

Quarry Wood

What can you do there?

Walk through woodland and investigate an old sandstone quarry and pebble beds dating from 220 million years ago.

Enjoy a walk, have a picnic, paint or photograph. There is a main circular path with other paths coming off it into all the 7 acre reserve. An abundance of rhododendron creates an explorative maze through one half of the woodland and blossoms beautifully from late spring to early summer. Look out for snowdrops and daffodils in spring, fungal fruiting bodies in autumn and woodland birds all year round. Trees include old oaks, ancient hornbeams and 'phoenix' trees in glades.

Address / location:

Hatton Road, Hinstock TF9 2SU.

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Opening times:

24/7 all year round.

Getting there:

By car - The reserve is 10 minutes' drive from the Tern Hill roundabout on A41-A53.

From the A41 Whitchurch/Newport Road, at the top of the hill of the Hinstock bypass, turn west into Hatton Road. Parking (for up to 4 cars) is free and in the lay-by opposite the reserve entrance on Hatton Road.

There is not a bus service to this reserve.

Facilities:


There are **no toilets** on site.  There is a local shop in Hinstock village. You can walk there using the underpass in about 15 minutes.



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Background:

Quarry Wood used to be part of the 100 acre 'Big Wood'.

The stone from the quarry was used for Hinstock Hall, the church and many other older houses and cottages in Hinstock, before closing in the 1890's.

The abundant rhododendron is a quick growing evergreen plant that was used as a source of charcoal to heat the nearby Hinstock Hall, smithy, bakers, and wash house.

Accessibility:

There are kissing gates at each of the two entrances which discourage bikes and pushchairs. There is a flight of 6 steps on the circular walk leading in/out of the quarry. There is no handrail. The paths are flat or gently sloped.

There are 2 picnic benches in the bottom of the quarry capable of sitting 8 people.

Who owns / manages it:

The nature reserve is owned by Shropshire Wildlife Trust and managed by the Market Drayton branch.

www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/quarry-wood

For further information:

The Market Drayton branch organises regular walks, talks and conservation work parties, please email:
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