



Meeting Rooms

We have three meeting rooms for hire, great for running courses, meetings, parties or even piano practice! The rooms vary in size, seating up to 50 people. Please contact Reception for more information and prices.



Wood Products

We sell wood for all different uses. Our top price products are great for bean poles, hedging stakes or forest schools materials. We also sell logs of varying sizes, available on our wood pile. Please contact Reception for more information and prices.

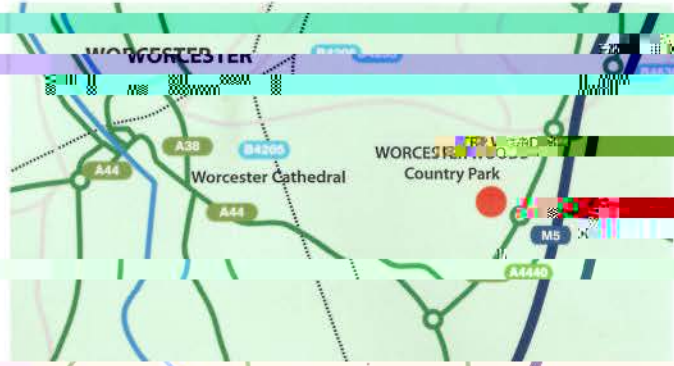


Events Field Hire

We hire outside space for parties, shows, training and events. With the award winning Orchard Cafe on site, this is an ideal place to host your event.



Location



Worcester Woods Country Park, Worcester



Facilities

Worcester Woods Country Park is 38 Hectares and is a great place for a family friendly visit.

Children will love the site with a play area, picnic tables and access trails

The site has a large car park and the toilets are located in the foyer at the front of the café.

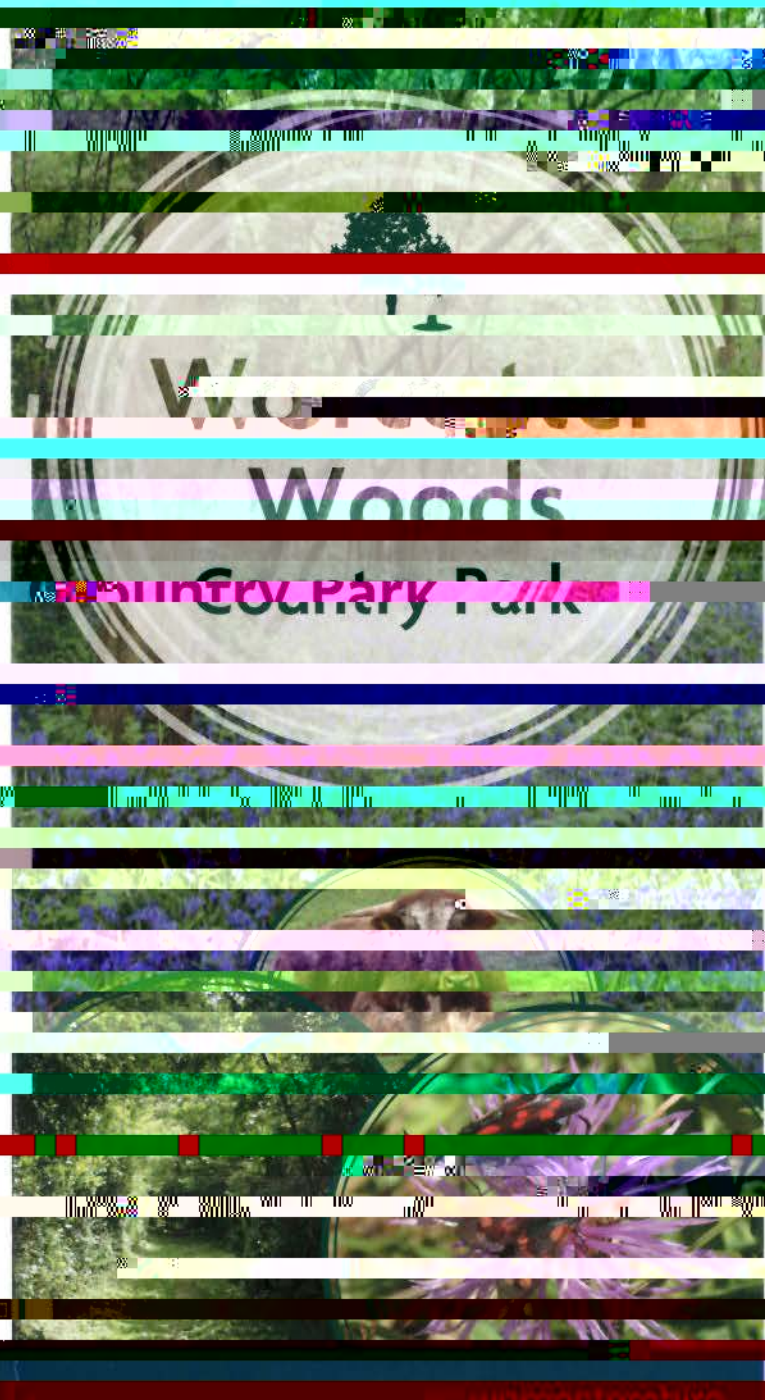
The park has two Local Nature Reserves, Hornhill Meadow and Sunnery Wood, plus a large flat mown field area called The Events Field. This is a great space to let children run around and play games.

