

Get wild about Devon at Millbrook Cottages

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Millbrook Cottages is a small award winning, luxury, romantic location with 4 holiday cottages and 1 B&B suite in North Devon. Only 20 minutes from Exmoor and 40 minutes from Dartmoor, Millbrook is ideally located in a quiet valley location.

Set in 32 acres Millbrook offers a fantastic array of wildlife, wonderful walks through woods, wild flower fields and around the North Devon countryside.

The woodland area surrounding the mill consists predominately of ash trees interspersed with some larger oaks whilst hazel dominates the area along the stream.

A walk around the site, through the woodland, out to the ponds, around the wildflower meadows and newly planted areas of trees will be rewarded with a plethora of flora and fauna, tracks and signs of mammals and a wealth of birdsong.

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is a wildlife appreciation scheme for tourism businesses in Devon who are serious about proactively improving wildlife as part of their business. The scheme is supported by Devon County Council on behalf of Visit Devon.

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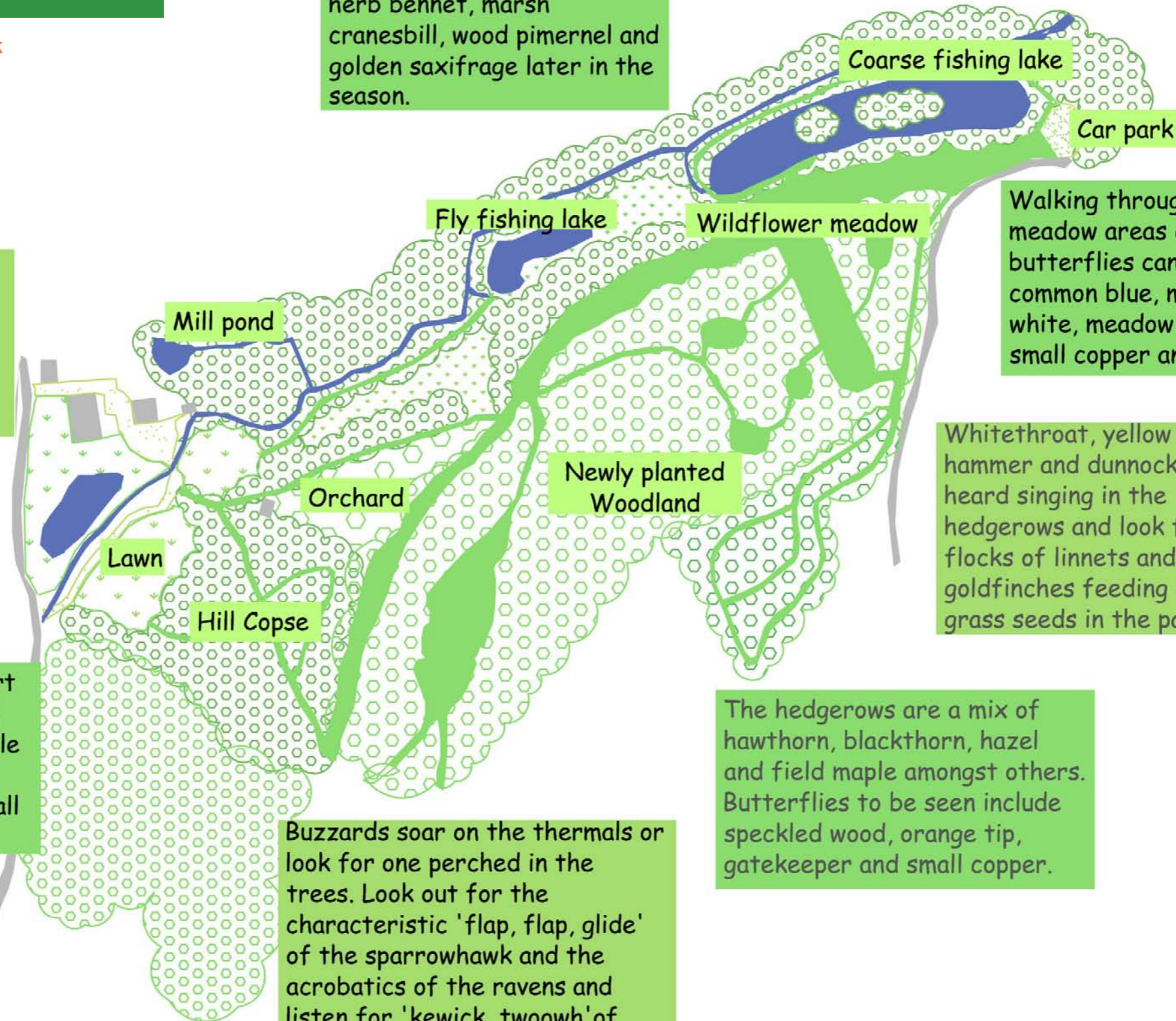
In the springtime, the woodland floor is a carpet of enchanter's nightshade, primroses, wild garlic, dog's mercury and violets with herb bennet, marsh cranesbill, wood pimpernel and golden saxifrage later in the season.

