

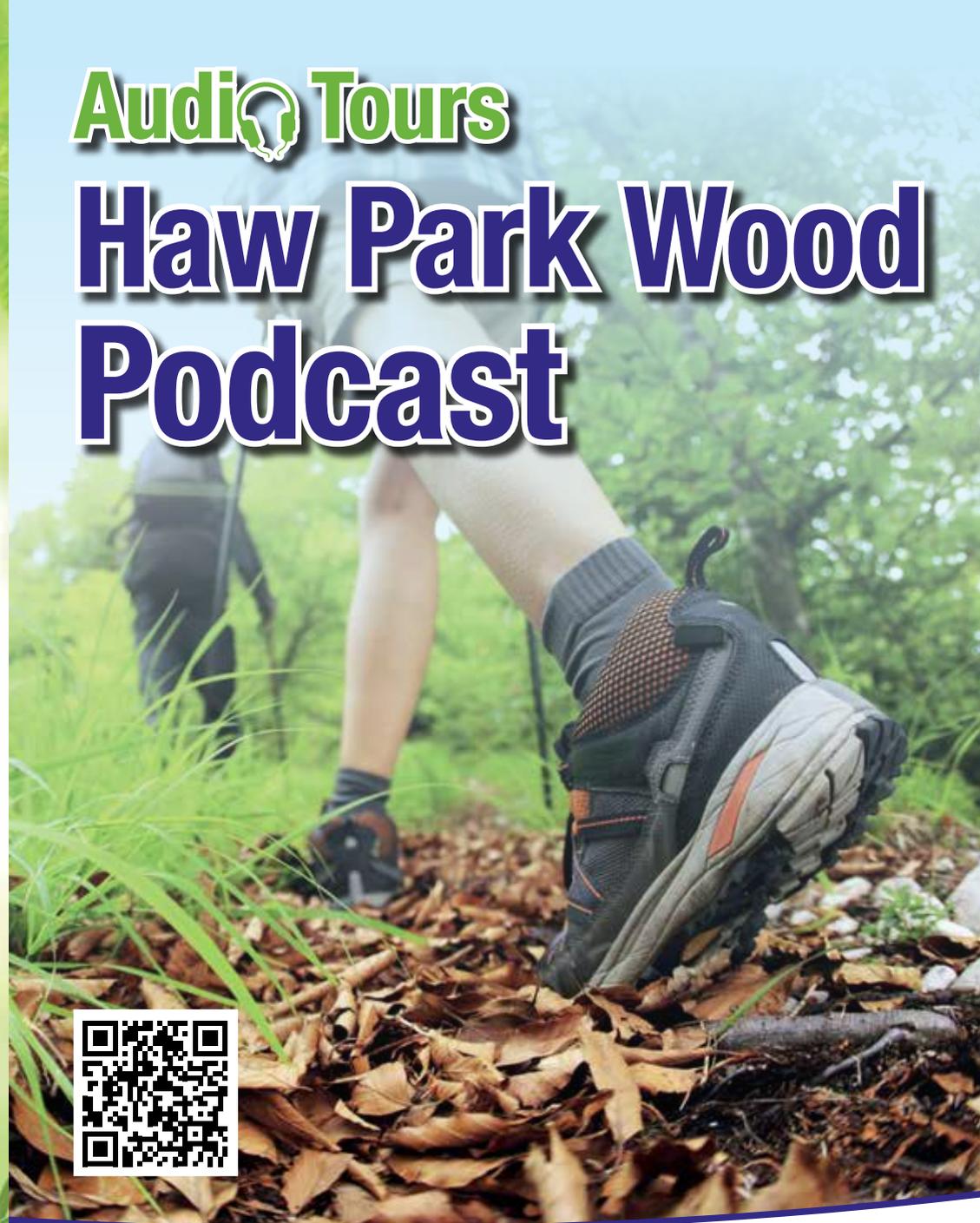
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Haw Park Wood

Podcast



Start point: Waterton Countryside Discovery Centre, Anglers Country Park.

Grid Reference: 4375 4154

How to get there by car: There is a car park at Anglers Country Park. WF4 2EB - please note that the postcode is provided for use with sat nav and route finders.

