

Our 2022 Field Weekend

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Woodland Heritage's members and their guests are invited to enjoy its 2022 'Field Weekend'.

Mainly set within the Lake District World Heritage Site, the three days should be both educational and entertaining, and the Trustees and staff look forward to welcoming you to this unique event.

Wednesday June 22 – all day

Witherslack Woodlands, Halecat *by kind permission of Nick Stanley*

The 800-hectare Witherslack Hall Estate sits on the edge of the Winster Valley in Southern Lakeland and comprises the largest area of semi natural woodland in Cumbria. Some 300 ha of this land is managed in accordance with the highest conservation standards; much of the woods are Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Founded in 1990, Witherslack Woodlands has become one of the leading suppliers of high quality, sustainable firewood in the South Lakes, with notable successes in both conservation and more recent investments in biomass.

Complementing the firewood business is a diverse range of makers in wood such as a timber framer, furniture makers, a sculptor, a turner, and a restorer; many will be opening their doors to members.

Thursday June 23 – all day

Wythop and Dodd Forests, Bassenthwaite Lake *by kind permission of Forestry England*

Wythop and Dodd Forests overlook Bassenthwaite Lake and include 270ha that has been under Continuous Cover Forest (CCF) management for over thirty years. With Douglas fir as the main species, both sites include a mix of natural regeneration and underplanting. Wythop and Dodd now boast some very large overstorey trees up to 52m top height, with the forests also including areas of mature beech and sycamore. Around a quarter of the area under CCF in Wythop is designated PAWS (Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site)

Objectives for both forests include production of high-quality timber, PAWS restoration, and the development of a diverse, resilient forest structure, whilst protecting water quality. Both forests include areas of very steep ground where winch extraction systems are the only method of extracting timber. Harvesting works include significant consideration of protecting public safety for those using the adjacent, busy roads.

Friday June 24 – all day

Lowther Estate, Lowther, Penrith *by kind permission of Mr James Lowther*

In November 2017, the Lowther Estate gained approval for 170ha of new productive woodland, 'Jack's Wood', named after the estate's recently retired forester, Ian Jack, who led the scheme. The planting included 121 ha of productive conifer, with the remainder largely productive broadleaves. Over 213,000 trees were planted – making this one of the largest areas of productive conifer to be planted in England since the 1980s.

Improved landscape, water quality, biodiversity (including red squirrels), habitat connectivity, access and recreation are amongst the many benefits of Jack's Wood.

A primary objective for the estate is to be able to manage the woodlands to generate a future income from timber sales, which will in turn support local forestry businesses. The estate supplies several local mills, with the new plantings ready for felling when timber shortages are predicted.

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Please note this event is free for members.
Guests are welcome and tickets are £10
which covers the three days



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