



Tay Wood Falkirk

A larger woodland close to Edinburgh with many hidden corners.

Details

Price: £89,000 Freehold

Location: Standburn, Avonbridge, Falkirk

Size: Just over 8 ¾ acres. for sale

OS Landranger: OS No 65

Grid ref: NS 926 740

Nearest post code: FK1 2HN

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Description

Tay Wood is a slightly larger than offering and lies in a secluded corner of Gateside Woods, with excellent access through two ride stops. The first crosses the burn and heads into the main stands of conifer, allowing convenient access for any future timber management. The second access, sitting within an area of ash, is to an area of hardstanding that will easily accommodate a couple of vehicles. This will act as a good base with two benches installed, a good place to stop a while and take in the environment or tend a campfire. This dense ash plantation, like the most of the ash within the UK, has unfortunately been affected by ash dieback. Current guidance is to leave ash standing unless there is a need or desire to fell it. It is believed that some specimens will survive the disease and go on to be the hope of future generations. One aspect of the disease is that there is a fair amount of firewood to come out of here and it is convenient to the access. If this was to be done, we would recommend replanting with a mix of native species to mitigate against future diseases.

A valuable feature to Tay Wood, and not often found within woodland, is the meandering burn, passing through an open grassy area adjacent to a section of older birch woodland. This is the most natural looking part of Tay Wood and will act as a good seedbank for potential seed to spread into the more open grassy areas.

This is a lovely woodland that affords privacy and tranquility as well as being a good project for whoever takes it on. There is scope for opening up the conifer areas to allow more light to the forest floor and the establishment of more paths, a task easily completed with hand tools. Taken as a whole there is an incredible depth of diversity within Tay wood, making it very attractive indeed.

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Trees

There are two large conifer stands that will produce a good volume of timber in due course, some selective thinning could be carried out now subject to the necessary permissions.

A generous volume of birch is growing very well around the woodland in general and creates a very lovely ancient feel.

A large stand of ash that has been affected by ash die back would allow for an immediate source of good quality firewood and the opportunity to plant a more diverse mix of trees, facilitating a move away from the monoculture approach.

Wildlife

Deer and other larger mammals frequent Gateside, as well as the wide variety of birdlife.

Badgers are ever present within the woods at Gateside and a joy to observe on an evening watch. These fantastic creatures are mainly nocturnal and extremely shy of humans, wildlife cams will open up a window into the badgers world. It is illegal to interfere with a badger sett in any way.

Features

An all year round burn runs through Tay Wood that can be fast flowing when in spate. It is a valuable asset and will act as a focal point for wildlife.

Some open area of grassland provides further diversity and would be an ideal place to add additional planting; perhaps a woodland orchard.

Access, tracks and footpaths

The access tracks have recently been maintained and renewed with on site stone and there is plenty of material for any future collective repairs to the shared track.

Rights and covenants

All sporting rights are sold with the woodland however mineral rights have been retained by the coal board as it was an old mining site. Due to the effects of burning fossil fuels, the likelihood of coal ever being extracted again is so low, as to be nigh on zero.

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Activities

This woodland would suit someone prepared to immerse themselves into woodland management and guide the woodland to its next life.

Local area and history

Gateside Woodland sits directly next to the small ex-mining village of Standburn, with the closest town being Falkirk about 6 miles away.

Falkirk sits on the junction of the Forth and Clyde and Union Canals and as such became an important trade route and hub of heavy industry in the 18th and 19th centuries. The steel industry was dominant as was coal mining, necessary to feed the engine of industrialisation. The area is now more dependant on tourism and retail with many old mining sites reverting to woodland.

Nearby attractions include the Falkirk Wheel and The Helix , home of the famous Kelpie art installation.

Edinburgh is only twenty miles away and Glasgow 30 miles making these woods very accessible from the city.

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.

