

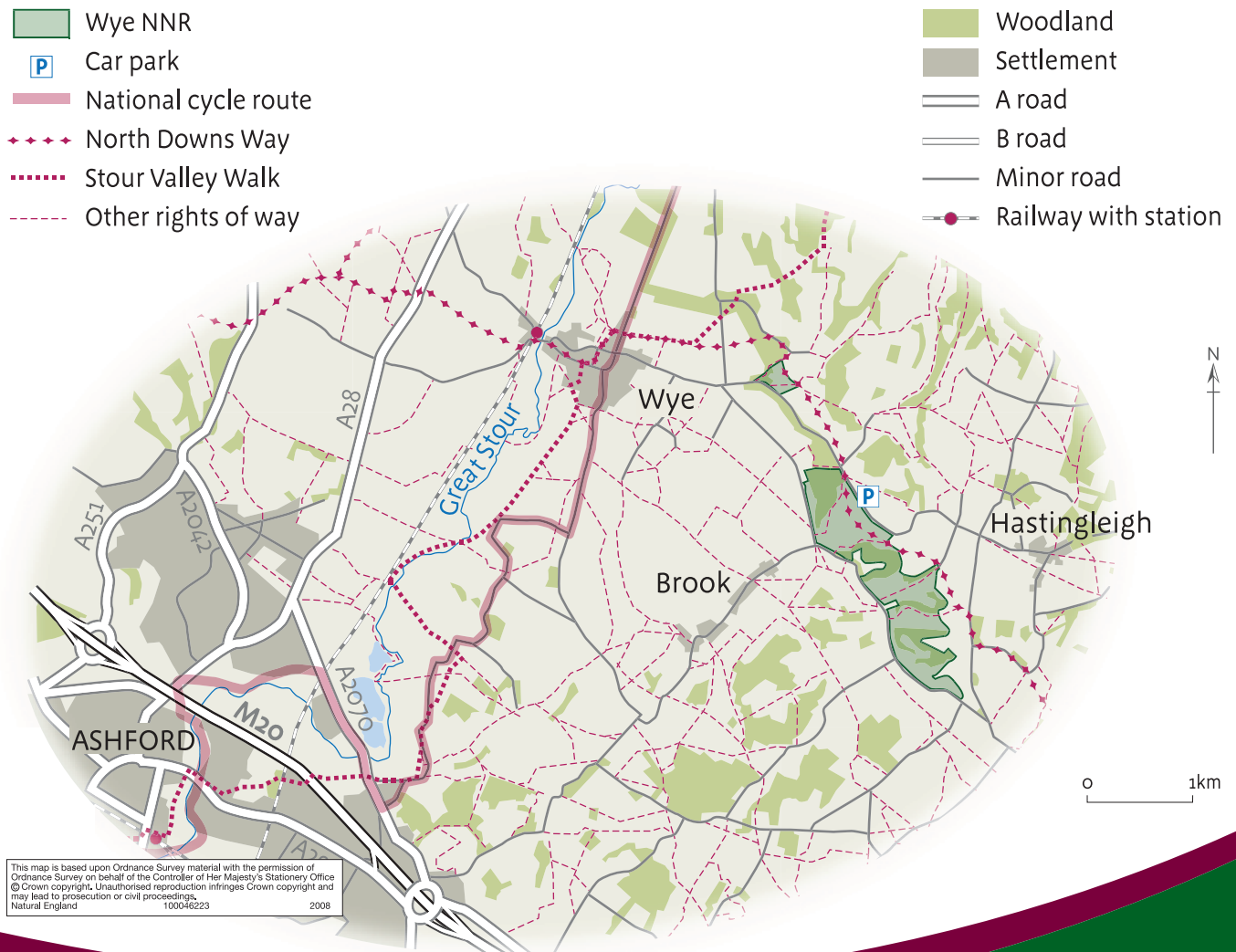
Green travel information: Wye National Nature Reserve

We want you to enjoy your visit to our National Nature Reserves but please take one moment to consider **how** you get there. It is important when visiting these precious wildlife reserves that you think about the environmental impact of your travel choices. We are therefore providing you with a number of options that we hope will prompt you into considering alternative methods of transport and help us to reduce the number of private cars coming to

the reserve. If you do need to take the car and are planning a visit as part of a group, why not just take one car or even better share a minibus.

