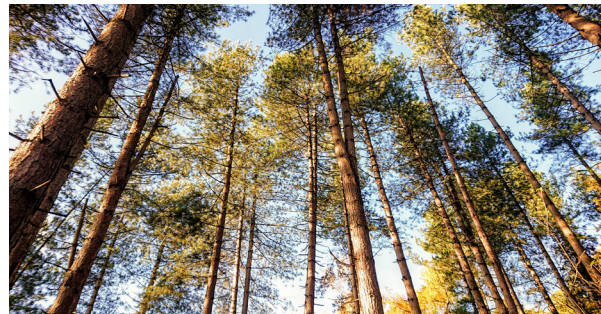


Dunsmore Living Landscape area

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About Dunsmore

The Dunsmore Living Landscape scheme is a Warwickshire Wildlife Trust led project working to restore this important ancient landscape to one rich in wildlife accessible to all in the areas lying between east Coventry, Rugby and north Leamington. With the generous support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project is focusing on a landscape-scale level of action for wildlife in the area, allowing us to restore ancient woodland, historic hedgerows, ponds and flower rich grassland, creating habitat for iconic wildlife such as the hazel dormouse and purple emperor butterfly.

By working with local partners, landowners and communities we are improving these habitats, helping to conserve historic sites and improve access, interpretation and general information about the area. We are also providing learning and training opportunities and running a range of events and activities, designed to reconnect people with their local living landscape, green spaces and heritage sites.

This leaflet has been created to provide you with some information about the local area and provide you with an opportunity to get up close to nature and explore.

Wildlife spotting



The Warwickshire countryside is filled with an abundance of beautiful plants, birds, animals and bugs all year round – particularly in the spring and summer.

Can you help Harry the Hedgehog find these lovely things?



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Brimstone



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Green Woodpecker



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Blackbird



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Yellow Rattle



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Oak leaf



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Brinklow Castle

A guide for parents of children with autism



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Welcome to Brinklow Castle

...a medieval mound with great views...

Known locally as the Tump, Brinklow Castle is the earth work remains of a motte and bailey castle of grand size dating from the late 11th Century. The motte (mound) stands at 12m high and provides a great opportunity for those children who enjoy being able to see out over the countryside and also over to the Coventry skyline. It sits on the Fosse Way and was probably of great strategic importance so some children may enjoy imagining being the Norman Earl, Alberic looking out over his land and watching travellers approach along the Fosse Way below them.



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The location is usually quiet but is popular with local residents for dog walking, so may not suit children who are fearful of dogs.

There are two entrances to the site. The first is on Ell Lane where there is a small layby for parking. The second is on the main village street, Broad Street, next to the church. There is street parking along this street. At both entrances is an information board showing a picture of what the castle might have looked like when it was built.

The Ell Lane entrance takes you straight onto the bailey level of the earthworks. From this point you can climb the mound. It's steep and the grass can be slippery in wet weather. Children (and adults) may prefer coming down on their bottoms!

If you are accessing the site from Broad Street, there is a steep slope that you have to go up to get to the first flat lower bailey level. At the top of the slope is a carved wooden seat if a rest is needed.



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Entrances are off Ell Lane and Broad Street.

Ell Lane has a small lay by for parking.
what3words: chatters.lies.mixer, postcode: CV23 0LP, grid reference: SP438796

Broad Street only has street parking. What 3 words: insect.cheetahs.mixer, postcode CV23 0LG, Grid ref. SP436796

The site is open 24hrs a day, seven days a week. Admission free.

No facilities as such, only two picnic tables, but there are two pubs, a café, village shop and chip shop on Broad Street.

Terrain: The baileys are flat grassed areas. It's a steep climb to the top on the mound (you may want to come down on your bottom!) and another climb if coming from Broad Street.

Dogs: Regularly and often off lead.



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