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Moon Copse

West Yorkshire

A beautiful varied broadleaved woodland with rich mix of plants and wildlife, close to Bramham, Wetherby and Leeds.

Details

Price: £119,000 Freehold
Location: Bramham, Near Wetherby & Leeds, West Yorkshire
Size: Over 6 ¼ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 105
Grid ref: SE 407 440
Nearest post code: LS23 6LX

Local manager

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Description

Set close to the northern edge of West Woods Plantation, Bramham, Moon Copse is a very interesting and diverse broadleaved woodland with trees of mixed ages and lots of ground flora including ‘indicator’ plants, that give clues that this site has been wooded for a long time. It is classed as Ancient Replanted Woodland. It is a lovely, secluded woodland, with a peaceful and private feel.

Up on the limestone ridge that sits above the Wharfe valley, Moon Copse slopes very gently to the north. Good stone tracks lead to the ride-stop entrance at the north-western corner of the wood, a wide grassy track runs the length of the western edge of the wood, bordered by an old hedgerow with farmland beyond. A ditch (the centre of which is presumed to be the true boundary line) is flanked by characterful coppiced hedgerow trees such as hawthorn, hazel and ash. A larger oak tree can also be found along this edge with a rustic bench at its foot.

A path leads into the wood, close to the bench, with a circular route that passes coppiced hazel, an impressive sweet-chestnut tree, holly, sycamore, oak, and ash, whilst at ground level there are some beautiful woodland grasses, a carpet of bluebells, dogs' mercury, wild garlic, native ferns, wood anemone, violets and fruiting plants such as wild strawberries, wild raspberry and blackberry.

The path returns to the ride-stop parking spot.

There are a few ash trees which are in decline from ash die-back. They are not particularly large and could potentially be harvested as a home firewood resource, ash makes brilliant firewood or could left as valuable standing deadwood habitat. Making the most of any additional sunshine, sweetly scented honeysuckle stems arch and scramble higher for maximum light in the canopy of the shrub layer.

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Trees

Sweet chestnut, oak, sycamore, hazel, ash, holly, hawthorn.

Wildlife

With a rich ecology and secluded in nature, there is a great deal of wildlife to be found in Moon Copse. As soon as you arrive at the wood, inquisitive red kites swoop in to monitor your movements and buzzards never seem far away with their mewing calls. Wood pigeon, squawking jays, blackbirds, wrens and robins can be seen as well as wood pigeons which love to roost here.

Roe deer trails criss-cross through the wood and their beds or scrapes can often be found. You may even discover a camouflaged fawn amongst the undergrowth. It would be great to put up trail cameras to see what else passes through when humans are not around.

The grassy tracks along the southern and western boundaries are abundant with wildflower such as vetch, silver weed, plantain, knapweed and orchids. Unsurprisingly, there is an equally abundant presence of butterflies, especially meadow brown.

Features

- A lovely mix of broadleaved trees including some large oak and sweet chestnuts.
- Old coppiced hazel.
- Rich ground flora.
- Potential source of firewood.
- Private.

Access, tracks and footpaths

A route via solid stone tracks leads from the bridlepath gate on Thorner Lane (known as Dalton Lane) then east, through the forest to the entrance of Moon Copse. The final section of track is shared with farm vehicles and is suitable for vehicles with a higher ground clearance.

Within the wood, a route links through grassy glades and most parts are accessible. The ground has a gentle slope to it and sturdy footwear is always recommended.

Rights and covenants

There are no public rights of way within the wood.

The sporting rights are included in the sale.

Our standard covenant will apply.

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Activities

Moon Copse would be ideal for owners interested in natural history and wildlife. It would be great to put up bird and bat boxes to enhance nesting and roosting habitat, and perhaps even make a hide for wildlife observation.

More active owners may like to manage out some of the ash trees and encourage the regeneration of other native species. Hazel could be re-coppiced to harvest some useful sticks and poles for garden and allotment projects.

The wood is a suitable size and situation for occasional family camping.

