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# Yewbank Wood South Lakes

A rare yew woodland sitting atop a limestone escarpment, located in the South Lakes area near Grange over Sands.

# Details

Price: £54,500 Freehold
Location: Meathop, Grange over sands, South Lakes
Size: About 4 ¼ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 97
Grid ref: SD 436 803
Nearest post code: LA11 6RB

# Local manager

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#### Description

Yewbank Wood is primarily yew woodland growing on limestone and is best described by the <u>National Vegetation Classification</u> as W13 (*Taxus baccata* - yew woodland) which is a rare native woodland habitat in the UK. Within Cumbria, it is only found in a few locations. As the land levels out at the top of the escarpment the wood becomes more diverse with a range of broadleaved trees evident. This part of the wood has a hazel <u>understory</u> and a diversity of plants including bluebells, dogs mercury and wild garlic. The plant communities indicate that Yewbank has been woodland for a very long time and is recorded as <u>Ancient Semi Natural</u> <u>Woodland</u> meaning that the land has been continuously wooded since at least 1600 AD. The wood was once part of the grounds of what is now the Woodlands Hotel.

Yewbank Wood is a beautiful, rich and intriguing wood with easy access to its slopes and paths. It is open access woodland (designated under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000).

The purchasers of the woodland will be asked to enter into a <u>covenant</u> to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

#### Trees

Along the roadside, the woodland is a mixture of ash, sycamore and hazel. Moving towards and immediately atop the bank is a band of <u>yew trees</u> with some singularly impressive examples. The subsequent area then contains a wide mix of native broadleafs with hawthorn, hazel, ash, sycamore, cherry and willow.

# Wildlife

The knarled trunks of the venerable yew provide a perfect refuge for a diversity of invertebrates, this in turn supports and gives a home to a range of small birds and gives a perfect roots for nocturnal bats.

Intersecting the pathways, smaller trails indicate the presence of itinerant roe deer and badgers, mainly visible at dusk and dawn.

Endangered red squirrels are still present within the woods and are the focus of county-wide measures to protect them.

#### Features

The main feature of the wood is quite simply its population of beautiful yew trees growing on the limestone.

#### Access, tracks and footpaths

Access into the wood is directly off a minor road and straight into the wood through the ridestop entrance.

Within the wood a number of pathways giving easy access throughout.

#### **Rights and covenants**

The sporting rights are owned and included in the sale.

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#### Activities

- wild life watching
- conservation
- domestic wood fuel
- · camping and recreational activity

#### Local area and history

Yewbank Wood is perfectly located on the southern edge of the Lake District National Park with the <u>Lakeland fells</u> to the north and <u>Morcambe Bay</u> to the south. There are plenty of <u>B+Bs</u> locally as well as a caravan site and the 4 star Woodlands Hotel, just down the road.

In the Victorian era, this area was intensively <u>coppiced</u> mainly to provide the Lancashire textile mills with bobbins and other wooden implements but also for charcoal and basket making.

#### 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

Satnav: the postcode LA11 6RB is for the point shown by the red dot on the location maps. Satnav coordinates are: N54:12:59 W2:51:56

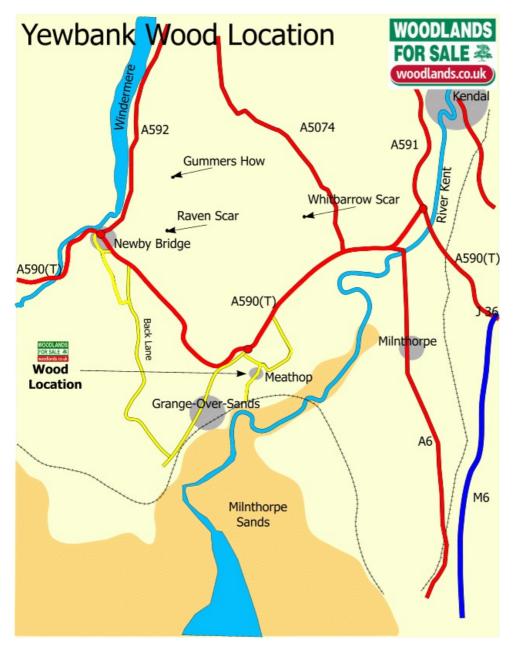
<u>Click Here for Directions From Bing Maps</u> enter your own postcode, (Fellend Wood coordinates are already entered) and click on the blue "Go" box. This will take you to the main gate on Meathop Road.

