

Butterflies such as silver-washed fritillary and brimstone thrive here along the rides and footpaths. Increased light levels also benefit spring wild flowers including bluebell, wood anemone and marsh violet.



silver-washed fritillary

Flatropers Wood is Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland, meaning this area has been wooded for over 400 years. This wood is also part of a much larger wooded area and an important link for wildlife to the wider countryside.

Walking on the nature reserve

Flatropers Wood is mainly gentle terrain, with unsurfaced footpaths and several wooden bridges.

Sussex Wildlife Trust has been working with pupils from Peasmarsh Church of England Primary School. Here are some of the children's impressions of Flatropers Wood:

'I think this wood is very interesting and a great place to explore'. Tom aged 9

'There are huge trees some have fallen down, they are covered in moss, and there are lots of plants'. Miles aged 9

'It has lots of trees and birds; the trees are tall with long branches. I feel happy, I enjoy it here it is fun, you could stay here all day'. Jessica aged 10

Thank you to the staff and pupils at Peasmarsh Church of England Primary School for their involvement with Flatropers Wood.



bluebell

How to find us

The reserve is one mile west of Peasmarsh & access is from Bixley Lane, a small unsurfaced lane which joins the A286. There are a couple of lay-bys in which to park in the lane. For public transport please visit www.traveline.org.uk or ring Traveline on 0871 200 2233.



Sussex Wildlife Trust is the county's leading wildlife charity. Our aim is to help people enjoy, understand and take action to conserve the wildlife and landscape of Sussex.

Take action by volunteering

Sussex Wildlife Trust needs volunteers. Everyone welcome – no experience necessary. Please contact the Volunteer Administrator 01273 497562.

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Flatropers Wood

Nature Reserve

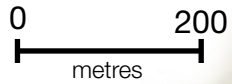


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Flatropers Wood Nature Reserve



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Private



wild boar

Sometimes wild boar hoof prints are found at the muddy edges of streams. The animals have escaped from nearby farms and live wild in parts of East Sussex. Wild boar are secretive and rarely seen in the day.



wild boar
hoof prints



green tiger beetle

Green tiger beetle hunts insects in the sand and heather. Their larvae lead a quiet life hiding in bore-holes in the sand, with just their huge mandibles protruding. Any passing ants are dragged into the holes and devoured.



siskin

Small birds such as long-tailed tit, goldcrest and siskin, work as a mixed flock in the winter, calling and trilling to each other as they search for seeds and hibernating insects.

Bixley Lane

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wood anemone

Many woodland plants flower in spring before the leaf canopy casts deep shade. In April and May the woodland floor is a carpet of bluebells and wood anemones.

Large nests of pine needles are made by wood ants, and columns of these insects travel along the forest floor and up tree trunks. Ants bite ferociously and can spray acid on intruders such as badgers.



wood ant nest