In the summer months broad bodied chaser, emperor and golden-ringed dragonfly can be seen around the pond and common blue, blue tailed and large red damselfly with beautiful demoiselle along the stream. Look for moorhen and grey wagtail in the vegetation, and a visiting heron.

Watch the swallows high in the sky or skimming low over the lawn areas. They nest under the porches in the houses.

Listen out for the curt chip of great spotted woodpecker, the yaffle of green woodpecker and the descending call of willow warbler.

Buzzards soar on the thermals or look for one perched in the trees. Look out for the characteristic 'flap, flap, glide' of the sparrowhawk and the acrobatics of the ravens and listen for 'kewick, twoowh' of



Walking through the meadow areas clouds of butterflies can be seen; common blue, marbled white, meadow brown, small copper and ringlet.

Whitethroat, yellow hammer and dunnock can be heard singing in the hedgerows and look for flocks of linnets and goldfinches feeding on the grass seeds in the pasture.

The hedgerows are a mix of hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel and field maple amongst others. Butterflies to be seen include speckled wood, orange tip, gatekeeper and small copper.

Species List

at Millbrook Cottages

Trees & Shrubs

Ash
Beech
Black Alder
Blackthorn
Buddleia
Elder
Field Maple
Hawthorn
Hazel
Holly
Oak
Rowan
Scots pine
Silver Birch
Sweet chestnut
Wild cherry
Willow

Plants

Annual meadow grass
Bluebell
Birds foot trefoil
Bramble
Burdock
Cleavers
Celandines
Cocksfoot

Ground Ivy
Giant hogweed
Common dog violet
Cow parsley
Creeping buttercup
Creeping Thistle
Enchanter's nightshade
Early purple orchid
Greater plantain
Greater sedge
Germander speedwell
Field speedwell
Herb robert
Honeysuckle
Herb Bennet
Ivy
Lord and ladies
Meadow vetchling
Nettle
Primrose
Red campion
Snowdrop
Timothy
Water figwort
Water mint
Yellow flag iris
Yorkshire fog

Ferns

Hard fern
Harts tongue fern
Lady fern
Male fern
Scaly male fern

Birds

Barn owl
Blackbird
Blackcap
Blue tit
Buzzard
Canada goose
Carrion crow
Chaffinch
Chiffchaff
Coal tit
Dunnock
Fieldfare
Goldfinch
Great tit
Great spotted woodpecker
Greenfinch
Green woodpecker
Grey wagtail
House martin

House sparrow
Jackdaw
Jay
Kestrel
Kingfisher
Linnet
Little owl
Long tail tit
Meadow pipit
Mallard
Mistle thrush
Moorhen
Nuthatch
Pied wagtail
Raven
Redwing
Robin
Rook
Skylark
Song thrush
Sparrowhawk
Swallow
Snipe
Swift
Tawny owl
Trecreeper
Wren
Whitethroat

Willow warbler
Yellow hammer

Mammals

Badger
Bank vole
Common shrew
Field mouse
Fox
Hedgehog
Mole
Pipistrelle bat
Rabbit
Stoat
Wood mouse

Reptiles & Amphibians

Common lizard
Frog
Grass snake
Palmate newt
Slow worm
Toad

NB This is not a comprehensive list

Wildlife places of interest nearby

Braunton Burrows – OS Map: SS 464 326

Braunton Burrows is one of the richest and one of the largest sand dune systems in Britain. With over 500 different flowering plants, some of which are very rare with many different species of orchid. The habitat consists of huge sand dunes, rocky foreshore, mud and salt flats, saltmarsh, grazing marsh, coastal heath, back-shore marsh and ponds. The best time of year is from April to July for wildflowers and April to June for breeding birds, spring and autumn for migrant birds and winter wildfowl and waders. **For more information contact the North Devon Coast and Countryside Service on 01237 423655.**

Halsdon – OS Map: SS 554 131 (Ashwell Carpark) and SS 560 117 (Quarry Carpark)

This is a 140 acre river valley woodland and riverside pasture, where the reserve offers a beautiful riverside walk along the Torridge with magnificent views to Dartmoor. Otter, deer, badger, dipper, kingfisher and buzzard can be seen throughout the year and in the summer months wood warbler, pied flycatcher and sand martin can be seen.

For more information contact 01392 279244.

Uppacott Wood – OS Map: SS 555 283

Uppacott Wood is a delightful ancient woodland site situated on a hill with wide views of the surrounding north Devon countryside. It contains examples of restored coppice, derelict coppice, alder flush and mature oak woodland. The cut path around the reserve takes the visitor to many points of interest including some extremely rare Devon whitebeam trees, coppice and steeped hedges. **For more information call Devon wildlife Trust on 01392 279244.**