

# Sunbank Wood

**Situated on the river Bollin, near Manchester Airport, Sunbank Wood is a little known area of semi-natural woodland.**

The site occupies two steep-sided cloughs and the land between. The lower part of the cloughs is a mix of ash, maple and dog's mercury woodland, while the higher part consists of oak, bracken and bramble woodland.

The more open parts of the woodland form a very good habitat for butterflies.



**The first point of interest is an erratic or glacial boulder deposited near the entrance to the site.**

Following the path, fields skirt the edge of the wood and there are pleasant views of the Bollin. The path then rises up into older woodland. Here there are a number of ponds that have formed in the remains of old limestone quarries. One of these can be used for fishing.

## How to Get to Sunbank Wood

**Car:** It is possible to park next to the main entrance to Sunbank Wood.

**Bus:** From the Altrincham Interchange, Arriva bus 288 goes to the corner of Wilmslow Road/Sunbank Lane hourly. For further information contact GMPTC on 0161 228 7811 or [www.gmpte.com](http://www.gmpte.com).

## Activities

**Walking:** Sunbank Wood is a quiet and peaceful spot off the beaten track. There is a well maintained network of paths that cross the site.



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