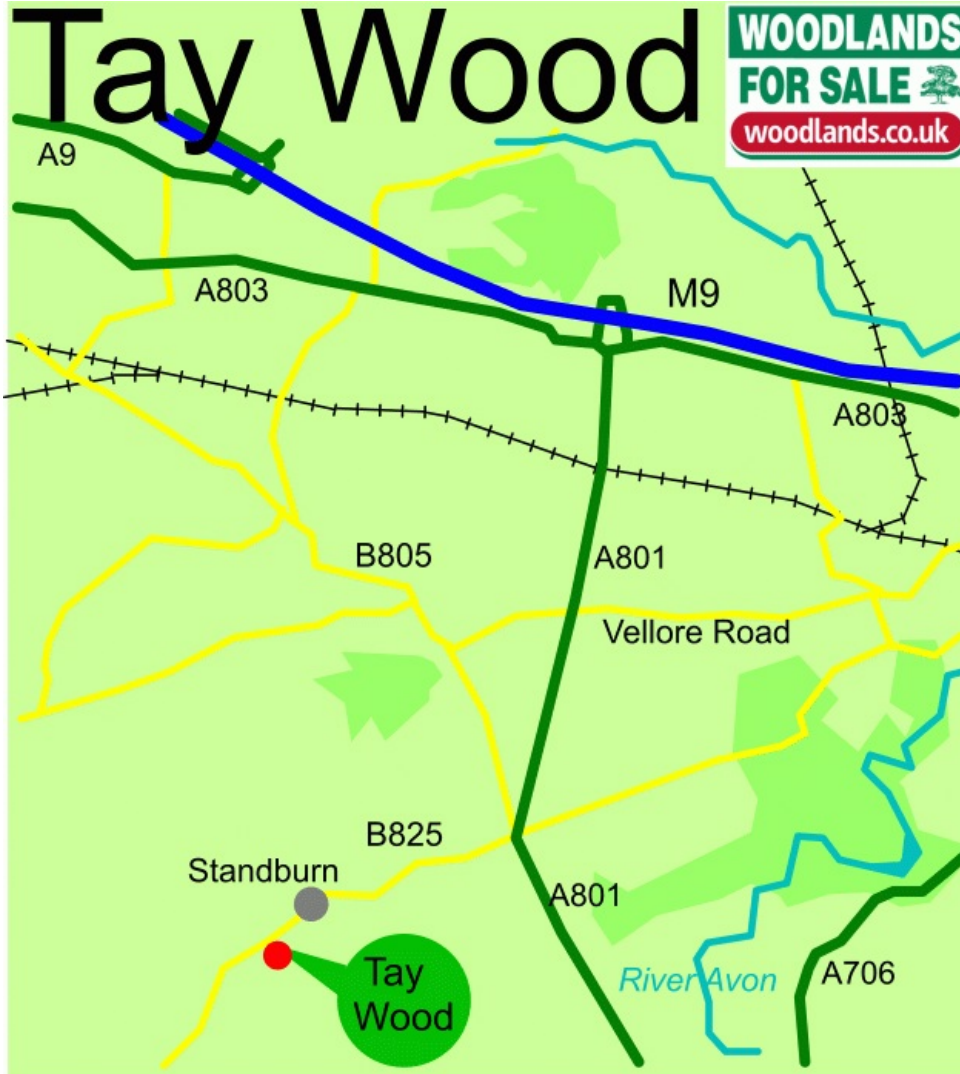
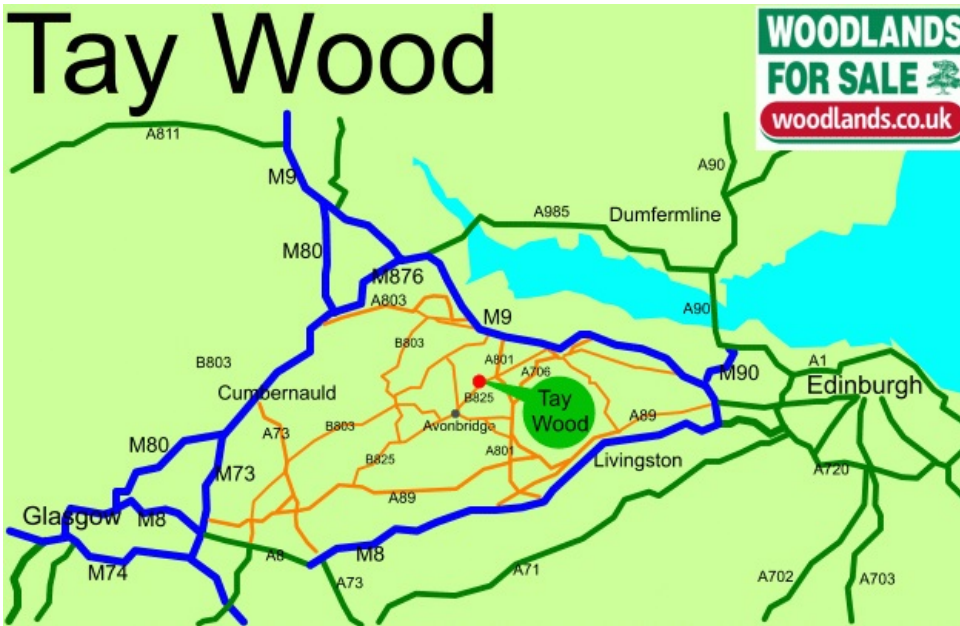
Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

