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Waresley & Gransden Woods Wildlife Trust nature reserve

Winter Woodland Walk

Welcome to this ancient woodland, owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust.

These woods are full of rare and special wildflowers such as bluebells, wood anemones and oxlips but they are largely invisible in the winter, just waiting underground to burst out in springtime.

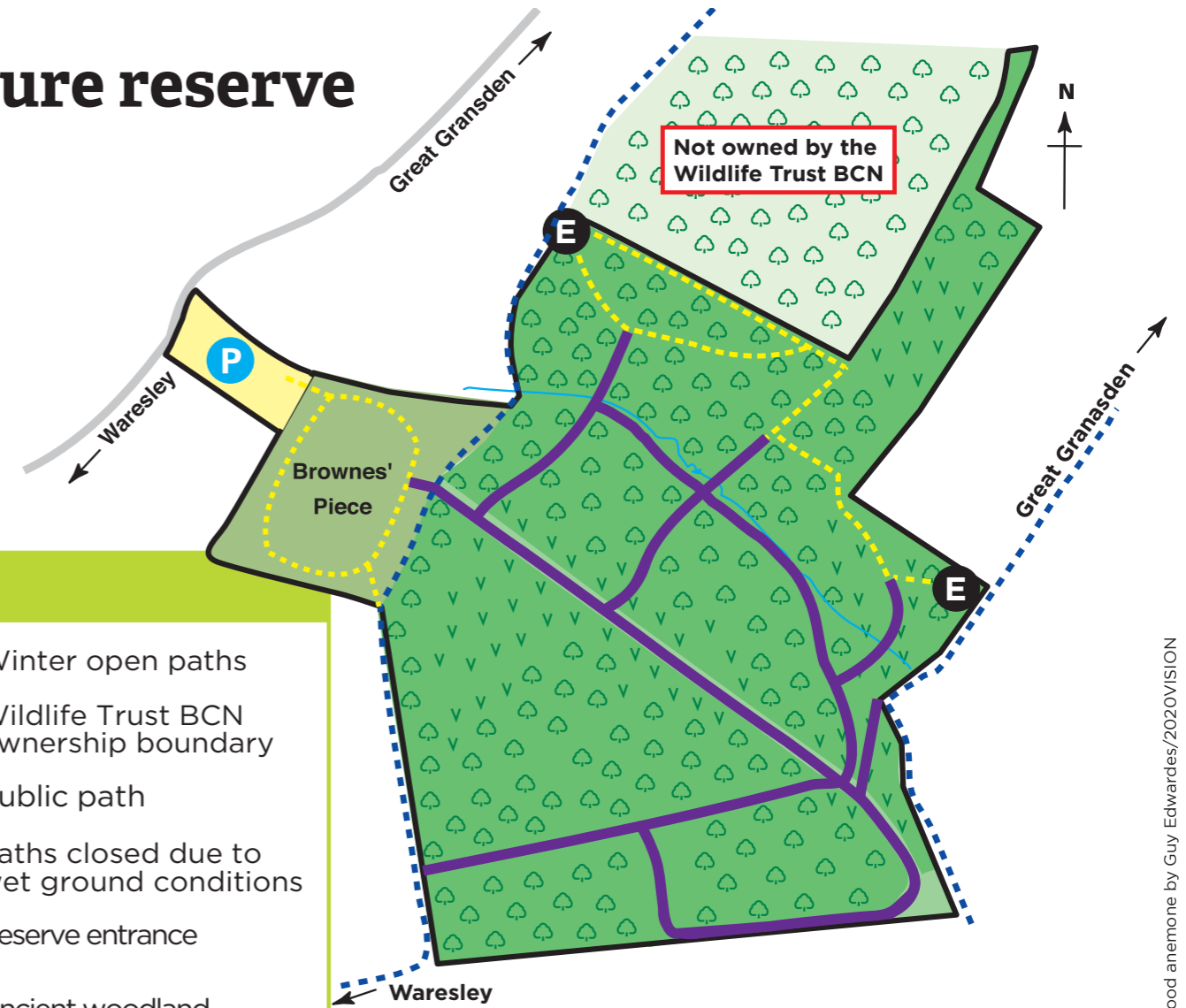
Unfortunately, the heavy clay soils of these woods are easily damaged by excessive footfall during the wetter winter months and, if visitors stray off the paths to avoid mud, they can cause damage to the ancient woodland flora. To protect this ancient wood, it was necessary to close off access to much of the wood following the very wet autumn weather. It is only ever with great reluctance that we restrict public access to our nature reserves, since we recognise how much they are valued by local people and other visitors, especially during these difficult times of the COVID19 restrictions.

Following a recent review, we were delighted to conclude that it is now possible re-open limited access to certain paths in the wood, enabling a circular walking route to be followed. We are keeping the whole situation under continual review and remain hopeful that it may prove possible to further extend such access as conditions improve.

Please keep to the dedicated winter access route shown on the map, and enjoy your winter woodland walk. That way everyone can enjoy the displays of woodland wild flowers when The Wildlife Trust is able to fully re-open these woods again in the spring.

Thank you for your help and support in looking after this special place.

The Wildlife Trust is a charity working to protect and restore nature. We rely on donations and the generous support of our members.
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Some of the precious wild flowers protected in this wood



Bluebells



Primrose



Wood anemone