

Features of Interest

take a closer look - see map overleaf ☆



C - Metapic Wood

Metapic Wood is a recently planted woodland. Near the top of the slope you will find a seat on which to rest a while, called, appropriately "Rest a While"! At the top of this wood is a large rock with holes in it; what do you think this could be? How was it formed? Take some time to wander around at the top, where you will find a mini nature reserve.

F - Nature pond

Thought to have been formed by the extraction of clay during the 19th Century for the local brick works, the pond is now part of a small nature area created to provide habitats for frogs, toads and newts which may be spotted at breeding time.

F - The Field

The Field is owned by the Guides and is often used during the summer for nature watch activities. During the First World War, prisoners of war were held in a camp built in the Field.

G - Frith Wood

Frith Wood is an ancient, semi-natural mixed woodland (with oak, silver birch, rowan, ash, sycamore and holly) showing evidence of coppicing carried out generations ago. Beech and larch were planted to use as props for the mines, which probably provided coal to local industries. (Callywhite Lane has long been an industrial area).

The wood is rich in bird life from tree creepers to flamboyant jays and magpies. In spring the woodland floor is carpeted in bluebells and wood anemones. Later in the year you may see broad-leaved helleborine or yellow pimpernel; this small flower is an indicator of ancient woodland.



H - Delightful views

After leaving Frith Wood you will climb to a viewpoint. On a clear day there are pleasant views over the countryside. Southwards is the Crooked Spire of Chesterfield. To the north look for Norton Water Tower and Sheffield, to the west is Dronfield and beyond that the gritstone moorlands of the Peak District.



I - Summerley Hall

Summerley (which means summer pasture) is a picturesque hamlet. On the opposite hills evidence of Neolithic life were found, and the ancient field furrows are visible from here. Summerley Farm on the right and Summerley Hall just around the corner, both date from the early 17th Century. Both have a central chimney stack and projecting drip moulds over the windows to prevent rain damage to the mullions. Look for the mounting block in front of the hall. (See cover photograph).