There is a large picnic area by the café and benches dotted around the two trails.

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The Orchard Café

Why not enjoy this and visit our award winning café in the park. With indoor and outdoor seating, hot and cold food, hot coffee and yummy cakes, the café is open seven days a week, all year round.

We do food all day with a fantastic seasonal menu and friendly service.

Why not hire our BBQ for your event?

We provide a large BBQ in the picnic area for gatherings and parties. With access to the toilets, picnic areas and field it's a great place for the children run about. For prices and booking please contact The Orchard Café.

Having an event?

We do catering for events and meeting rooms. We can provide hot and cold buffets, tea, coffee, cakes and lots more. Visit our website or contact us on 01905 492492

Looking for activities and holidays?

Go up to the gate list of children's holiday activities in the Pond Room

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The Orchard Café

THE ORCHARD CAFE

A history,

The area containing Worcester Woods Country Park farmstead covered the whole site and evidence of this can still be seen in the form of ridge and furrow undulations in the field in Nunery Wood, Hornhill Meadows.

After the Black Death wiped out a significant proportion of the population there weren't enough people to work the land.

At this point the original site was divided into two parts, the eastern part was owned by the White Ladies Aston and the western part was owned by the White Ladies Aston after the reformation.

Hornhill Meadows remained cultivated until the 1700's the Hornhill Farmstead was burnt. This was a fire that started after The Great West of 1704 when the farmstead was demolished. The ruins were probably then used for grazing.

Nunery Wood was acquired in 1779 by Worcester County Council and was followed in 1990 and was built as a



On Site Activities

We have two circular trails, the Meadow Trail and the Pond Trail. Information can be found overleaf.

Why not try our on-site orienteering trail?

There are varying games of different skill levels that can be played. Packs can be brought from Reception.

How about joining our weekly volunteer group?

This takes place every week and involves practical outdoor work in and around the park.

Dog wash

Dogs are welcome on site and there is also a dog wash situated by the Pond Room.

Events

There are lots of events taking place at Worcester Woods Country Park. For up to date information check our Facebook page and website.



Meadow Trail

1. Welcome to the Meadow Trail. This 1/2 mile self-guided trail will take you past Hornhill Orchard and into Hornhill Meadows Local Nature Reserve. Follow the path across the events field and through the gap in the hedge now.

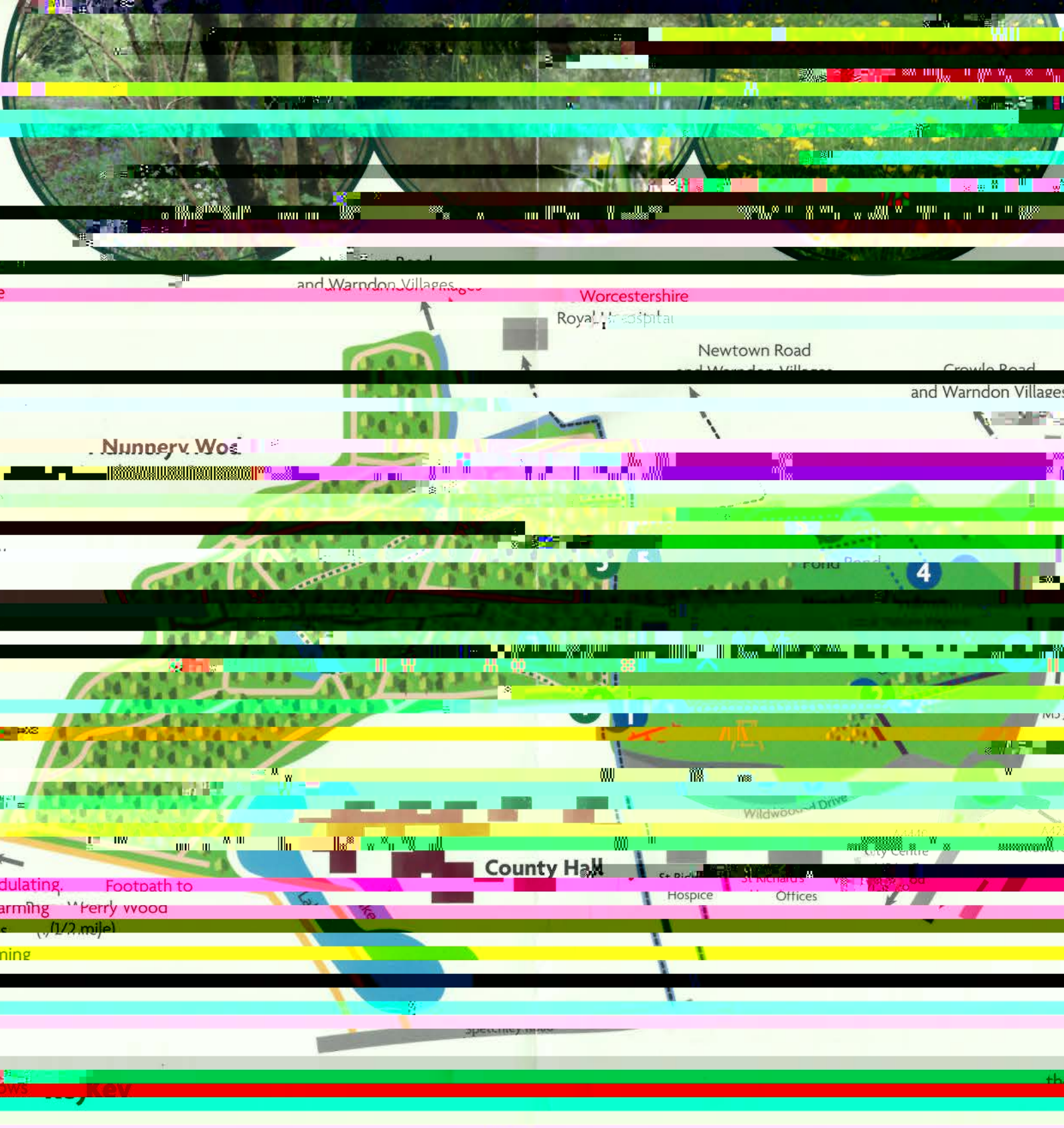
2. This fenced enclosure is where the old Hornhill Farm stood. The Second World War but the remains can still be seen beyond the fence line. The path you are standing on was originally part of the old Hornhill farmstead and the stones laid down in the path. Continue on the right following the arrows past the Orchard. The Orchard was originally part of Hornhill Farm and contains apple, perry pear and damson trees. If you continue past this you'll reach Hornhill Meadows.

