



Fir Holt Wood Devon

An ideal sized woodland as an introduction to ownership, Fir Holt Wood has been part of this stunning landscape since at least 1600AD and provides opportunities for small scale woodland management, wildlife enjoyment and overnight camping.

Details

Price: £59,000 Freehold

Location: Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon

Size: Nearly 3 acres for sale

OS Landranger: OS No 192

Grid ref: SY 161 924

Nearest post code: EX24 6JF

Local manager

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Description

This pleasant valley above the charming east Devon village of Sidbury has been wooded since at least 1600AD according to the Government's geographical information website 'Magic' as this woodland is recorded as Ancient Replanted Woodland. Often woodlands were felled for materials for the Second World War and then replanted with a mix of conifer trees, which is most likely how Fir Holt Wood has formed.

Within the upper plateau area you can still find older 'remnant' broadleaved trees, left over from when the woodland was cleared - in this case these are mostly impressively knarled sweet chestnut trees.

The upper, western part of the woodland is very useable with open glades and clearings. Here the trees are bathed in light from the open fields above. The eastern side of the woodland is mostly conifer and slopes down to a track, which has excellent links to footpaths and bridleways to many local areas including Sidmouth seafront.

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Trees

At the upper reaches of the woodland there are a mix of broadleaved tree species mixed with Douglas fir trees. These include some mature sweet chestnut trees that provide a welcome crop of chestnuts to roast in the winter. Other types of tree include birch, beech and holly.

Most of the woodland was replanted with Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) - a very durable and popular conifer tree planted for use in construction and furniture making. The bark of the tree is non-flammable, protecting the tree in its native range in North America. David Douglas first brought this tree to the UK in 1827 and the tree was named after him. Trees can grow to 55 metres and live for up to 1000 years!

These trees are ideal for nesting birds as the tall height of the trees provide perfect protection for larger birds of prey such as goshawks, buzzards and sparrowhawks. The seeds of the tree are eaten by finches.

Wildlife

Peace and quiet attract numerous birds including woodpeckers, buzzards, woodcocks and smaller song birds including the robin, great tit and wrens.

Woodland dwelling mammals such as roe deer, foxes and badgers often frequent this undisturbed location.

Features

An old hedgerow runs along the western boundary and can be seen on maps from 1889.

Access, tracks and footpaths

Accessed from the road between Honiton and Seaton, there is a good stoned forestry track which leads all the way to the track along the lower eastern edge of Fir Holt Wood. From here there is a track suitable for 4x4 use in the drier months that leads to the upper reaches of the woodland.

Rights and covenants

There are no public rights of way within the woodland. The lower forestry track, over which the woodland has a right of way, is a quiet footpath and provides excellent links to the stunning surrounding countryside.

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Activities

Enjoyment of nature is top of the list for the owner of Fir Holt Wood. Bird and bat boxes could be placed around the older trees to provide suitable habitats for tawny owls, song birds and local bat species.

There are level areas for camping and a forestry store could be sited for shelter and equipment storage, subject to any permission required.

Local area and history

The nearby coastline around Seaton and Sidmouth is the beginning of a World Heritage Site consisting of 95 miles of Jurassic coastline that begins at [Orcombe point](#) which is not far from the wood.

There are a number of thriving, local small scale fishing industries based along the coastline with day boats catching fish and

crabs. The bass fishery attracts many anglers in season and there are a number of chartered fishing trips available.

Please do enjoy your visit to Fir Holt Wood, but take care of any undulating ground or trip hazards as well as standing or leaning deadwood which has been left as a wildlife habitat.

Particulars and plans were prepared by our local manager, Stuart Brooking.

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

You can view Fir Holt Wood at anytime by taking a copy of the details with you. The woodland can be accessed on foot. Once purchased the wood will be sold with full vehicular rights of way.