Local area and history

West Park Plantation, of which the wood is part, sits on a high ridge of limestone, just to the north of Bramham Park and Hope Hall.

Bramham is a product of a grand tour; its creator Robert Benson, later Lord Bingley, completed his formal education with a grand tour in 1697, and whilst in Italy he began to envisage his new mansion in the Palladian manner complemented in a landscaped park, in the fashion made popular by Le Nôtre in France in the late 17th century.

The house and park are still privately owned by the family with Nick Fox-Lane the current custodian, the estate is best known for hosting Leeds Festival and Bramham Horse Trials. The wood, until recently, was part of the estate.

Please park in the layby opposite the Dalton Lane bridlepath gate. Map pin here. The owner of the wood will have a key to the gate but for viewings it is a walk of about

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

Just 11 miles from Leeds, 15 miles from Harrogate and 20 miles from York.

The wood is located west of the A1(M) between junctions 44 and 45.

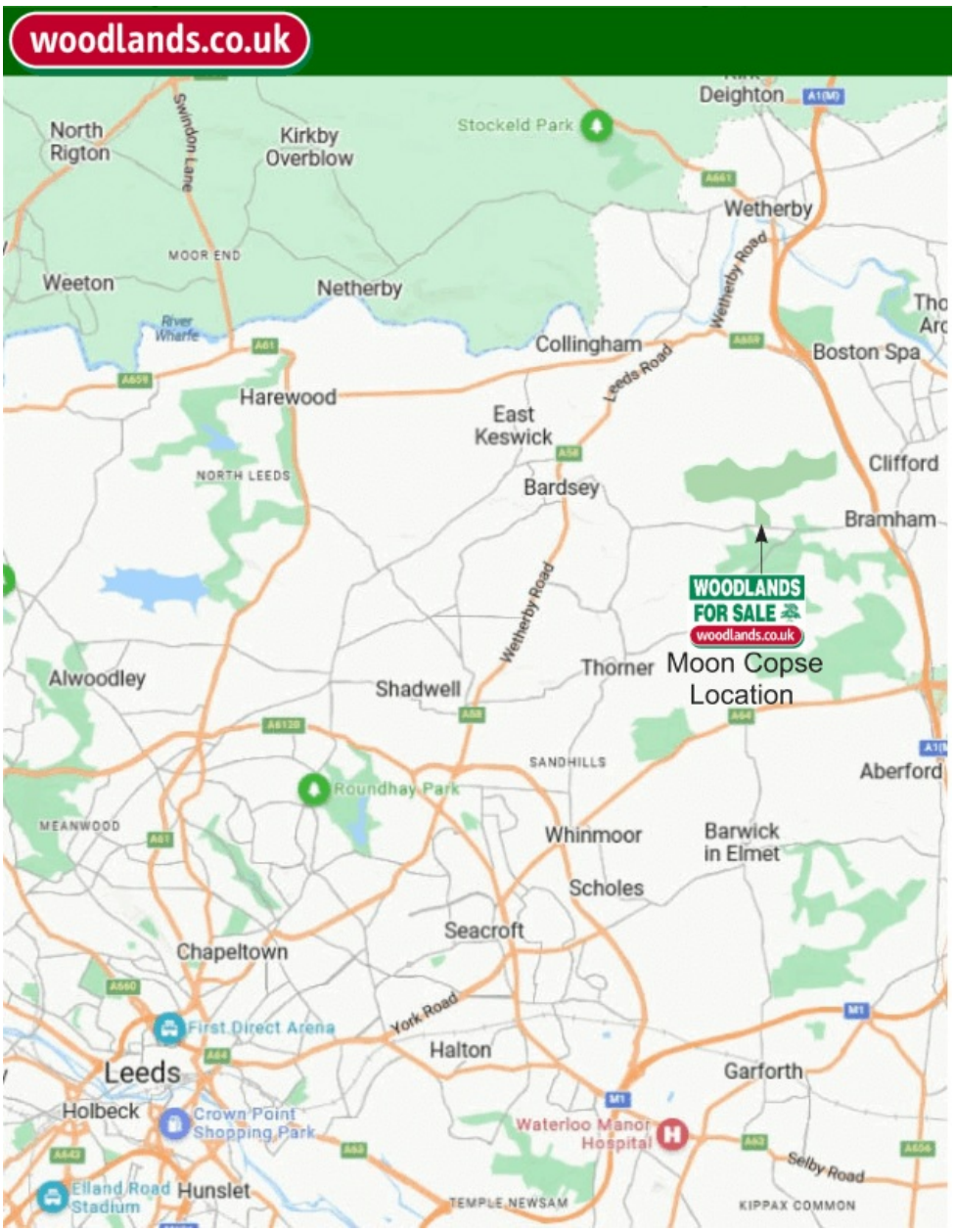
Please park in the lay-by opposite the Dalton Lane bridle path gate. Map pin here. Please avoid parking in front of the gate itself. The owner of the wood will have a key to the gate but for viewings it is a walk of about half an hour each way.

