

PATHWAYS

The main access paths lead into the woods from each quarter. Numerous informal paths criss-cross the woods offering various routes for exploration. The most well used paths follow the perimeter of the wood giving views of the interior and elevated views over the surrounding landscape.

The length of the perimeter path is approximately 1.2km

A number of published walks, including 'Leeds Country Way' and 'Hikes Around Horsforth', describe the pathways through Hunger Hills Woods.

LOCATION

The wood, which overlooks Horsforth is situated on a hill at the west end of the township and covers an area of 6.34 hectares, at an elevation of 180 metres.

Approximately 5 miles Northwest of Leeds City centre, Horsforth has an approximate population of 20,000 people.

OWNERSHIP

Hunger Hills Woods are owned by Leeds City Council Learning and Leisure who manage the woods for quiet recreation and nature conservation in partnership with The Friends of Hunger Hills Woods.

CONSTITUTION

The Friends of Hunger Hills Woods were formed in 2006 with the objective of preserving the natural ambience of the woodland; liaising with Leeds City Council, to ensure proper forestry management; and occasionally seeking assistance from, and co-operating with, any other agency, as the committee decides.

In addition, the Friends also aim to improve pedestrian access, by draining, consolidating and maintaining footpaths to, and throughout, the woodland; as well as protecting Hunger Hills Woods from misuse and vandalism.

MEMBERSHIP

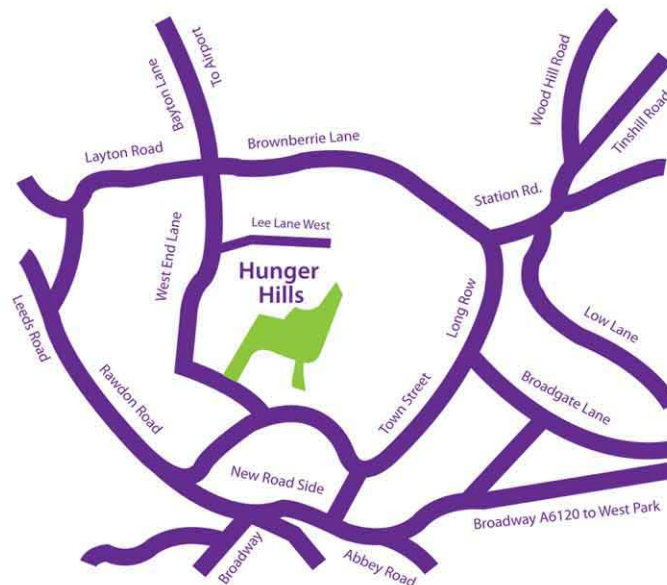
Membership of the Friends of Hunger Hills is open to anyone with an interest in the woods.

Membership is by subscription and the fee is decided, from time to time, by the Friends committee.

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LOCATION MAP



A GUIDE TO HUNGER HILLS WOODS



A BRIEF HISTORY OF HUNGER HILLS

The name Hunger Hills has nothing to do with malnutrition - it derives from the Old English/Norse word 'Hangra' as meaning a wooded hillside.

By the 18th century the native woodland had been diminished by agriculture and devastated by mining.

The Northern fringe of the Yorkshire coal-field is close to the surface here in Horsforth, and many 'bell pits' were dug to exploit it for local use.

The present woodland was replanted by Walter Spencer Stanhope of Horsforth Hall, who in 1785 paid £4 for 3000 saplings to create a 'riding' - a scenic woodland bridleway.

In 1947 the Stanhope family donated the woodland to the people of Horsforth; the deed of gift protecting the woods from future development.

Locally, Hunger Hills has long been known as 'The Bluebell Woods'

In 2001 Hunger Hills became 'common land'.

HUNGER HILLS WILDLIFE

Hunger Hills is home to a wide variety of bird and animal species, Tree Creepers, Magpies, Jays, Owls, Bluetits, Blackbirds, Swallows and Swifts; Woodpigeons, Grey Squirrels, Foxes and Bats.

The mature Oaks, Beech and Lime trees of the woods provide good habitat for hole nesting birds such as the Great Spotted Woodpecker and Nuthatch, whilst woodland edges are host to smaller birds such as Long Tailed Tits, Great Tits and Blue Tits.

Sparrowhawks are also attracted to the woodland edges.



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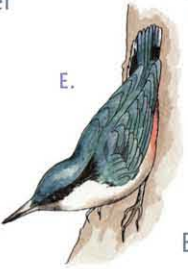
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KEY TO ILLUSTRATIONS

- A. Tree Creeper
- B. Jay
- C. Pipistrelle Bat
- D. Woodpecker
- E. Nuthatch
- F. Long Tailed Tit
- G. Sparrowhawk
- H. Oak
- I. Rowan
- J. Bluebells
- K. Ox Eye Daisy
- L. Yellow Rattle

HUNGER HILLS FLORA

Established trees in our beautiful wood include: Oak, Beech, Lime, Cherry, Sycamore, Silver Birch, Rowan, Holly, Ivy and Ash.

In springtime Wild Honeysuckle is abundant and Bluebells carpet the woodland floor and pathways.

Recently, the Friends of Hunger Hills Woods helped establish a new wildflower meadow. The seed mix included

Oxe-Eye Daisy, Yellow Rattle, Self Heal and Lesser Knapweed,

to the benefit of many woodland birds, bats and a variety of insects, including

Honey Bees, Bumble Bees and Moths.



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