



Devon Wildlife Trust

Bovey Heathfield nature reserve

Just one of many beautiful places
looked after by Devon Wildlife Trust

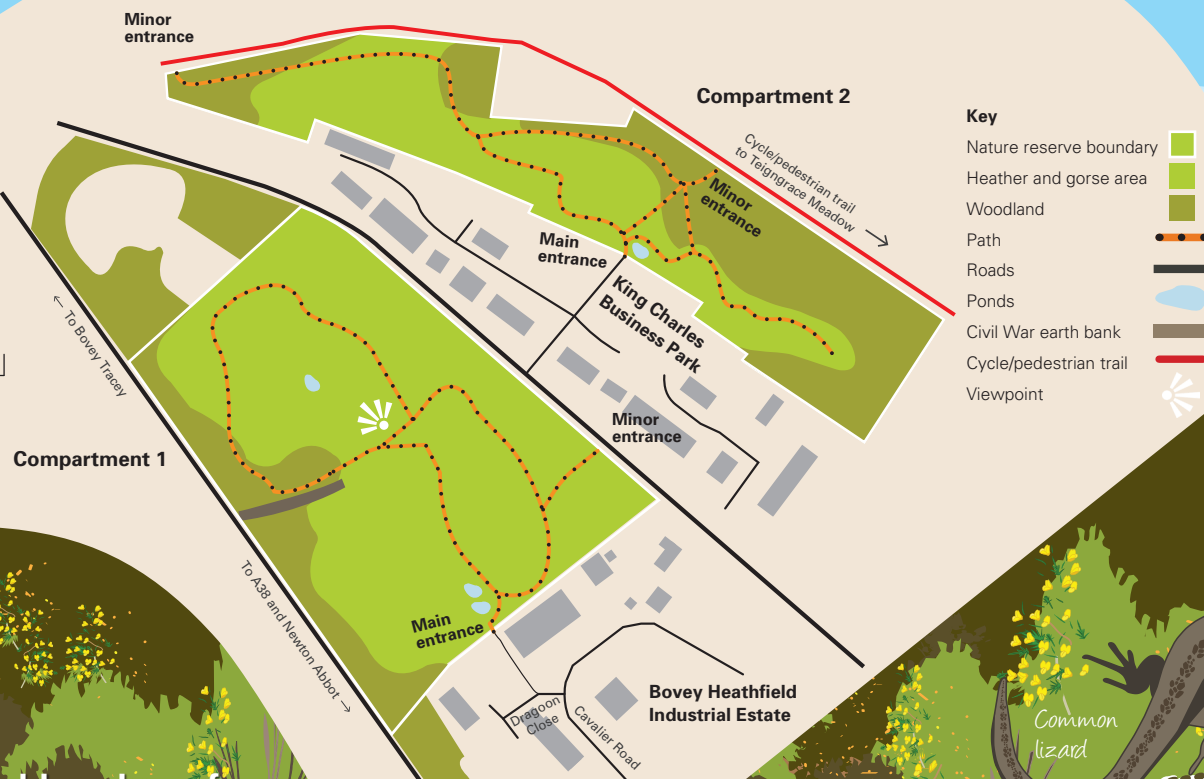


Early summer is
the time to hear
the mysterious
call of nightjars

Since 2002 Devon Wildlife
Trust and local people have
worked together to restore
the nature reserve after
decades of neglect



Map of Bovey Heathfield



- Key**
- Nature reserve boundary
 - Heather and gorse area
 - Woodland
 - Path
 - Roads
 - Ponds
 - Civil War earth bank
 - Cycle/pedestrian trail
 - Viewpoint

Walk among the golden glow of
gorse bushes and the purple blooms
of heather on this ancient heathland

How to get to Bovey Heathfield nature reserve

Leave A38 at Drumbridges Roundabout and take turn towards Bovey Tracey. Take first right on to Battle Road, then second left on to Cavalier Road. Proceed through industrial estate before turning left into Dragoon Close. A trackway to the reserve is almost immediately on your right.

Wildlife to watch for

Tread quietly and you may be lucky enough to spot a basking common lizard, slow worm, adder or grass snake. All these reptiles live here and use gaps between the heather to sun themselves.

In summer, look out for small collections of clay clinging to plants alongside paths. These



Heath potter wasp

are the 'pots' made by the heath potter wasp. Inside will be the insect's larva along with food – usually a live, paralysed caterpillar – left by the parent wasp.

Bovey Heathfield has two compartments. It is a short walk from one to the other. It will take you around an hour to fully explore this nature reserve. A pedestrian/cycle trail joins Bovey Heathfield with Devon Wildlife Trust's Teigngrace Meadow nature reserve a mile away.

About us

We are a charity and rely on your support – through membership, donations and gifts in Wills – to care for places like this.

Want to find out more?

Go to www.devonwildlifetrust.org to learn about the work we do to protect Devon's amazing wildlife and to discover other wild places to explore.

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