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# Coupers Wood South Aberdeenshire

Attractive maturing broadleaf and conifer woodland with good internal access and south-westerly views across Kincardineshire countryside.

# Details

Price: £90,500 Freehold
Location: near Fettercairn, Laurencekirk, South
Aberdeenshire
Size: About 13½ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 45
Grid ref: NO 666 712
Nearest post code: AB30 1PT

# Local manager

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#### Description

**Description:** Coupers Wood is an appealing mixed woodland situated on the western edge of a larger forest with two distinct compartment areas. The southern area has a full canopy of mid-aged deciduous trees including mainly birch with some willow, rowan, ash and some older specimens and coppice. This broadleaf area is rich in nature and a tranquil haven to wander about in and enjoy the chattering jays, finches and redstarts, the odd roe deer and other wildlife. The area to the north of the grassy track bisecting the wood is mainly spruce, planted in 1990, with some birch at the edges, which are growing well on the level ground. Red squirrel have been seen in adjacent woods and doubtless venture into Coupers Wood now the trees are bearing cones.

A wide glade has been cleared in the peaceful heart of Coupers Wood that is ideal for occasional private camping. There is scope for more clearings and selective thinning or felling in both areas that would further improve the amenity and the remaining trees. Clearing some spruce will also provide space and the option for replanting or regenerating more native species, as well as supplement a wood fuel supply.

Private internal access is provided by a grassy track through the middle of the wood, cleared paths through both areas and paths along the boundaries. From the western boundary there are scenic south-westerly views over adjoining fields to the eastern Grampian foothills and glens in the near distance.

At the present time there are potential plans for a new route for pylons and the wider woodland of Lady Jane sits within one of three preferred routes. Environmental impact assessments are taking place at the moment and there is a possibility that Coupers Wood could be impacted on its western boundary. No decisions on the route will be taken till December, but any potential buyer should be aware of potential plans. Please get in contact with the agent for further information.

#### Trees

**The Lady Jane Woodlands:** which Coupers Wood is part of, are situated in idyllic, historic and very peaceful rural surroundings. The trees are a diverse mixture of species and ages and have been sympathetically managed throughout Lady Jane's long history. Currently, mature Scots pine, young spruce and birch are dominant, but there are significant areas of mixed broadleaves including oak and alder and Norway spruce.

The storms of 2022 particularly Storm Arwen have impacted the woodland , th storm created funnels of high winds that has hit the dense spruce creating an acre of useful windblow. The deciduous areas are unscathed.

#### Wildlife

<u>Red squirrels</u>, woodpeckers, pheasant, deer, wild hare and various fungi inhabit the woods. Coupers Wood ticks many boxes when it comes to biodiversity with a wide range of tree species within the woodland that in turn attract a diverse range of animals.

#### Features

There is great potential for using Coupers Wood as a forest school with good access off the main road,

#### Access, tracks and footpaths

**Access:** is taken from the B974 through a shared double gate entrance and then along a shared private track (marked in green on the maps) over which Coupers Wood has a right of access for all purposes.

#### **Rights and covenants**

Sporting Rights: These are owned and included with the land.

Mineral Rights: These are owned and included with the land except where reserved by statute.

#### Activities

These woodlands are suitable for all types of activities whether it is putting in a hut, to bushcraft adventures or a firewood business, to name but a few. Please ask the agent for more details.

#### Local area and history

**Surrounding Area:** Nearby are the tourist villages of Edzell, with its hidden "rocks of solitude" walk along the North Esk River, and Fettercairn with its working distillery. Slightly further afield are Glamis Castle and Lunan Bay beach and the fishing town of Montrose. Dundee and Aberdeen are each approximately 35 mins drive.

### 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

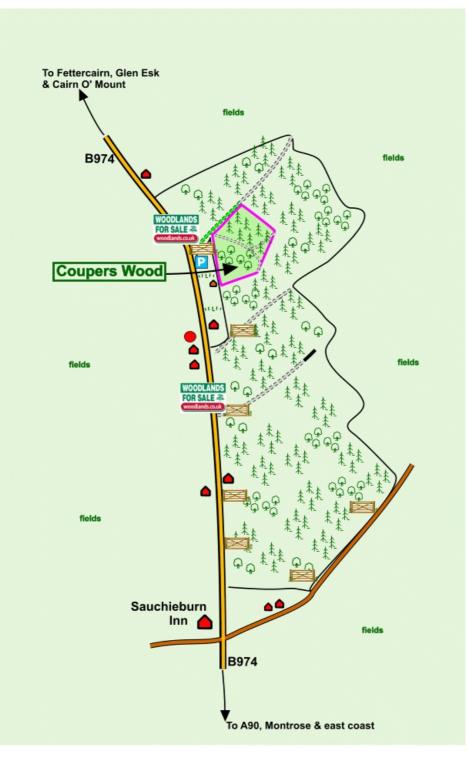
Coupers Wood lies approximately 2 miles south of Fettercairn and 3 miles west of Laurencekirk.

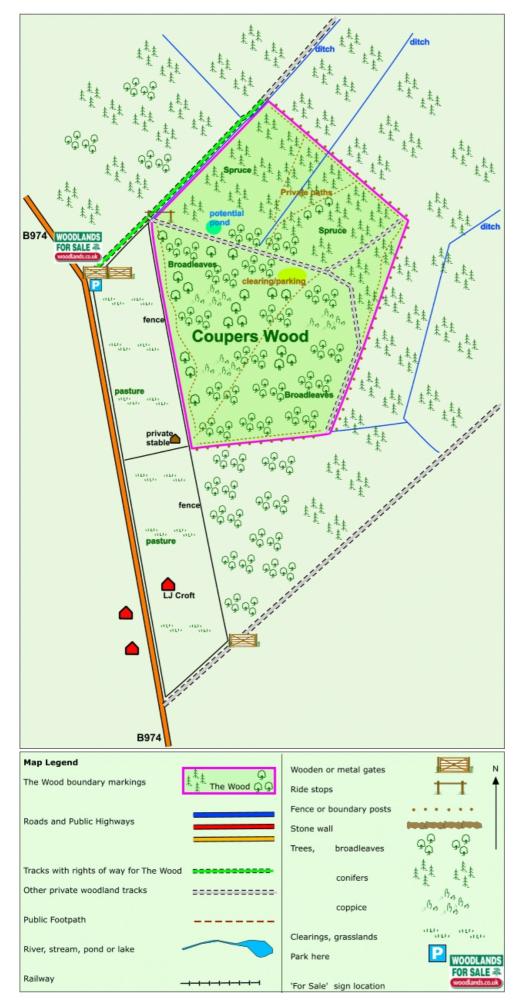
- Travelling along the A90 dual carriageway, turn off onto the B974 heading towards Fettercairn.
- Continue past the Sauchieburn Inn and after approximately 1 mile you will find the second "Woodlands for Sale" (WFS) sign on your right. Please park in this bellmouth to the side of the double metal gates.
- Walk around the gates and continue along the shared hard access track for approx. 80m where you will find the start of Coupers Wood, and namesign and ridestop with a small WFS sign attached, on your right.

**Satnav/GPS note:** the postcode AB30 1PT is for the point shown by the red dot on the location map. For those without satnav/gps why not use <u>Green Flag</u> routefinder to plan your route?

Boundaries of the woodland are indicated with **mauve** markings on freestanding or fencing posts.







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.