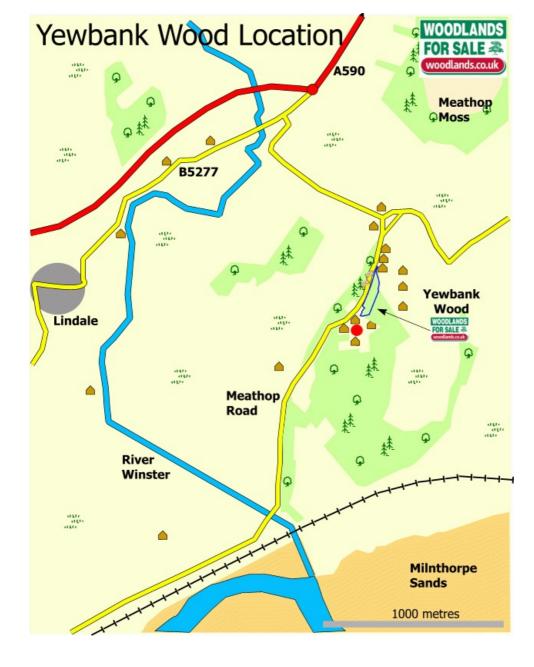
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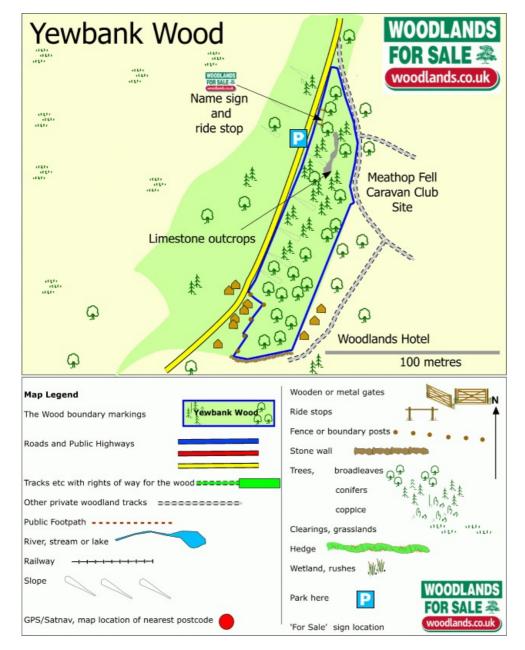
- Locate the A590(T)
- Exit on to the B5277 signed for Meathop, Lindale and Grange.
- After 200 metres turn left signed to Meathop.
- After half a mile and upon reaching Meathop Village bear right and follow the road for a further 300 metres.
- YewbankWood is on the left, just after the entrance to the Woodlands Hotel and the caravan park..

## **Boundaries:**

The boundaries are indicated with blue markings. North Eastern boundary is the edge of the driveway to the Woodlands Hotel and caravan park and is indicated with blue markings on trees. The South Eastern boundary follows the fence between the woods and the Woodlands Hotel holiday lodges. The Southern boundary is the stone wall. The South Western boundary is the garden fences and the rest of the Western boundary is the edge of the road. The short, Northern most boundary is marked on trees.







Our regional managers are often out working in our woodlands, so if you email an offer and want to be sure it has been received, please phone our manager on his or her mobile phone. The first offer at the stated price which is accepted, whether by phone or email, has priority.

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 <u>Small Woodland Owners Group</u> and the <u>Royal Forestry</u> <u>Society</u>, as well as <u>£300 towards paying for a course</u> (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

These particulars are for guidance only and, though believed to be correct, do not form part of any contract.