



Forestry England

Explore...

# Dodd Wood

Dodd Wood is a fantastic place to get some amazing views of the northern Lake District.

The network of walking trails here will guide you deep into the woodland and onto walking trails leading to the Skiddaw massif.

For spectacular views over Bassenthwaite and beyond the Dodd summit trail is hard to beat!

## Nature spotting

When on the trails at Dodd Wood don't forget to look out for our local inhabitants, the red squirrel and the Bassenthwaite ospreys can both be seen at different times of the year.



### Bassenthwaite ospreys

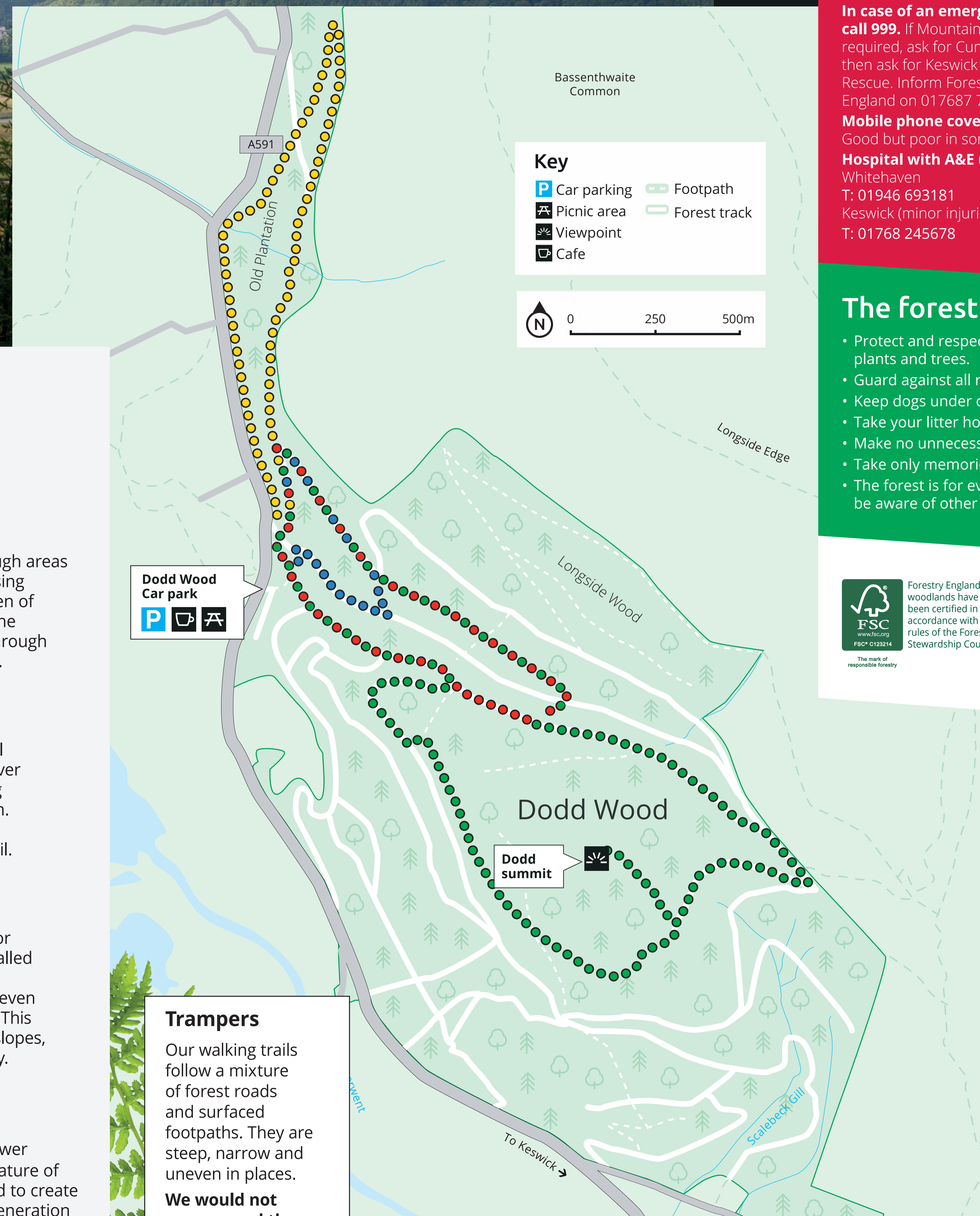
The area around the forest is the summer home of the Bassenthwaite ospreys. In 2001 a pair were nested and were the first to breed in the Lake District for over 150 years.

### Red squirrels

Once very common, the species' range has declined and now only a few colonies remain. Good numbers can be found at Dodd Wood, and Forestry England is one of a number of organisations working to conserve this special species.



Spectacular views await from the summit of Dodd



## Walking trails

All trails start from the car park

### Sandbed Gill trail ●●●●

3.25km (2 miles)

This trail gently traverses northwards through areas of conifer and broadleaved woodland crossing Sandbed Gill. There are fine views to be seen of the northern end of Bassenthwaite Lake. The trail returns to the car park and tearoom through areas of semi-natural and mixed woodland.

### Skill Beck trail ●●●●

2.5km (1.5 miles)

Skill Beck provides water to the Old Sawmill Tearoom and Mirehouse. The trail climbs over 300 metres crossing the beck and following its course back to the car park and tearoom. Excellent views of Bassenthwaite Lake and surrounding fells can be seen along this trail.

### Dodd Summit trail ●●●●

6.5km (4 miles)

The 502m summit of Dodd (a Wainwright for those looking to tick off a peak) gives unrivalled panoramas encompassing Derwent Water, Bassenthwaite Lake, the Solway Coast and even the Scottish hills of Dumfries and Galloway. This steep circular trail passes through wooded slopes, dramatic open hills and spectacular scenery.

### Douglas Fir trail ●●●●

1.5km (1 mile)

The magnificent Douglas Fir trees on the lower slopes of Dodd Wood are the prominent feature of this trail. These trees are selectively thinned to create gaps on the forest floor so that natural regeneration of Douglas Firs takes place. This is called continuous cover, which means there is no clear felling required.

### Trampers

Our walking trails follow a mixture of forest roads and surfaced footpaths. They are steep, narrow and uneven in places.

**We would not recommend these trails for trampers or off road scooters.**

## Emergency info

Name of key location:

Dodd Wood

Grid ref: NY 240 275

Nearest access road: A591

In case of an emergency call 999. If Mountain Rescue required, ask for Cumbria Police then ask for Keswick Mountain Rescue. Inform Forestry England on 017687 78469

Mobile phone coverage:

Good but poor in some areas

Hospital with A&E unit:

Whitehaven

T: 01946 693181

Keswick (minor injuries only)

T: 01768 245678

## The forest code

- Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Guard against all risks of fire.
- Keep dogs under control.
- Take your litter home.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Take only memories away.
- The forest is for everyone. Please be aware of other visitors.



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