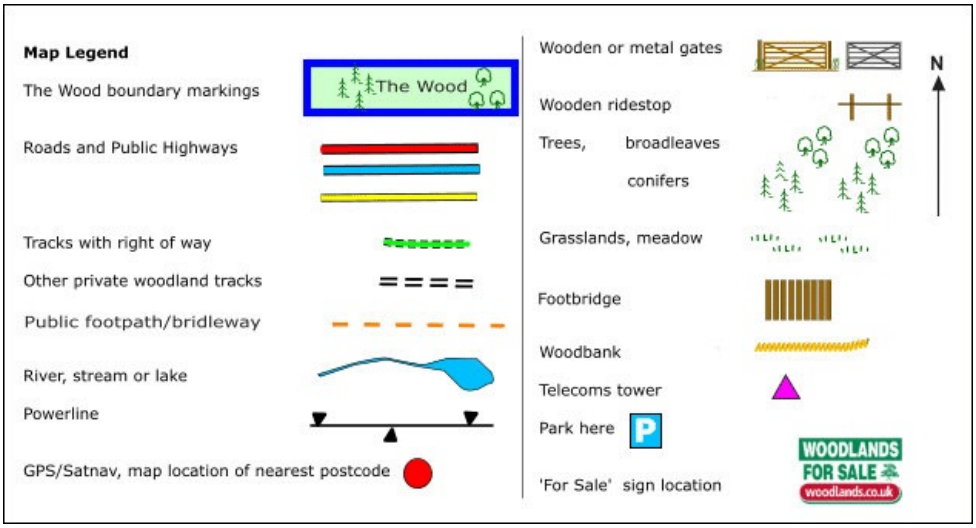

Our regional managers are often out working in our woodlands, so if you email an offer and want to be sure it has been received, please phone our manager on his or her mobile phone. The first offer at the stated price which is accepted, whether by phone or email, has priority.

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 Small Woodland Owners Group and the Royal Forestry Society, as well as £300 towards paying for a course (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

These particulars are for guidance only and, though believed to be correct, do not form part of any contract. Woodland Investment Management Ltd hereby give notice under section 21 of the Estate Agents Act 1979 of their interest in the land being sold.