

Heartwood Forest

Events Programme 2018



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What's on?

Explore Heartwood with us in 2018. Come along to one of our events and get involved!

Heartwood Community Tree Planting

Sunday 11 March 10am-3pm

Your last chance to plant a tree with us and make your mark on this extraordinary landscape! There's no need to book; grab a spade and bring your friends and family. We'll provide trees and show you how to plant them, just make sure you wrap up warm and wear wellies or boots.

Park in our main car park and we will be running shuttle buses to and from the planting site.

There will be a catering tent for you to buy refreshments if you wish.

Free! Booking not necessary.

Wildlife Walk - Landscape History Walk

Sunday 18 March 11am-12.30pm

Join us for a guided walk of around 1.5 miles, taking in the "top 10" events in geological and human history which have shaped the landscape you see at Heartwood. Meet in the main car park.

Advance booking essential as places are strictly limited. To book please visit

woodlandtrust.org.uk/events

Cost £5 per person.



Judith Parry /WTML

Final Tree Ceremony

Sunday 25 March 12.30-3pm

Final tree planting ceremony 1pm

Join us to celebrate the culmination of 10 years of hard work and happiness at this amazing new woodland. Witness the final tree being planted, visit our exhibition, and more.

Free! Booking not necessary.

Follow the self-guided waymarked trail from the car park to the site of the final tree (approx. 15min walk).



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Wildlife Walk – Understanding carbon capture by new woodland

Saturday 28 April 11.30am-1pm

Supporting the 'St Albans Sustainability Week' we present a guided walk of about 2 miles around Heartwood Forest, learning about the Carbon Capture benefits of planting woodlands. We will contrast the 'carbon footprint' of new woodland with the prior agricultural use, and highlight the significance of consumer food choices on how much land is taken by agriculture. Meet in the main car park.

Advance booking essential as places are strictly limited. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

Cost £5 per person



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Wildlife Walk - Bat Walk

Friday 4 May 8-9.30pm

Batty about trees? Join us for a twilight ramble and learn more about the fascinating ecology of the bat species that roost in the trees at Heartwood. During the walk, you'll also get a chance to test drive some specialised equipment, designed to detect the sounds bats use to see in the dark.

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Cost £5 per person

Wildlife Walk - Dawn Chorus

Sunday 13 May 6-9am

Be an early bird and meet our experts for a dawn walk. Polish your birdwatching skills and catch up with our feathered friends as they prepare for breeding season.

Advance booking essential as places are strictly limited. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

Cost £5 per person

Wildlife Walk - Arboretum Walk

Saturday 19 May 2-4pm

Join us for an introduction to England's newest and largest arboretum of native trees and shrubs. You'll see 60 different species and learn the fascinating history of how they have been used over the centuries. They are still small saplings, but you will be able to watch them grow in coming years.

Park in the Nomansland Common Car Park, Ferrers Lane, between the villages of Sandridge and Wheathampstead; meet your leader there at 2pm to start the walk.

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Cost £5 per person



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Wildlife Walk – Morning Birds and Birdsong

Sunday 20 May 9-11am

Enjoy a wonderful guided walk with our expert birder around Heartwood, listening out for the beautiful spring bird song...and maybe learn one or two new calls as you go!

Advance booking essential as places are strictly limited. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

Cost £5 per person



Blackbird

Nature Photographers Ltd/WTML

Wildlife Walk - Discovering Heartwood Walk

Saturday 26 May 10.30am-12.30pm

Let us introduce you to the magical place that is Heartwood Forest, and learn a little more about the work of the Woodland Trust. This walk will take in many of the key features of the site, including ancient woods, newly planted woodland, wild flower meadows and grasslands.

Advance booking essential as places are strictly limited. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

Cost £5 per person



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‘Heartwoof’ Dog Day

Sunday 3 June 11am-4pm

Enjoy a fun day out with your furry friends and sample some canine-themed stalls and activities for you and your pooch. Chat to the team from The Woodland Trust for advice about dog-walking in our woods.

Admission free, booking not necessary.

Wildlife Walk - Heartwood through the lens

Tuesday 19 June 10.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday 26 June 10.30am-12.30pm

Explore Heartwood through a lens; join this walk around the forest and take the opportunity to photograph the wild flower meadows and developing woodland under the guidance of two experienced Heartwood photographers.

Advance booking essential as places are strictly limited. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

Cost £5 per person

If raining on the 19 June, the walk will be cancelled and the alternative of 20 June will be offered.

If raining on the 26 June, the walk will be cancelled and the alternative of 27 June will be offered.

Butterfly Walk

Saturday 30 June 11am-1pm

Take a summer walk through the woodland and learn how to spot some of our native species of butterfly that live here.

Advance booking essential as places are strictly limited. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

Cost £5 per person



David Mason /WTML

Heartwood Summer Festival

Saturday 7 July 11am-4pm

Come along to our annual summer festival and join in the fun with activities, crafts and stalls for all ages.

Tickets £2 per adult. £1 per child. Under 3s free.

Advance booking essential. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

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Nature Detectives LIVE at Heartwood

22 and 23 August

Timed tickets: 10-11am, 11am-12pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm

Calling all budding Nature Detectives! Join us for an adventure at our first ever Nature Detectives LIVE event. Explore, imagine, play and discover with hands-on activities, puzzle-solving games and lots more fun to be had!

Advance booking essential. To book please visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/events

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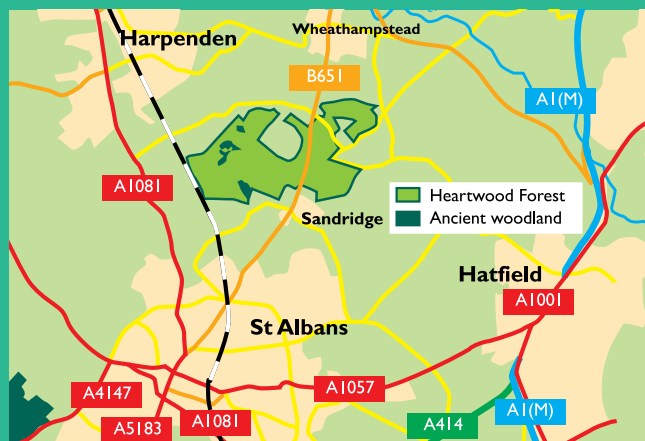
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Getting there

Heartwood Forest lies on either side of the B651, between Harpenden, Wheathampstead and Sandridge; 4.8km (three miles) north of St Albans and only 32km (20 miles) from central London.

By car

From St Albans, head north-east on the B651 and after 4km you will see a brown tourist sign pointing into the car park. The nearest postcode is AL4 9DQ. Free parking for 50 cars, plus 5 blue badge spaces. Car park opens at 8am, closing times are subject to change.

By bus

There are two bus services which stop at Sandridge, one from Hitchin to Potters Bar (via St Albans) and one from Hemel Hempstead to Hatfield via Harpenden.

By train

There is a good train service to St Albans station, 4km (2.5 miles) away. For information on public transport visit: traveline.info or call 0871 2002233

On foot

There are good walking routes from each major village and town around Heartwood Forest. For information on public footpaths please visit the Hertfordshire County Council website.

By bicycle

There are several good cycle approaches to Heartwood Forest from each major village and town.

Stand up for woods and trees. Join us!

Visit woodlandtrust.org.uk to find out more about the work of the Woodland Trust and how you can help us protect trees and woodland.

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heartwood.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Information on access can be found at
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We consider all requests.

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