



WELCOME TO DEANWOOD

Dean Wood is a highly valuable woodland natural resource and one of the best examples of 'clough' (steep-sided valleys) woodland within this part of West Yorkshire. The valley floor is carpeted in mosses, ferns and other plants that thrive in the moist and shady environment and around small waterfalls and flushes (small, localized wetlands) that spring from the valley side.

Formally designated as Ancient woodland this elongated triangular-shaped wood occupies an area south of Nether Moor Farm from Sandy Lane in the west to Nether Moor Road to the east and Deyne Road to the south, providing shelter in an otherwise open landscape whilst supporting connectivity to other high-value habitats.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOUGH WOODLANDS

These upland broadleaf woodlands are an important component of the mosaic of upland habitats. They contribute to the services that upland habitats provide for us. Wooded valleys help to reduce erosion, improve water quality and reduce flood risk downstream. They help to store carbon by helping to protect the moorland peat and also within the woodland itself. The Clough Woodland Project works to conserve and extend these upland woodlands for all their benefits. <https://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/our-work/our-projects/clough-woodland-project>.

As they trace the routes of streams, from the high moorlands to the lowlands, clough woodlands connect moorland to other high value habitats, providing routes for wildlife to move through and disperse.

ANCIENT WOODLAND

Ancient woodland takes hundreds of years to establish. Any area that's been wooded continuously since at least 1600 CE and thus it is defined as an irreplaceable habitat <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/irreplaceable-habitats>. It is a valuable natural asset important for:

- Wildlife (which include rare and threatened species)
- Soils
- Carbon capture and storage
- Contributing to the seed bank and genetic diversity
- Recreation, health and wellbeing
- Cultural, historical and landscape value



Dean Wood contains a selection of tree species including pedunculate and sessile oak, silver birch, rowan, wych elm, holly, field maple, hazel, alder and blackthorn and it is home to numerous species of mammals, birds, insects, plants and fungi.



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