- Travelling from Honiton take the A375 south towards Sidford & Sidmouth.
- At the top of the hill out of Honiton at the Hare and Hounds pub turn left at Putts Corner onto Seaton Road, signposted to Seaton & Farway.
- Stay on this road for around 1 mile passing Wiscombe Park until you see a brown tourist sign for 'Blackberry Camp' along with a sign to the 'Honey Farm'.
- Slow down here as you will need to turn right onto a track/ bridleway just after these signs and opposite the left turn to Blackberry Camp and Honey Farm.
- Take care crossing the highway onto the forestry track.
- This forestry track is also a bridleway so please drive carefully along this track.
- You will reach a gate with a 'woodlands for sale' sign. Here you can park to the right of this gateway.
- If arriving from the Seaton on the A3052 turn right onto Seaton Road towards Honiton at Three Horseshoes Farm and travel along this road for 1.3 miles until you see a brown tourist attraction sign for Blackbury Camp on your left and the track/ bridleway is straight after this sign on your left.
- From this gateway follow the forest track/ bridleway along until you reach a wooden barn where you need to take the track to the right.
- Follow this track/ bridleway down the hill for about 200 metres until you see a 'woodlands for sale' sign on your left next to a ride stop.
- Head under the ride stop and walk down the forestry track until you come to a right hand turn and take this turn along a beech tree lined section of the track.
- Continue to follow the main track and small 'woodland for sale' signs over a couple of streams, up a short hill and then left continuing along the forestry track.
- Take the next right turn at the footpath marker following the 'woodlands for sale' arrows.
- At the top of this track you will see a turn to your left with a 'woodlands for sale' arrow. Head up this track and follow this old forestry track along, heading south, for around 300 metres until you see the entrance to Fir Holt Wood indicated by a 'Fir Holt Wood' name sign.

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The what3words for the actual wood is: [///articulated.dollar.fewer](#)

- Satnav/GPS note: the postcode EX24 6JF is for the point shown by the red dot on the location maps number 2 and 3.

Boundaries:

All boundaries are indicated with pink markings on posts and trees.

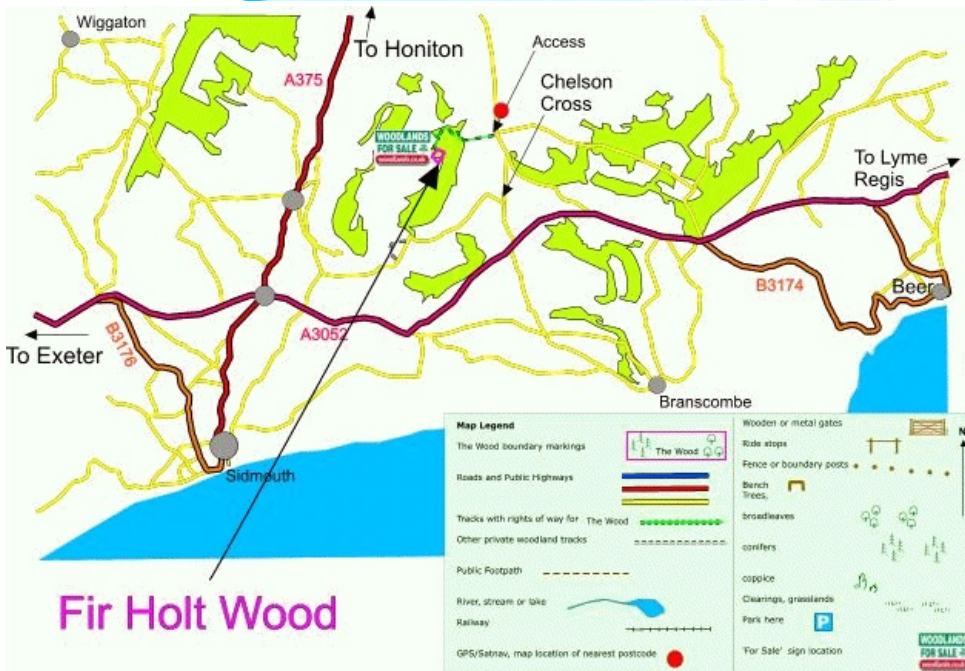
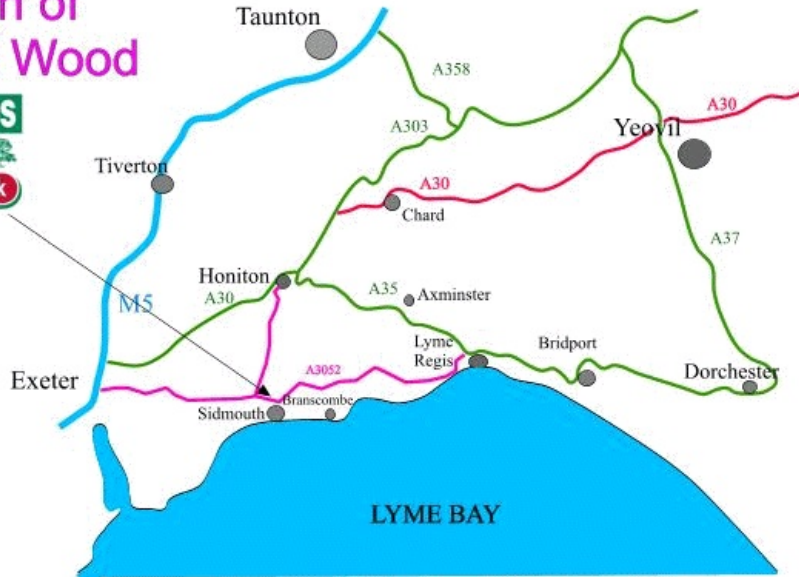
The northern boundary is indicated by a line of fence posts.

