Minsterley Wood

Shropshire

This private conifer woodland near the Stiperstones nature reserve, with majestic larches, a south-westerly aspect that gives lovely summer evenings, and bluebells in spring, is a wonderful chance to own a wood away from public paths.

Details

Price: £59,000 Freehold
Location: Stiperstones, Minsterley, Shropshire
Size: Over 4 ½ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 137
Grid ref: SO 339 967
Nearest post code: SY5 0NJ

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Description

Turning off the main road, visitors are greeted by panoramic views across the surrounding area, perfectly setting the scene for what Minsterley Wood has to offer.

Minsterley Wood, part of the larger Brookshill woodland, offers wonderful seclusion, with flatter areas to the east giving way to a west-facing slope.

The woodland predominantly consists of well-spaced larch, with rowan, birch and occasional young beech growing beneath the canopy. It is alive with birdlife and is regularly visited by muntjac deer.

The wood benefits from two hardstanding parking areas. The eastern parking area is accessed via a newly upgraded track, suitable for cars, while the second, larger area features attractive post-and-rail fencing crafted from the woodland's own timber. This larger area could also serve as a base for woodland activities or even as a camping area.

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

Minsterley Wood consists of well-spaced larch conifers, planted around 1960, with a good proportion of young broadleaf trees growing beneath, including rowan, holly, birch and beech.

Wildlife

An established understorey supports a vibrant ecosystem of insects, small burrowing mammals, fungi and a diverse range of plants.

Muntjac deer have been spotted throughout Brookshill. The woodland is alive with birdlife, from numerous songbirds and smaller woodland species to impressive birds of prey, including red kites and buzzards. Cuckoos and woodpeckers are also regular visitors.

Features

Minsterley Wood is a conifer woodland which slopes from east to west, following the contours of the hillside. There are also flatter areas to the south.

The woodland benefits from two hardstanding areas, both featuring roadstop gates and post-and-rail fencing. The eastern parking area is accessed via a newly upgraded track suitable for vehicles, while the second, larger hardstanding area offers a level space with attractive post-and-rail fencing, crafted from the woodland's own timber.

Access, tracks and footpaths

Access to the main entrance into the woodland is via a right of way over a farm track. The track within the woodland has recently been improved and follows the eastern boundary, providing vehicular access to Minsterley Wood.

For those seeking a more adventurous route, an older, steeper forestry track follows the western boundary of the woodland, providing access to a second hardstanding area. This is grassed and makes a very quiet green lane but a 4x4 can still travel this way.

Rights and covenants

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Activities

As you might imagine, the area is full of outdoor things to do, from the quieter pursuits - camping, dead hedging, bushcraft and amenity pursuits - to rifle shooting at the nearby Minsterley Ranges.

The woodland has a fantastic grassed, ready-made flat basecamp area, as well as additional parking from a well-maintained track, should you wish to stay over.

The Shropshire Hills National Landscape website provides a huge amount of information that helps inspire days out.

Local area and history

The wood is within sight of the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve, close to the Bog visitor centre.

Around 5 miles away in Wales, is the small village of Churchstoke, here you'll find a couple of restaurants, fuel and a supermarket.

The wider Shropshire area offers a wealth of places of interest for visitors to explore, such as Stokesay Castle to the Ironworks near Oswestry.

Close by, Ritton Castle, a Scheduled Monument near Worthen with Shelve, Shropshire, has a fascinating history. Originally a prehistoric hillfort, it was later adapted into a medieval ringwork and bailey castle before being reused as a lead mining settlement in the 19th century.

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

Google Pin here for entrance

What3Words: ///shorthand.pencil.front

From the A488 Minsterley to Bishop's Castle road take the turning signposted for Shelve and Minsterley ranges.

Follow this road for 2 miles, then at the T-junction turn right.

Continue along this road for around a mile, then the entrance to Brookshill farm and Minsterley Ranges will be on your right.

If navigating using satnav, note that the nearest postcode SY5 0NJ is before the turning off the road that leads to the wood. Minsterley Ranges Google pin

Follow the farm track until you reach a cattle grid. At this point there will be a cow shed and new concrete forebay to your right and three tracks ahead. Take the middle track straight ahead of you.

Continue to the end of the track, and park near the wooden gate into the wood, without blocking the gate into the wood or the gate into the field.

Entrance is at ///enabling.jiffy.inspects

Google Pin here

Please park considerately here, the track is in use.

