



### The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Wood

From the M1, J22, take the A511 past Coalville and take the first turning at the roundabout for the A447 (south). After approx 2.5 miles you will approach Ibstock.

Take a right turn towards Normanton le Heath into Pisca Lane. Follow the lane towards Normanton le Heath and after about 1.5 miles the Woodland Trust car park is on the right.

If coming from the west/north on the A42, take the A511 towards Coalville. Just before Coalville take the A447 (south) and continue as above.

The nearest refreshments are available at Cattow's Farm and shop 200m from the car park on the opposite site of the road. An alternative option for a longer walk would be to park up at Sence Valley Forest Park on the A447, where there are toilet facilities, and utilise public rights of way to access the new site.

For advice on public transport, contact the national helpline on 0871 200 2233.



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**Dedications at The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Wood**



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Normanton le Heath, north-west Leicestershire

This 186 hectare (460 acre) Diamond Wood is the flagship symbol of the 2012 Jubilee Woods project which planted over 6 million trees in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. Located in north-west Leicestershire near the village of Normanton le Heath - it is the largest continuous block of new woodland under single ownership in The National Forest.

The landscape is gently undulating with miles of old hedgerows and seven hectares (17 acres) of species-rich ancient woodland, which new planting will buffer and extend. A shimmering lake, created on the site of a disused opencast mine, is located in the north east of the site near to the Woodland Trust supporter's grove. The planting of 300,000 new native trees including oak, field maple, silver birch, beech and hornbeam, began in November 2012, and was completed in February 2015. As it grows, the wood will attract wildlife such as yellowhammers and marsh tits from neighbouring areas, while the site's open land will attract skylarks and starlings, dunnocks and bullfinches; and will provide great hunting grounds for barn owls. Other habitat improvements will include meadows and areas of wildflowers throughout the site.

There's archaeological interest, from remnants of an Iron Age settlement to a section of the Via Devana, the Roman road between the military stations at Colchester and Chester, often known by its Saxon name of Gartree Road or Street. The plan for the site links the excellent network of paths and tracks to the surrounding rights of way to make the site even more accessible to visitors and link in with other destinations within the National Forest. And over time we hope to install a variety of artistic features and other information and interpretation that will highlight the Diamond Jubilee.

Within this wonderful site you will find the grove of trees planted with the donations received to our plant a tree project. The Woodland Trust members and supporters grove was planted in Autumn 2013 and can be identified by a post that marks its location.

**In order to keep our woods as natural as possible, individual trees are not marked in any way.**