How to get there by bus: Service 194/195/196 from Wakefield Bus Station will take you to Winterset. Ring Metroline 0113 245 7676 or visit www.wymetro.com

Can I take my dog? Please keep your dog under control at all times to avoid conflict with wildlife or livestock.

• **Waterton Countryside Discovery Centre**

• **Opening times:**

• 1 April - 31 October 11am - 4pm
 • 1 November - 31 March 10.30am - 3.30pm
 • Closed Monday (except Bank Holidays)

• **For more information please contact:**

• Anglers Country Park, Haw Park Lane,
 Winterset WF4 2EB

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Haw Park Wood Podcast



Welcome to Anglers Country Park.

Your host Dave Mee and his walking companion Diane provide an entertaining accompaniment to your trip along the Haw Park Wood Podcast.

As you walk they'll keep you on track on your discovery trail of wildlife, poachers and beer sweeteners!

You can find the podcast series on iTunes:



<http://bit.ly/hawparkwoodpodcast>
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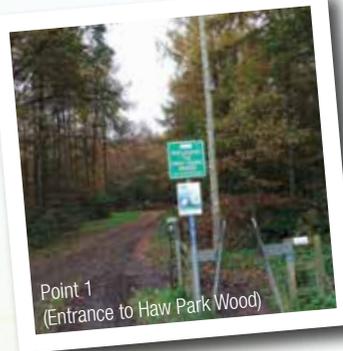
Haw Park Wood Podcast - 3 miles

We start our journey (podcast) by leaving the car park and turning right down the lane to Haw Park Wood.

- 1 We are now standing at the entrance to the woodland. The majority of the trees you can see are Larch or Pines, planted for pit props to be used in the coal mining industry. There is no more demand for the trees as pit props so the intention is to replace the non-native Larch and Pines with native trees such as Oaks, Hazels etc. This will make the woodland a better habitat for native flora and fauna.
- 2 Waterton's Watch Tower was one of several around the estate - sadly this is the last one. Charles Waterton created what is believed to be the world's first nature reserve here in the grounds of

Walton Hall and part of Haw Park Wood. The watch towers were built for him to view the birds and animals he was protecting. Today we call them hides and this is probably the first of its kind in the world.

- 3 The wall we can see was built by Charles Waterton to keep poachers out and protect the wildlife within. It's three miles long and an average of nine feet high. It cost him £9,000 to build. He said that he paid for it by the wine he didn't drink.



- 4 We are now standing at Five Ways, a name given by the locals as the centre of the woodland - it is not the centre, but a focal point within the woodland. While you are here please look around, you may find where the pixies live. If you find them, take a quick look and leave them in peace.
- 5 Just down the slope from where we are standing are some of the rarest trees in the district, if not the county. They are Wild Service trees and their fruit was used in medieval times for flavouring

beer. The common name for the tree was Chequered Tree and the fruit the Chequered fruit. An estate in Pontefract is named after the tree, Chequerfield.

- 6 This old stone bridge you are standing on is called Blue Bridge and spans the old Barnsley canal. The bridge is dated 1828. The canal was constructed to carry coal from Barnsley to Wakefield and corn and soap from Wakefield to Barnsley. It ceased as a working canal in the 1950s.
- 7 The reservoir you are looking at is the Cold Hiendley reservoir, the smaller of the two. It was constructed to top up the canal due to use of the locks. The other reservoir is the much larger Winterset. The reservoir is now a haven for wild fowl.
- 8 We are now at Fox Well, as the name suggests a former watering hole for foxes. Up until the 1950s the well was the only water source for the pit cottages located on the edge of the woodland.
- 9 Take time out to sit here quietly and look back down the track. We may see foxes or roe deer passing through. We will now head back to the car park.

Dos and don'ts:

- Don't forget to wear suitable footwear and clothing, it's advisable to wear insect repellent during the summer and autumn months. Please don't drop litter, take it home with you.
- Take only photos and memories, leave only footprints.



Point 7
(Cold Hiendley reservoir)



Point 9 (Deer run)



Point 6 (Blue Bridge)