Directions

- Coming in from the M9.
- Take the A801 heading towards Armadale
- At the first roundabout take the B825 heading towards Avonbridge.
- The woods are just past the village of Standburn on the left.
- Park by the metal gate but in a way that does not restrict access.
- Following the track to bottom and Tay Wood is on the left hand side.

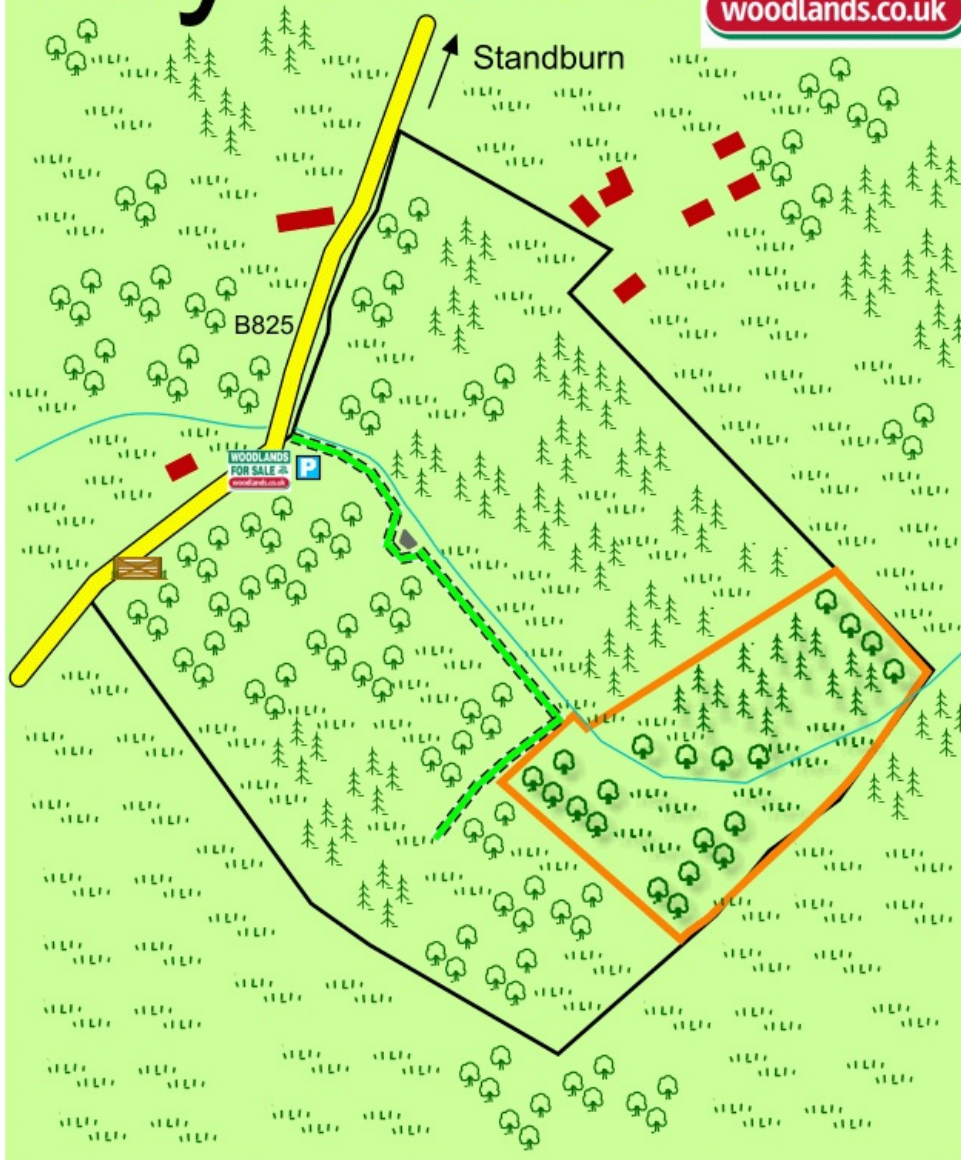
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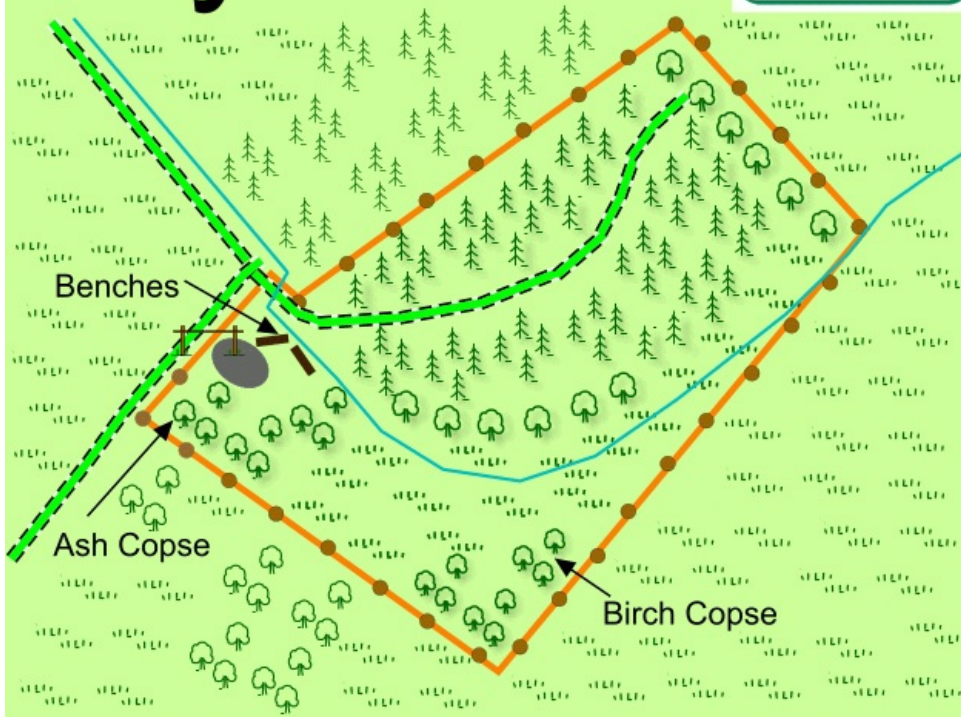
