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Nabs Wood



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(Silkstone Common, South Yorkshire)

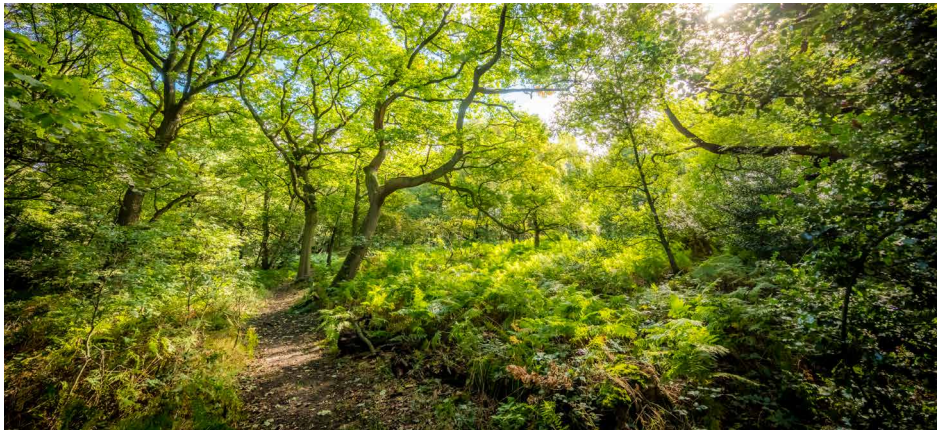
## A broadleaved woodland with bluebells, wild garlic and a significant mining heritage

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Nabs Wood is a 12-acre woodland with mainly oak, sycamore, ash and beech trees, the largest of which are between 50-100 years old. Also look out for birch, rowan, English elm, field maple and Scots pine, as well as holly and hazel in the understory. Although the wood is not ancient, it is still home to specialist woodland plants including bluebells, ransoms and dog's mercury. The delicate white flowers of wood anemone and wood-sorrel might also be spotted in spring.

The wood has strong historical links with the local mining industry and was once worked for coal. It was the scene of the Huskar Pit disaster in 1838 in which 26 children drowned after the mineshaft they were working in was flooded by a rainstorm. The children were aged between just seven and 17 years old. In a time when mining accidents were common, this disaster was so tragic it even made the London broadsheets. Queen Victoria herself was shocked, and the Government began an enquiry into the state of working conditions in Britain's factories and mines. As a result, an act of parliament - the 1842 Factory Act - banned the use of children in the mines. A memorial to the incident is situated near to the entrance of the wood, off Moor End Lane. Two



## Location



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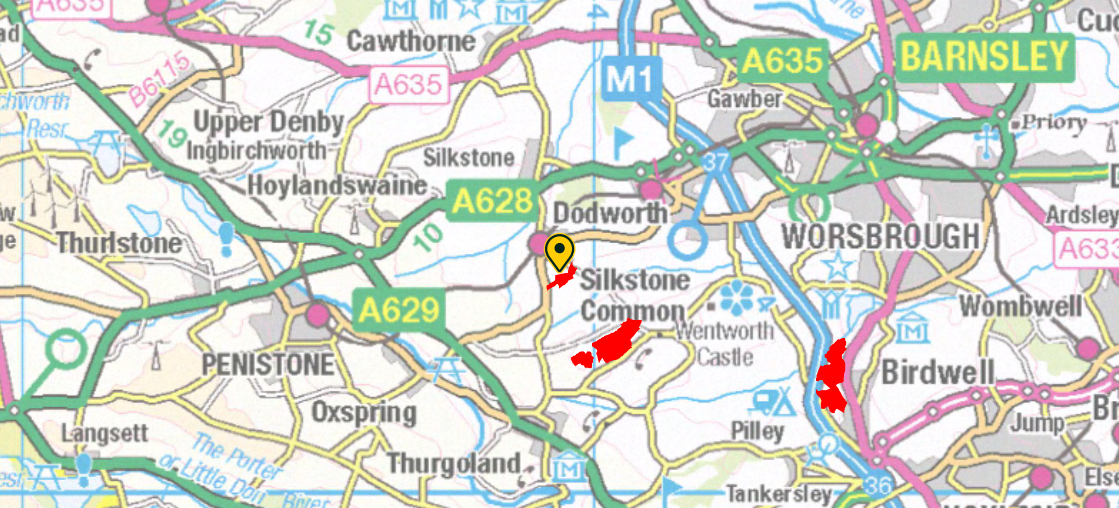
Wander the circular path through the wood to take in the valley that runs its length. You'll encounter the stream and several bridges along the way, as well as flights of steps. While most of the wood is surrounded by farmland, it also links to other woodland at its northwest end.

For those who want to extend their visit, Nabs Wood is within walking distance of Silkstone Common village and of the Dove Valley Trail, a long-distance walking route through South Yorkshire which follows a disused railway.

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

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## Nabs Wood

**Address:** Silkstone Common, South Yorkshire

**Grid reference:** SE294037



### By road

Nabs Wood is located approximately 4 miles to the west of Barnsley on the southern edge of the village of Silkstone Common. Access from the M1 is from junction 37, following the A626 towards Penistone. Continue along the A626 for about 3 miles to the hamlet of Noblethorpe. Turn left on a minor road sign-posted Silkstone Common. After a mile the road meets the B6449 at a crossroads in the centre of the village. Go straight over and follow this minor road, Moor End Lane, for 0.5 miles. After passing under and an old railway bridge, there is a lay-by on the right-hand side of the road and the entrance to the wood is just beyond this.

For advice on travel by public transport, visit [traveline.info](http://traveline.info) or phone them on 0871 200 2233.



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