



Grid Ref: SY 987 932

**How to get here:**

**Nearest bus stop:** Adjacent (a stile allows direct access into the Wood). This stop is on the route of the X8, 40 and 128 (Wilts and Dorset), X53 (First) and 347 (Damory) buses.

**Nearest train station:** Hamworthy (2 miles).

**Nearest cycle route:** Poole Heritage Cycle Route linking Poole Town Centre to Upton Country Park

**Nearest parking:** Adjacent in Pony Drive (access available for wheelchairs and mobility scooters).

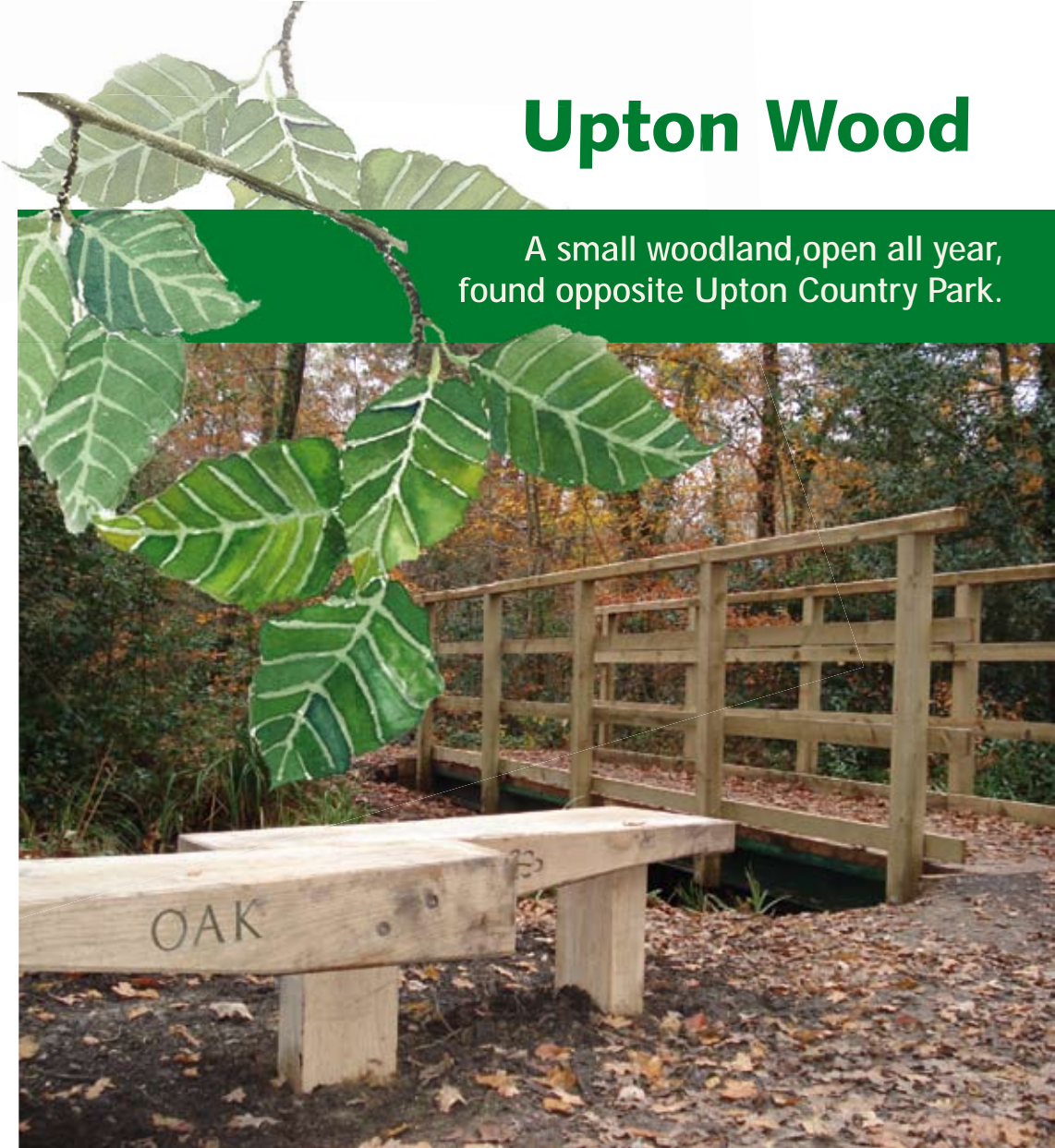
For bus and train timetables or cycle route leaflets contact Poole Welcome Centre on 01202 253253 or visit them on Poole Quay.



Large print leaflets are available on request.  
Please call 01929 557237 for further information.  
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# Upton Wood

A small woodland, open all year, found opposite Upton Country Park.



The main paths are open to walkers, cyclists and mobility scooters with the Woodland Trail suitable for walkers. There is also a bridleway running through the Wood which is available for horse riders. Dogs are allowed in the Wood and owners are asked to clean up after them.

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Previously part of The Llewellyn Estate, Upton Wood has been owned and managed by Purbeck District Council since 2004 as an area to be enjoyed by local residents and visitors to Upton, and also to protect and enhance the site's wildlife value.



The Wood is approx 6 hectares (15.5 acres) and is made up of a mixture of broadleaved (deciduous) and coniferous (evergreen) trees and shrubs, with a small area of heathland to the north. Some of the trees you will see in the wood include oak, beech, pine, sweet chestnut, birch, holly and horse chestnut.



There is a network of tracks throughout the Wood including a bridleway and permissive paths – cyclists should always give way to pedestrians.

The northern part of the Wood has been designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) by Dorset Wildlife Trust for the variety of plants and trees in the area and therefore is an important part of Upton Wood where wildlife is encouraged.

The SNCI contains a heathland area of wet and dry heath and was once part of Upton Heath Nature Reserve before the bypass was built. Species found on the dry heath includes western gorse, plus bell and common heather. The wet heath contains purple-moor grass and bog myrtle with sharp-flowered and bulbous rush found on the edges of the drainage ditch.

Oak leaves  
Fly agaric mushroom  
Holly leaves



The Wood is an important refuge for local wildlife and a number of birds use the site throughout the year including woodpeckers, song thrushes and treecreepers. During spring and summer you may see speckled wood, holly blue and peacock butterflies skipping in and out of the sun in the woodland glades. Along by the ditches you might see frogs and toads or catch a glimpse of the colourful dragonflies and damselflies hovering over the surface of the water hunting for insects.



Volunteer days are run during the year to help maintain the Wood and also give local residents the opportunity to get involved in looking after their local green space. If you are interested in volunteering or have any other questions about Upton Wood, please contact Purbeck District Council on 01929 557237 or visit [www.purbeck.gov.uk](http://www.purbeck.gov.uk)



Recent improvements including new foot/cycle paths, bridges and seating have been possible through funding from the Dorset Heathlands Interim Planning Framework.

For information about other areas to visit in Purbeck, pick up a copy of the Purbeck Countryside Guide from Purbeck Information and Heritage Centre in Wareham or download it from the Purbeck Heritage pages of [www.purbeck.gov.uk](http://www.purbeck.gov.uk).

Speckled wood butterfly  
Southern hawker dragonfly  
Common frog

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