

# Coombes Valley

## Finding your way around

Coombes Valley is an amazing place to relax, explore and discover wildlife in a magical woodland setting.

### Valley viewpoint

It's only a five minute stroll to the Valley viewpoint.

Stop here to gaze at the spectacular view of our beautiful woodland valley. Why not have a picnic and watch for circling buzzards. In spring and summer, this trail is the ideal place to see a wide range of butterflies and wild flowers.

### Young woodland loop

This half mile trail is great for little legs. It only takes about half an hour if you don't stop to build dens and play games in the wood.

This trail leads you through a beautiful wild flower meadow and into the young woodland plantation. It is an ideal route to play and explore the woodland habitat. You could build a secret den or have a go at our Children's trail (from Summer 2014).

In summer, marvel at the stunning array of wild flowers in the meadow and look out for colourful butterflies.

### Valley woodland trail

This trail takes an hour to complete, but with a picnic in the meadow or by the pond, you could easily take up half the day. There is a shortcut back through Clough Meadow.

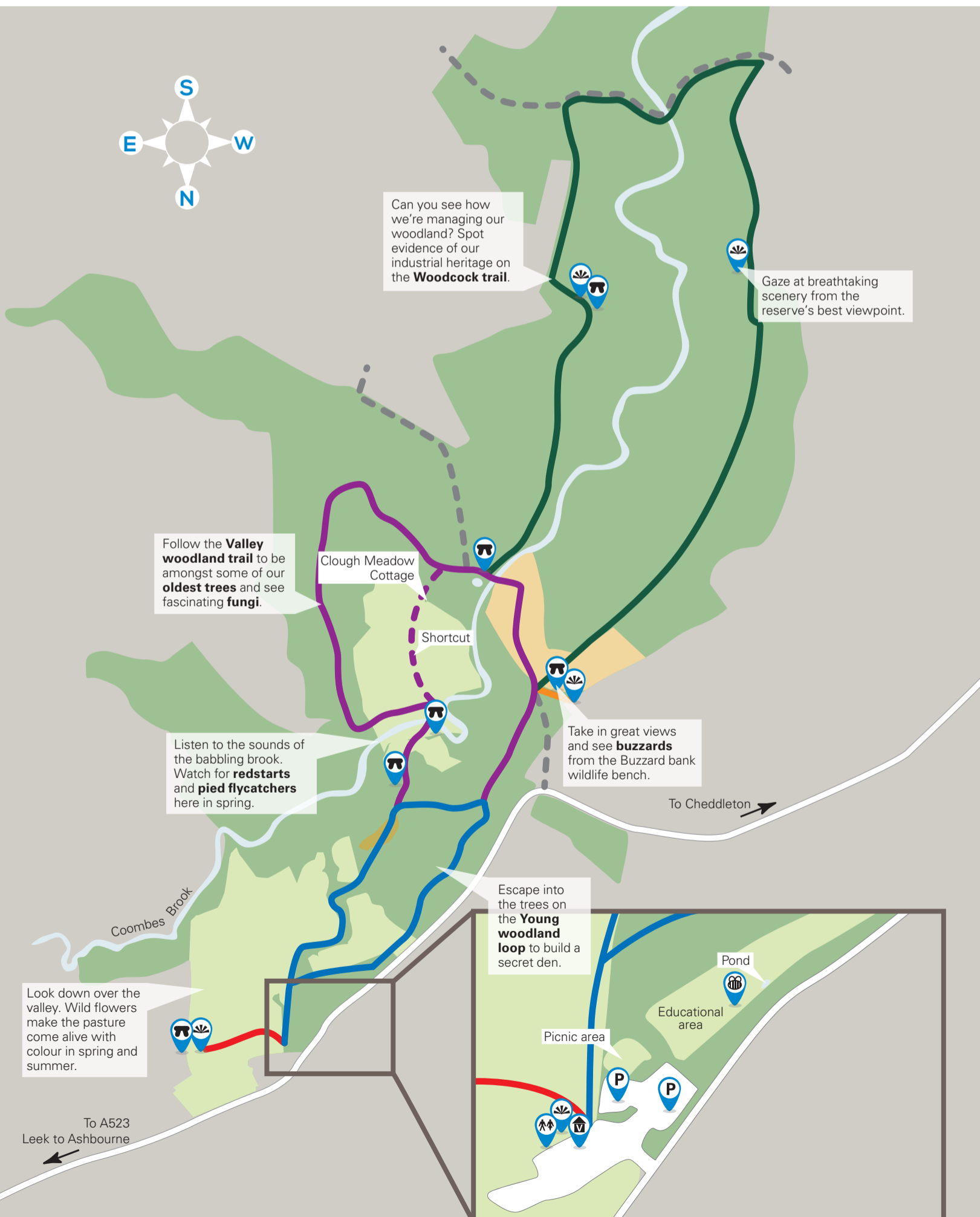
Enjoy beautiful habitats including meadows, woodland and Coombes Brook. This trail leads you through areas of semi-ancient woodland and is the perfect route to spot fungi. Stop in Clough Meadow to watch our spring visiting birds, such as redstarts, as they build their nests. Look out for grey wagtails as you cross the bridge at the bottom of the valley.

### Woodcock trail

This circular trail is just over a mile and leads you past two spectacular viewpoints. Allow at least an extra two hours to complete this extension of the Valley woodland trail.

By spending time enjoying the Valley woodland and the Woodcock trail and discovering wildlife you could easily make a full day out.

Venture further into the heart of the reserve, through wilder areas and different types of woodland. You'll walk along some of our managed tracks. Perhaps you'll spot a tree pipit or rare argent and sable moth in the summer.



### Key

- Water
- Woodland
- Bramble and low scrub
- Restoration to meadow
- Cattle grazed pasture
- Public footpath
- Viewpoint
- Parking
- Information Centre
- Wildlife benches
- Toilets
- Education building

- To avoid disturbing wildlife, no dogs except registered assistance dogs are allowed on the nature trails.
- For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Coombes Valley, please visit [rspb.org.uk/coombesvalley](http://rspb.org.uk/coombesvalley)