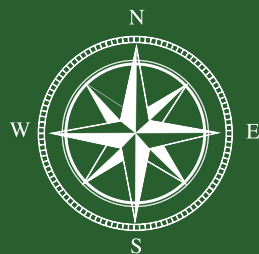


Paddock Wood

Walk No.7



From Paddock Wood Town Centre
into the local Nature Reserve -
Foal Hurst Wood



Walk No.7 - Foal Hurst Wood - Nature Reserve in Paddock Wood (40 acres)

Foal Hurst Wood within the parish of Paddock Wood comprises 29 acres of woodland and a further 11 acres of meadowland around the southern border. Within the wood there is a network of rides and footpaths that take the walker deep into the heart of this beautiful wood.

In the spring there are naturalised wild primroses, early purple orchids and carpets of bluebells. Summer brings out the dog roses and honeysuckle, Autumn provides a colourful display of mushrooms and toadstools; whilst winter reveals the stark beauty of the trees. Birds thrive in the quiet of the wood and resident dormice are busy nesting. Foal Hurst Wood provides an ideal habitat for all local wildlife.

1. Starting point at the car park entrance 150m after Mascalls Farm on Badsell Road, adjacent to the Badsell Road Allotments. You can walk to the entrance from the Town Centre (via Ringden Avenue) in about 15 minutes, or take any bus going to Five Oak Green.
2. Pass through the kissing gate and along the pathway directly in front of the Foal Hurst Wood car park.



3. After 100m, turn right into the woodland and follow the rides around the wood. The rides form a circular route, beginning and ending with the kissing gate back into the car park.



Early Purple Orchid

Please note due to the delicate balance of wildlife- NO DOGS (except Guide Dogs) ARE PERMITTED in the wood