The track this far is easily accessible in a normal family car, please note though that there can be standing muddy puddles after rain.

A key for vehicle access will be given to new owners upon completion.

Minsterley Wood can be accessed on foot from the gate. At the end of the fence there is an "X" of rail that allows foot access down to the track.

Follow the new upper track for about 400m until you reach parking area on your left and the entrance to the wood.

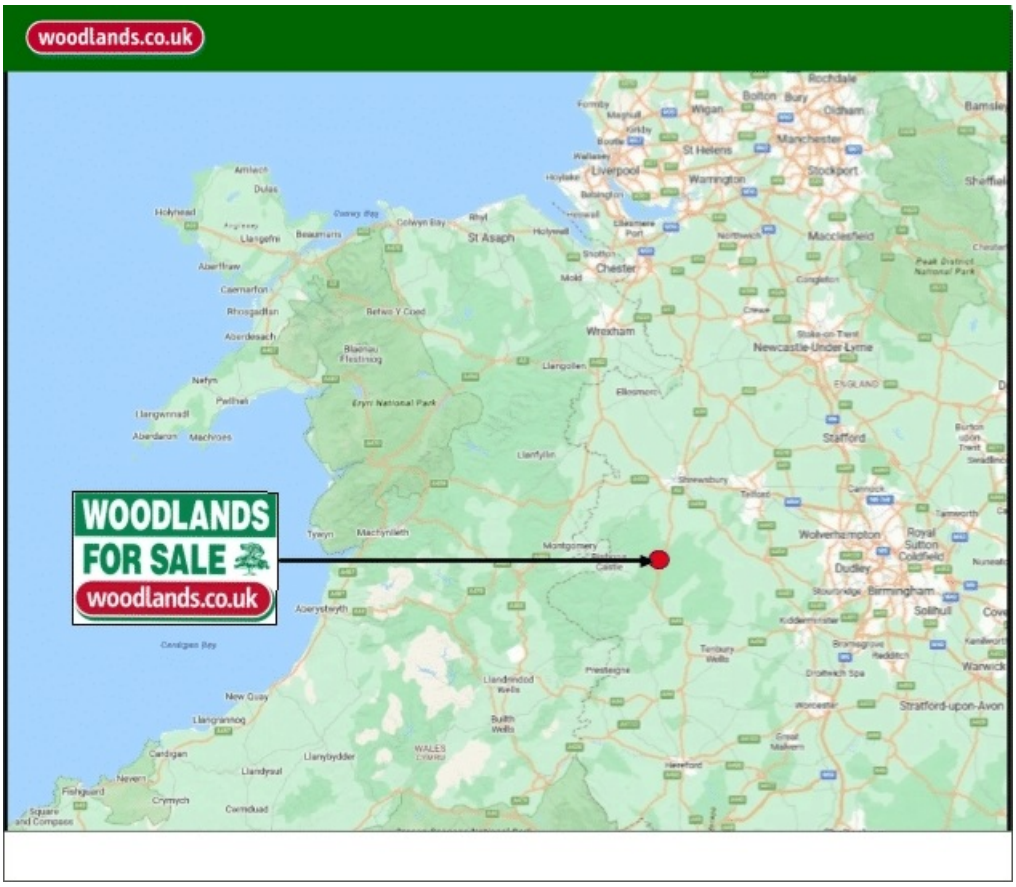
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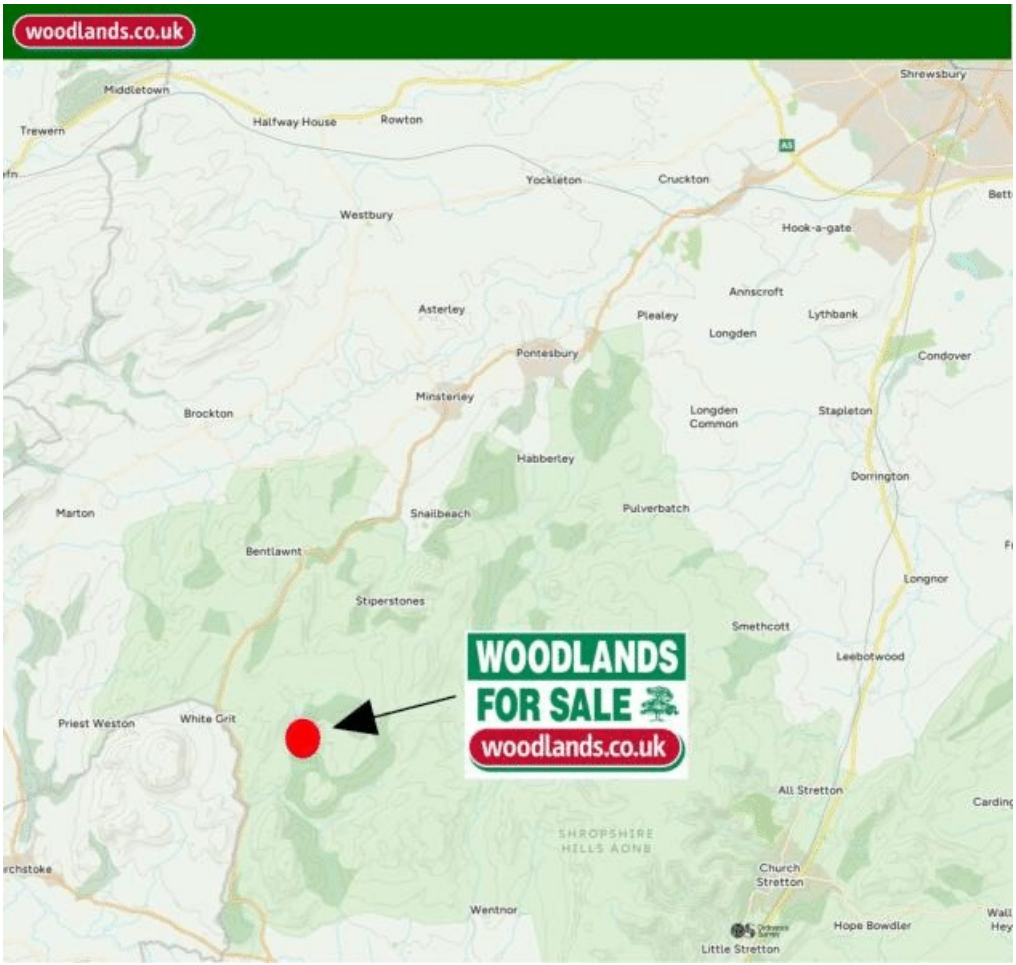
Follow the steep left hand turn off the upper track down towards the lower part of the wood for 600m.

