

About Cinderhill Community Woodland

Welcome to Cinderhill, a 12-hectare nature reserve managed for both people and wildlife, in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

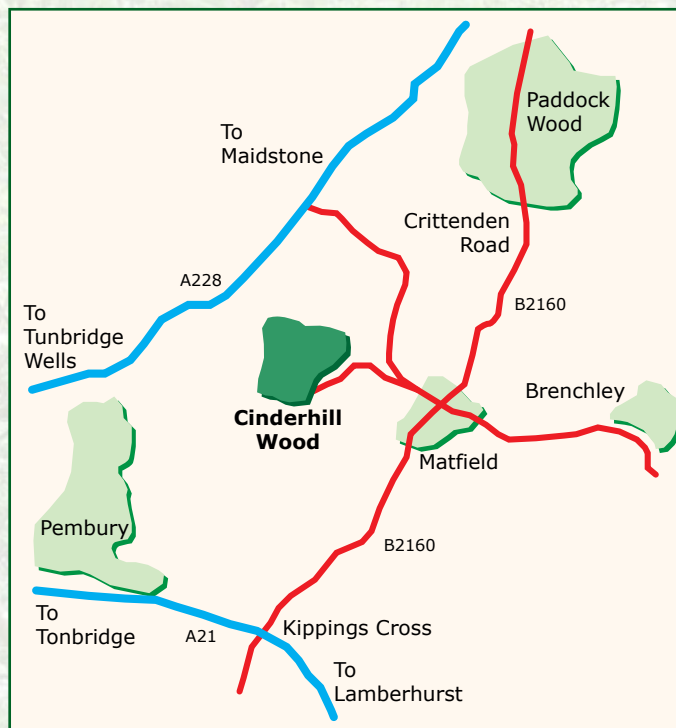
Footpaths and permissive bridleways provide well-managed routes on which to explore Cinderhill throughout the year, discovering the native wildflowers and animals of the heathland and ancient woodlands on your way.



During the summer months, you will see sheep grazing on the heathland. Please help to maintain this traditional way of managing the land by leaving gates as you find them, and keeping dogs under close control at all times.



How to find Cinderhill Community Woodland



Cinderhill Woods is managed by the Kent High Weald Partnership on behalf of Brenchley Parish Council. Cinderhill borders on Brenchley Woods; a Kent Wildlife Trust owned and managed nature reserve.