3. Hornhill Meadows is unimproved grassland, meaning that fertilizer has never been added. This results in a nutrient poor, which favours the wild flowers whilst suppressing the weeds. The Meadows are grazed by cows, which contribute to the valuable management of this fragile habitat. The meadows are rich in Yellow Rattle, Black Knapweed, Lady's Bedstraw and Red Clover. In May you could be lucky enough to see the rare Butterfly Orchids, whose purple flowers are dotted around the fields.

In some of the fields you can be seen undulating. This is called ridge and furrow and was a medieval farming method of ploughing, which turned the fields into a series of high 'ridges' and low 'furrows'. Evidence of this farming practice can still be seen throughout the Meadows.

4. Hornhill Meadows are rich in other wildlife. Goldfinches can be seen flying around in flocks. A green flash and cackling laugh denotes a Green Woodpecker. The Meadows are rich in animals with voles, wood mice and shrews. In summer many butterfly and day flying moth species can be seen feeding on the nectar of the flowers. The Meadow White, Meadow Brown and Six Spotted Burnet Moth and Cinnabar Moth are all common visitors.

5. The Meadow pond is rich in wildlife. This pond would have been used to provide livestock with drinking water. This pond is now fenced and provides a habitat for pond turtles, water voles, water snails and Common Toad. Various dragonflies can be seen in summer including the Broad Bodied Chaser and as the months get drier the pond provides a valuable source of drinking water for birds.



Meadow Trail (1/2 mile, 30 minutes)

Public Footpath

Public Bridleway

Permitted Horse Route

Woodland

Trails

Small Children's Play Area

Information Point

Care

Counterside Centre and Meeting Room

Points of interest around Meadow Trail

Points of interest (See numbers in trail text)

circular trail through Nunnery Wood is an ancient semi-natural woodland which means that it has been there since at least the Middle Ages and is valuable for wildlife. The wood consists of mostly mature oak trees, with the smaller shrubs being coppice.

Nunnery Wood is a working woodland. Most woodland work takes place in winter when the trees are dormant and the ground is frozen. This involves cutting down the trees to produce rods and binders.

Some of the trees were sold as fuel. Hazel is a good plant for this because it produces straight but bendable rods.

woods. These tend to be at their best in the areas around the river in winter.

3. The woodland pond is a valuable habitat for many creatures. Great Crested Newts breed here, and there are also many other amphibians and insects. The pond is a valuable habitat for many creatures. Great Crested Newts breed here, and there are also many other amphibians and insects. The pond is a valuable habitat for many creatures. Great Crested Newts breed here, and there are also many other amphibians and insects.

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As part of the woodland management plan in Nunnery Wood, the Oak trees are periodically thinned out to allow more light into the woodland. Allowing more light to reach the woodland floor benefits other plants and the ground. This is called natural regeneration. The wood from the Oak trees is either used on site to make site furniture or sold as firewood. Any small mammals, insects and fungi.

5. This enormous Oak tree is a veteran tree. It is at least 100 years old and is a great example of a veteran tree. It is a great example of a veteran tree. It is a great example of a veteran tree. It is a great example of a veteran tree. It is a great example of a veteran tree.