The eastern boundary is along the edge of the access track/ bridleway.

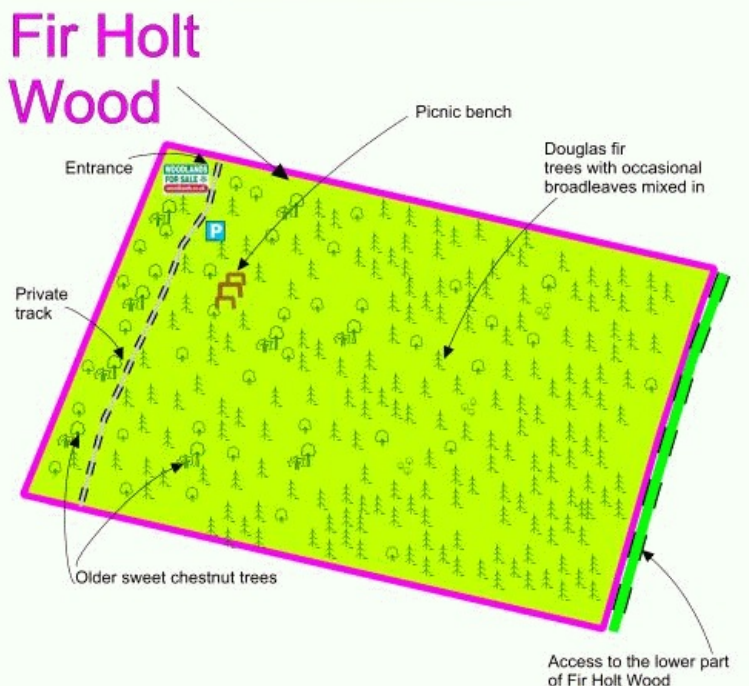
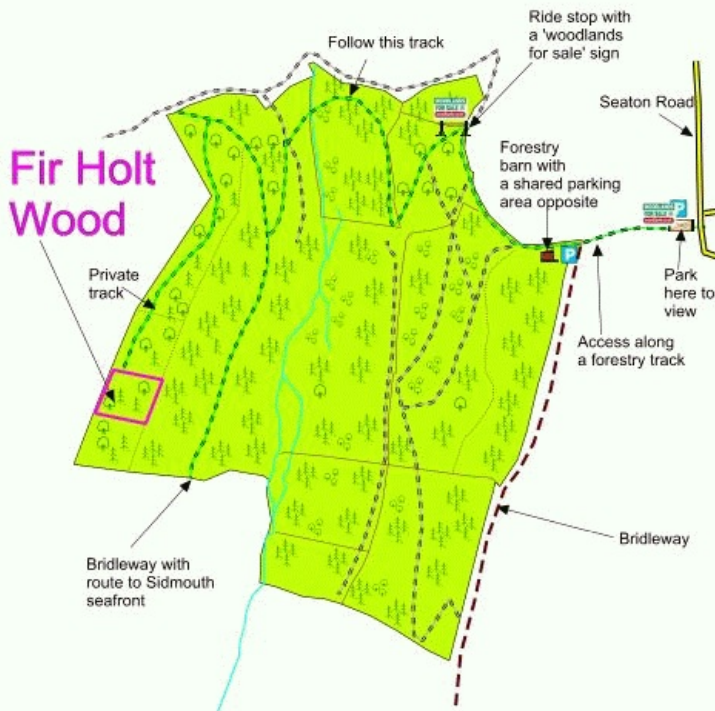
The southern boundary is indicated by a line of fence posts.

The western boundary is along an old hedge bank.

Location of Fir Holt Wood



Fir Holt Wood



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 [Small Woodland Owners Group](#) and the [Royal Forestry Society](#), as well as [£300 towards paying for a course](#) (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. Woodland Investment Management Ltd hereby give notice under section 21 of the Estate Agents Act 1979 of their interest in the land being sold.