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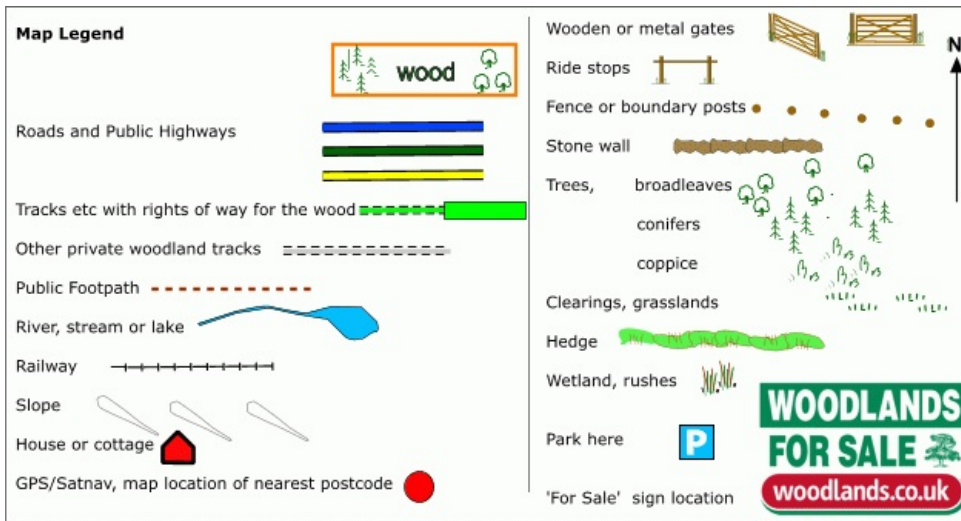
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Please take care when viewing as the great outdoors can contain unexpected hazards and woodlands are no exception. You should exercise common sense and caution, such as wearing appropriate footwear and avoiding visiting during high winds.

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.

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