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# Charley Woods

27 ha of woodland and field bought by Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust in 1995 with National Forest grant aid. The site is now open to the public and managed as a nature reserve.

## Facilities



in layby on B587  
by Upper  
Greenhill Farm

## Nearby sites to visit

- Charnwood Lodge (limited access)
- Leaflet available from LRWT.

## What to look for

The two woodlands are very different. Cat Hill Wood is documented as far back as 1260 but part of the wood has been cultivated as a farmland. Burrow Wood dates back to the mid 1500s and has been managed as a plantation for the last 150 years.

The field between the woods is being managed for natural regeneration. The field edges were harrowed to break the surface. Oak saplings have seeded and have been protected from rabbit grazing by tree shelters.

The BTCV has been involved in site management, including timber extraction by shire horse and the reinstatement of dry stone walls around the site.

