

WILDLIFE

Despite being close to Burnley, the woods are rich in wildlife: Roe deer may be glimpsed by the sharp eyed all year round and great spotted woodpeckers heard drumming in spring. In early May carpets of bluebells and white wild garlic fill the woods with their aroma. The speckled wood butterfly has been seen in the woodland glades in summer. Since Forest of Burnley management began in 1997 dipper and kingfisher can be seen near the Green Brook and Leeds & Liverpool Canal to Lowerhouse Lodges and Padiham greenway area. Sparrow-hawk hunt the woods for the plentiful song birds that live in the trees and shrubs. At twilight several species of bat hunt through the woods and along the brook for insects. In autumn the leaves of the oak and beech trees turn to stunning gold and various colourful fungi help to break down rotting wood.



Roe Deer

Follow the Country Code

- Keep dogs on leads
- Please keep to the path and away from the old gravestones which could be hazardous.
- Fasten all gates
- Protect plants, wildlife and livestock
- Take your litter home
- Guard against fire
- Plan ahead, follow signs and keep to paths
- Be safe – go with a friend

Thank you

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If you have any problems or see motor bikes, vandalism etc. please phone the Park Rangers on : 01282 831053.



Speckled Wood Butterfly



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CEMETERY WOOD History and Wildlife Trail

This short 2 kilometre (1 mile) circular woodland walk has been created using Forestry Commission funds and help from Community Payback, volunteers and Cemetery staff. It is for people to enjoy quiet countryside recreation in this historic setting on the western fringe of Burnley.

A new path and steps will take you from Accrington Road layby through the wood over Green Brook and around the outskirts of the crematorium grounds and the historic cemetery.

Another path will take you back down into the wood and over a new replacement footbridge before returning up through the wood back to the layby.

The route is rich in both history and wildlife. It provides opportunity for quiet contemplation in a tranquil setting.

Please respect the cemetery and wildlife by minimising any noise and keeping your dog on a lead at all times. Please keep to the path and away from the old gravestones which could be hazardous.

Stout footwear is essential for the walk.

Thank you.

Keith Wilson
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HISTORY

Cemetery Wood, also known as Green Brook and Spa woods, is at least 200 years old. The carpets of bluebells and wild garlic in the spring indicate that it might be even older.

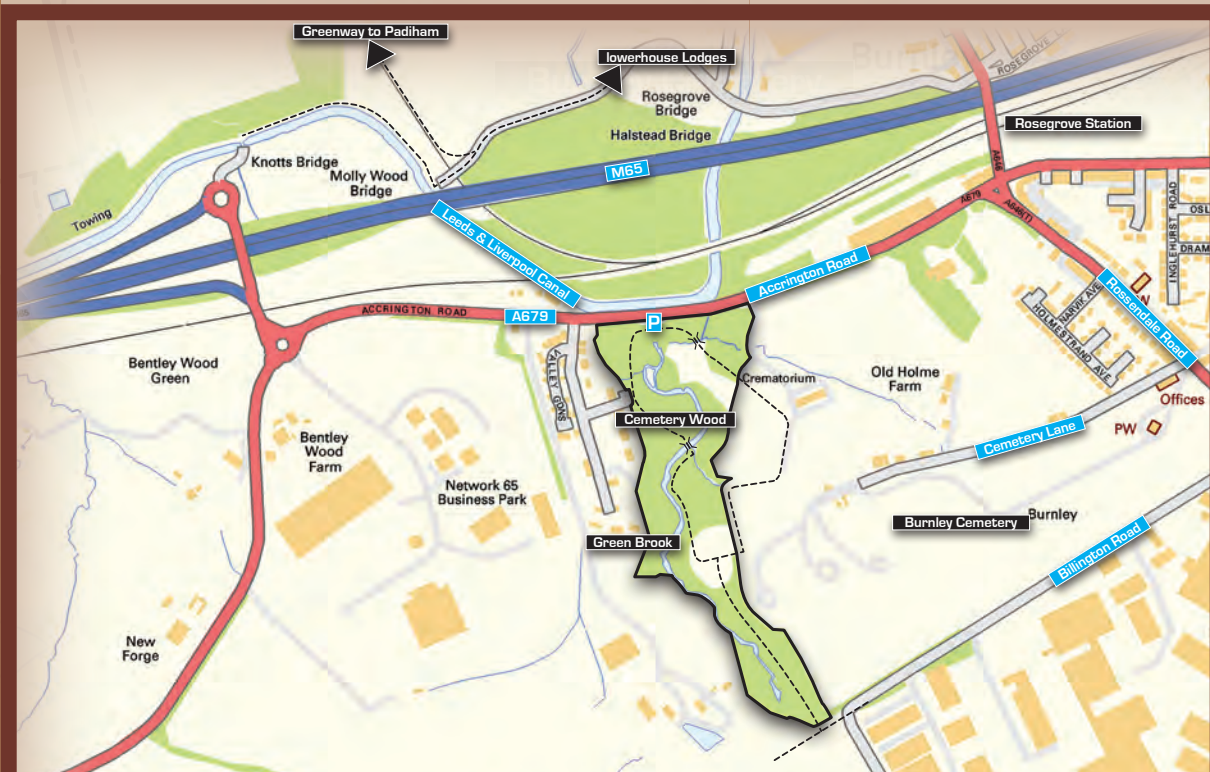
The crematorium and grounds were laid out in the 1950s but the ornate graves in the older parts of the cemetery date back to the Victorian era (1856) when Burnley was a burgeoning cotton weaving town, importing raw cotton, tea and sugar on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and returning finished goods and coal.

There was a working colliery in the Hapton Valley until the late 1970s. Tragically, 19 miners lost their lives in a disaster there in March 1962. Mine water from the restored

workings and spoil heap still flow into Green Brook and "rotten egg" hydrogen sulphide aroma hangs in the air near the path up to Billington Road Industrial Estate.

Fortunately, however, the water quality has improved over the years and brown trout thrive in Green Brook lower down towards Padiham.

In 1997 the wood was dedicated as part of the Forest of Burnley project and woodland management including tree thinning and path improvements undertaken to continue that begun by the Parks Department. This was supported by Millennium (Lottery) and Forestry Commission funds.



Wild Garlic

