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Woodland Walk

Some of the oldest trees are to be found in this part of the woodland. These include sessile oaks. One of the smallest of our mammals, the wood mouse, is an active little hunter among the leaf litter.

Woodmouse

This little mammal is mainly active at night and is a surprisingly good climber. They are shy and cautious and have every right to be as they are an important food source for foxes and birds of prey. Wood mice are mostly seed eaters during the winter months, particularly seeds of trees such as oak, beech, ash, lime, hawthorn and sycamore. They eat buds in early spring, caterpillars, worms and centipedes in early summer and berries and fungi in the autumn.



Oak

The sessile oak is the largest of the native trees of this woodland. Look for the deeply fissured bark, the broad limbs - often with mosses and ferns growing upon them - and the distinctive leaves with the many round lobes. The oak is our most valuable tree for wildlife as it provides a home for so many other species.



Information Map

