

In the Woodland Glades



Spaces where the sun can reach the ground are perfect for many wild plants and the insects that feed on them.

Silver washed fritillary

These woodland glades are home to many butterflies.

- The Silver washed fritillary is one of the largest butterflies in the woods.
- It takes nectar from a range of woodland plants.
- Its name comes from the silver streaks under the wings.
- It can be seen from June to the end of August.



Oil beetle

You may be able to find an oil beetle plodding slowly along.

- When the light catches them their black bodies look metallic purple and green.
- Their beetle larvae hitch a ride on solitary bees and feed on the bees eggs in its underground nest.
- The best time to say them is March–June.



Wildlife Explorers - How have you done?

Did you find them all?
Did you find any other birds or plants?



Where to go

- Some of Dartmoor's easier to get to wooded valleys are
- Fingle Woods, along the River Teign. Parking available at Fingle Bridge, near Drewsteington.
 - Bovey Valley Woods, along the River Bovey. Parking available at Pullabrook woods, near Bovey Tracey.
 - Dart Valley Woods, along the River Dart. Parking available at Newbridge, near Ashburton.

For the more adventurous get the OS Outdoor Leisure map OL28 for Dartmoor, which shows Dartmoor's woodlands, all the public rights of way and alternative places to park.

Remember the Countryside Code

- Don't disturb any of the wildlife you are watching.
- Always follow the public rights of way and check your map to make sure you have access, some woodlands are private.



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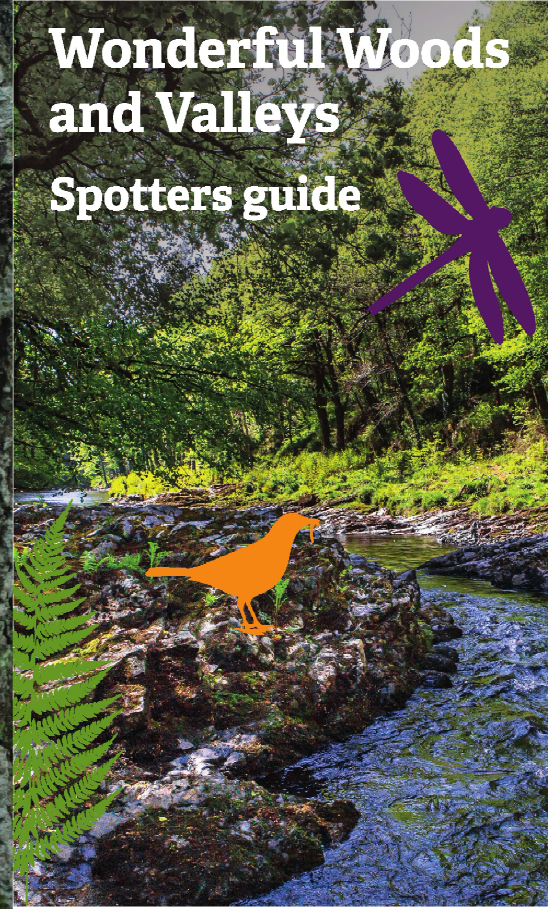
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