

The Woodland Trust's approach to the restoration of plantations on ancient woodland sites



**Royal Forestry Society Evening Meeting
Nidd Gorge Woodland near Knaresborough
18th July 2007 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Non-members welcome – £2.50 per person
Location: NGR 330 585**

From Knaresborough town centre follow the signs for Ripley (B6165). After approximately one mile a small car park is set back on the left hand side of the road. A Woodland Trust sign is alongside the access.

Programme

The Woodland Trust manage over 66 ha (170 acres) of ancient woodland in the Nidd Gorge. Within the woodland lie many features which indicate a fascinating historic past including an Iron Age hill fort, which legend says was also the location that Colonel Fairfax used to mount cannon for the siege of Knaresborough castle during the Civil War.

A large area of the woodland, on the northern bank of the River Nidd, was planted in the 1960's with a combination of pure conifer stands and mixed broadleaves. Now the Trust is in the process of restoring the woodlands through active management work and the guided tour of the wood will address the following issues:-

- **Assessment and surveying ancient woodland components**
- **Planning restoration work**
- **Ensuring long term management objectives are achieved**
- **Guidance and financial support for management work**

The Forestry Commission will be present to provide advice on grant aid and the approach by private estates to restoration work will also be discussed.

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