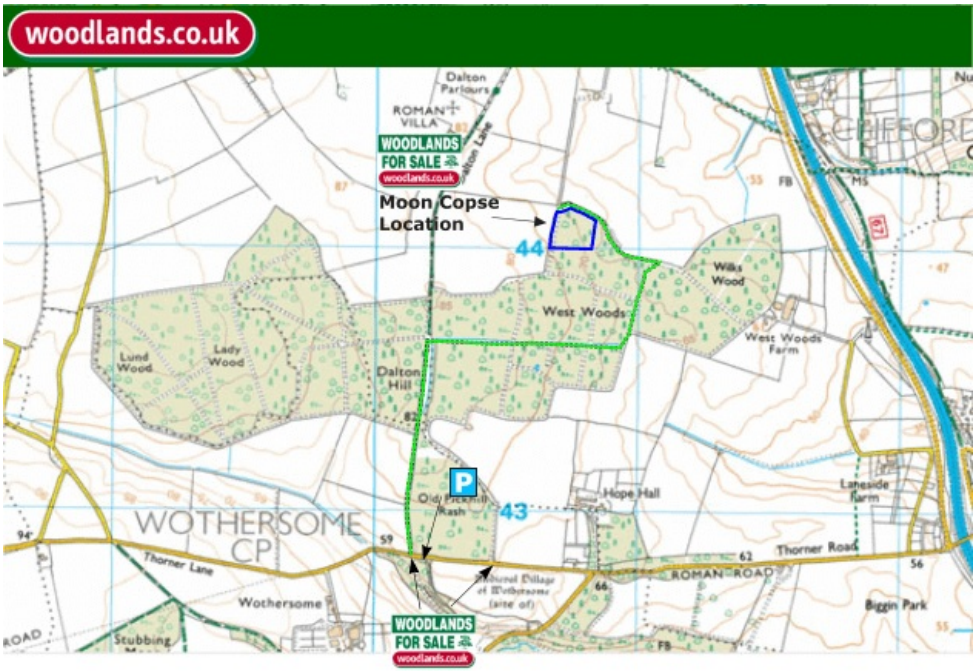
Important. Please note: Access via West Woods Farm on Meadow Lane is not permitted.