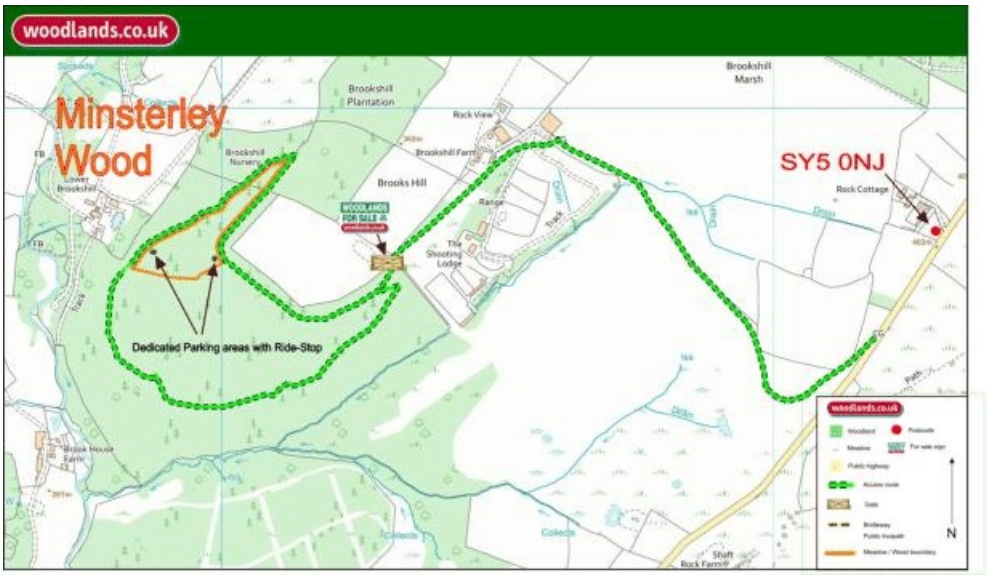
Minsterley Wood has parking marked with orange paint on your right.

Boundaries:

The eastern and western boundaries of Minsterley Wood are formed by the two access tracks, which meet at the northernmost point of the woodland. The southern boundary follows a line through the woodland, marked by orange paint on the 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 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.

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