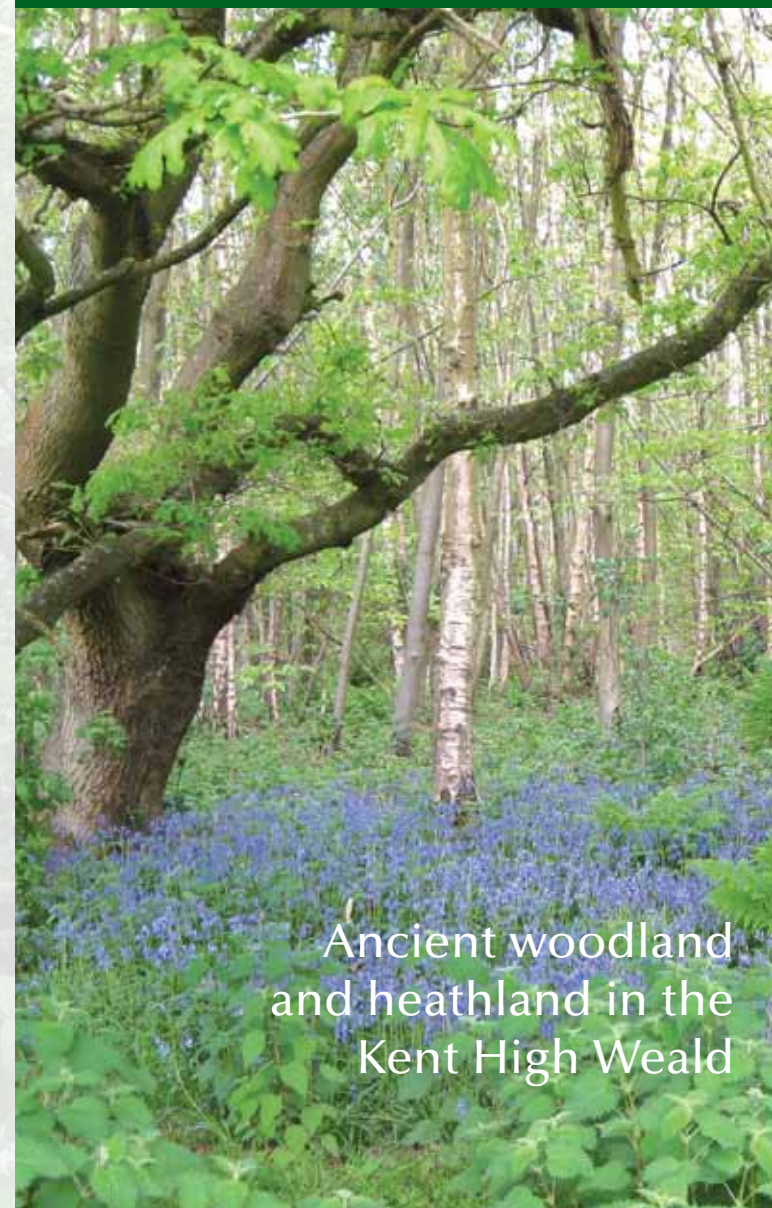
Directions to Cinderhill

From Matfield, turn off the B2160 Maidstone Road at Chestnut Lane. At the five-way junction, turn down a track marked 'Nature Conservation Area'. Bear left at the fork in this track, past a caravan site on your left, and continue for approximately 200m to a small carpark.

Bus services stop along the B2160, just 10 minutes walk from Cinderhill. Check www.traveline.org.uk for up-to-date times.



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Ancient woodland
and heathland in the
Kent High Weald

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Lowland Heathland

Heathland is a rare and threatened habitat, with the UK supporting 20% of all the heathland left in the world. Heaths were traditionally managed for grazing and fuel.

Grazing supports different aged stands of heather, and creates bare patches of ground on which reptiles warm themselves. During August, the heathland is alive with colour and sound, as insects gather nectar and pollen from the flowering heather.



Hebridean Sheep

Streamside or 'Gill' Woodland

The gill running through Cinderhill creates damp, insect friendly areas, covered in mosses and ferns.

The woodland here is coppiced. In the spring you will see magnificent displays of yellow archangel, orchids and wild garlic.

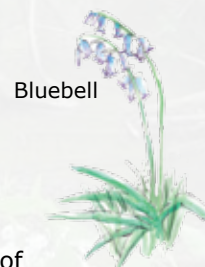


Early Purple Orchid

Sweet Chestnut Coppice Woodland

Coppicing provides an ongoing source of wood and timber, and prolongs the life of trees.

Chestnut harvested from Cinderhill is used to make fencing, although it may originally have been cut for hop poles.



Bluebell

Grassland / Scrub Mosaic

Tethered grazing and scrub control is used to manage this patchwork of wildlife-friendly habitat. Open areas contain traditional pasture grasses such as Yorkshire fog and sweet vernal-grass. In spring you will hear turtle doves calling here.

Ancient Oak / Birch Woodland

This area of ancient woodland supports many species of bird, including song thrush and bullfinch. English oak, silver and downy birch, dominate the tree cover here.

In spring you will see woodbanks, a traditional boundary marker, lined with wood sorrel, grasses and ferns.



Stonechat - a heathland bird



Football Pitch

Car Park

Cinderhill Caravan Site

- Nature Reserve Boundary
- Tudeley Brook
- Footpath
- Horseriding by permission of KWT
- Walking and Horseriding
- Walking and Summer Horseriding
- ★ Outdoor Classroom