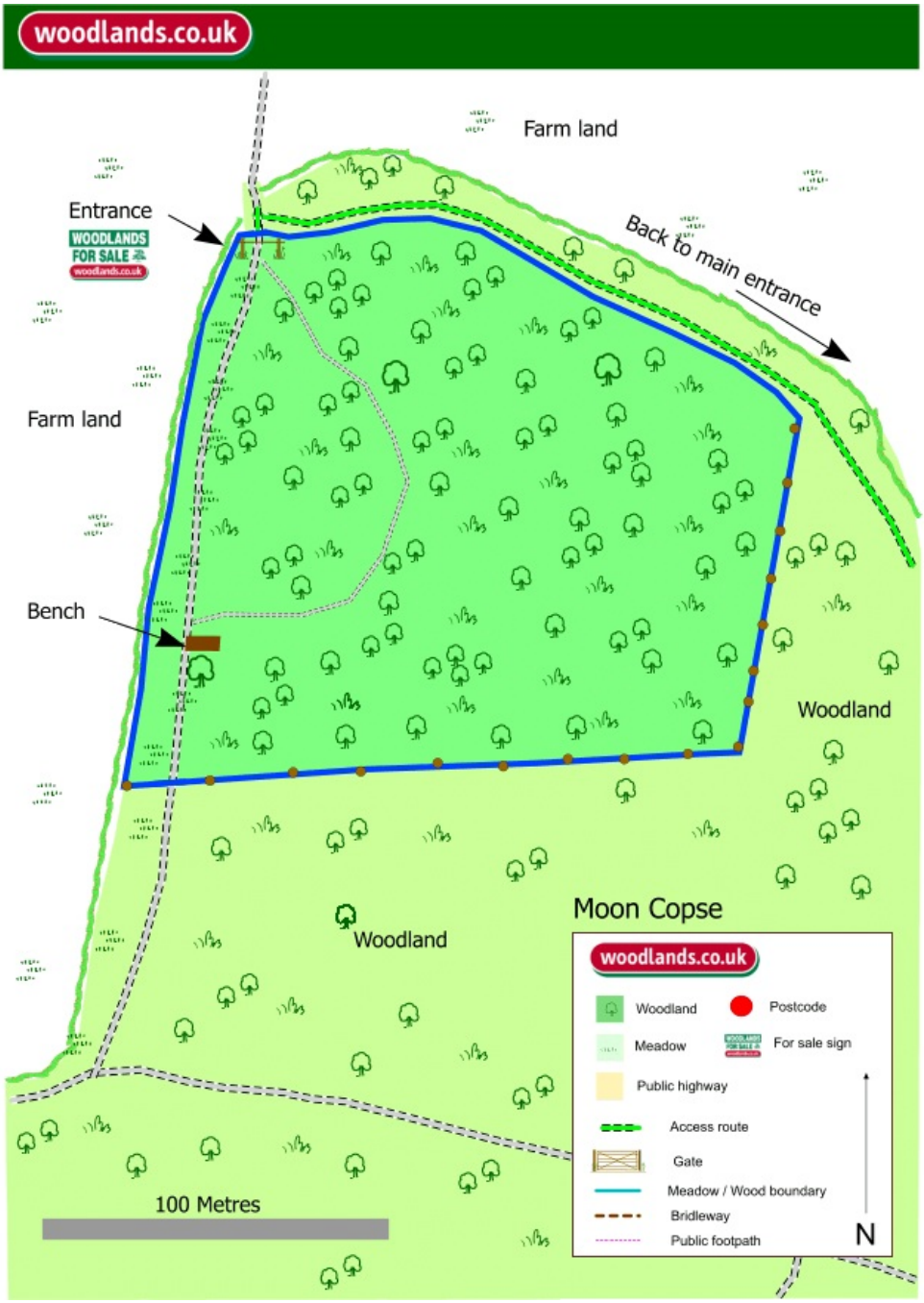
- Travel parallel with the A1(M) south from junction 45 and north from junction 44 signed to Bramham and turn west on to Thorner Road signposted for Wetherby, Boston Spa and Thorner.
- After just less than a mile at the sharp left bend keep right on to Thorner Lane.
- After a third of a mile pass the first woodland entrance on the right and proceed for a further 200 metres before parking in the layby on the left. (map pin above)
- Cross the road and walk through the entrance way on to Dalton Lane Bridleway and continue for about 800 metres before turning right on to a stone track. (climbing the gate)
- Follow this track bending around to the left after about 700 metres.
- Ignore the first left.
- After 300 metres on reaching a 'T' junction, turn left on to another hard surfaced track and continue approximately 400 metres where Moon Copse is located on the left.
- Please note, the new owner will have a key and will be able to drive all the way to Moon Copse.

Boundaries:

The boundaries of Moon Copse are marked with blue paint. These can be found on post tops along the eastern and southern boundaries. On the western boundary, these markings are along the hedge-line and at the north, on trees close to the track.







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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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