The following information gives you different green travel options to help you plan your visit.

If you have any suggestions on how we could improve this information please contact us at: wildside@naturalengland.org.uk



Wye National Nature Reserve is approximately 1.8 miles from the church in the village of Wye. The reserve has several entrances.

- On its north eastern boundary there is a car park and a coach park on the Wye to Hastingleigh road.
- On the south western boundary there are several pedestrian entrances along Amage Road, from Wye towards the village of Brook.

There are two public bridleways passing through the reserve and numerous footpaths, including the **North Downs Way National Trail**, long distance walking route.

Ordnance survey Explorer map: 137 **Grid Ref:** TR085463. If you would like to get a map of the area to find your way to the reserve you should be able to obtain these at any good bookshop or from **ordnance survey maps** (www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk).



Walking

The Reserve has a good network of public footpaths leading to and from the neighbouring hamlets and villages. Wye railway station is approximately 2.3 miles from the reserve up a fairly steep hill but take care as some road sections do not have a pavement. The **North Downs Way National Trail**, a long distance walking trail from Farnham in Surrey to Dover, passes straight by Wye railway station, through the village and right up towards the reserve which incorporates small sections of road (all with pavements). The North Downs Way team have produced information on a three hour circular walk from Wye station up to the reserve, please be aware that this does include some steep slopes.

Walking routes:

North Downs Way National Trail
www.nationaltrail.co.uk/northdowns/index.asp

Stour Valley Walk

www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/explore-kent/walking/stour-valley-walk.htm



Cycling

National Cycle Route 18 passes through the village of Wye and is approximately 2 ½ miles from Wye National Nature Reserve (up a fairly steep hill through Wye village). This national cycle route links Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells via Tenterden. Alternatively, there is a public bridleway incorporating a small section of minor road that provides a challenging off road cycling route up to the reserve. There are cycle racks located beside the coach park.

Please note: Cycling is not permitted on the reserve, accept when following one of the two bridleways that pass through it.

Cycle routes:

www.sustrans.co.uk



Horse

Wye National Nature Reserve forms part of a circular 'Wye and Crundale rides' loop which includes bridleways, byways and quiet minor roads. Two public bridleways pass through the reserve.

Horse riding links

www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/explore-kent/riding/wye-and-crundale-rides.htm



Bus

Service 652 (**Stagecoach East Kent**) runs an hourly service linking Ashford and Canterbury to the village of Wye, Mon - Sat but there is **no** Sunday service. There are several bus stops in Wye village. Wye Church has the nearest stops, approximately 1.8 miles from the reserve. Please check all information prior to starting your journey.

Bus timetables:

www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk or
www.stagecoachbus.com/eastkent

Train

Wye railway station links to both Ashford and Canterbury mainline stations. The trains are frequent with an increase in regularity during peak travel times and a reduced service at weekends and public holidays. The reserve can be reached from the train station on foot or by bicycle. Please see the walking and cycling sections above for more detailed information.

Please note: Bicycles are not permitted on trains at certain times, please check before travelling.

Please check all information about rail and bus services before travelling. In some places, you may be eligible for PlusBus, a discount price 'bus pass' that you buy with your train ticket.

Train timetables:

National Rail Enquiries

www.nationalrail.co.uk

on 08457 48 49 50

Southeastern Railway

www.southeasternrailway.co.uk

PlusBus

www.plusbus.info

Additional information that may assist you

The Kentish Stour Countryside Management project sell a series of full colour '**Train Rides to Ramble**' and '**Bike Trails by Rail**' leaflets describing cycling and walking routes in the Stour Valley from train stations. The Ashford area booklet includes a walk from Wye railway station up to Wye National Nature Reserve. Each walk has full directions, maps and a wealth of illustrations and information about what to see on the way.