

About our forest

Northcombe Wood, Devon

This Future Forest is located in Northcombe Wood, close to Okehampton, between the picturesque regions of Dartmoor and Exmoor, Western Devon. The woodland is located within the South West Forest – an initiative aimed to stimulate tree planting as an aid to rural regeneration. 50 years of intensive farming has left this area depleted of its original wildlife and forest cover. Planting here will encourage the development of natural forest ecosystems – helped by the proximity of the River Wolf, these will provide a home for many species, both flora and fauna.

Following extensive research into the site conditions, two types of native broadleaved plantings were selected - the first dominated by ash, the second by oak. Also planted in each site will be broadleaves native to the area such as alder, silver birch, rowan, wych elm, and woody shrubs (such as hawthorn, and guelder rose). In addition, areas of aspen and hazel – the latter to be managed as coppice - will be planted.



Directions

To reach the forest, take the A30 from Exeter towards Okehampton and turn off right on to the A 386 heading north east towards Okehampton and Bideford. After two miles turn sharp left onto the A3079 signposted for Bude. After around 8 miles you will come to a cross roads. Turn left towards Germansweek and Bratton Clovelly. After half a mile take the right hand fork and head west through the hamlet of Brockscombe. After the hamlet the road turns sharp right, goes over a slight rise and then drops down to a sharp left hand bend that is at the entrance to the farm. Please note that the farmhouse is not part of the project and is under separate ownership.

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