

Poles Coppice Nature Reserve



Name of Viewpoint: Poles Coppice Nature Reserve

Address:

Pontesbury

Shropshire

Website: <https://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/>

What3Words car park: [///fetching.quieter.highways](https://www.what3words.com/?q=fetching.quieter.highways)

What3Words viewpoint: [///deal.pictures.cROUTONS](https://www.what3words.com/?q=deal.pictures.cROUTONS)

Nearest Town: Pontesbury (0.8 miles/1.4 kilometres)

Geotag: LAT:52.648258, LON:-2.889127

Transport

Parking: Open-air/surface car park. No parking charges.

Accessible Parking: No designated Blue Badge parking is provided.

Number of Bays Available: Space for 5 cars is available.

Surface Type of Car Park: Woodland car parking surface.



Bus Stops: Within 1 mile.

Train Stations: Shrewsbury (9 miles/14.4 kilometres).

Distance from Car Park to Viewpoint: Within 100 metres.

Buildings

Nearest Medical Centres:

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury SY3 8XQ (Tel: 01743 261000) Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Nearest Emergency Facilities: A defibrillator is provided at the public WCs on Main Road, Pontesbury and Pontesbury Library on Hall Bank.

Routes and Trails

Level routes/Trails: An easy access path leads to the viewpoint.

Route Width: Varying widths are provided.

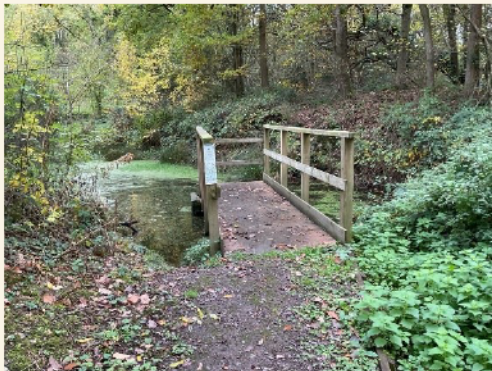
Ramped Routes: The initial route from the car park has a slope that may not be suitable for all mobility scooters.



Gradient: Varying gradients.

Surface Type: Woodland surface

Viewing Platforms: A pond dipping platform has a width of 1174 millimetres.



Barriers

Gap: A 1300 millimetre gap is provided to the side of the barrier on the route to the viewpoint. The barrier has limited contrast.



Rest Stops

Seating: A single log style bench with no armrests or backrest provided.



Picnic Area: Picnic area is available.



Accessible Picnic Area: Two picnic benches are accessible.

Level Access to Seating: Level access is provided.

Distance between Seating Areas: Limited to viewpoint.

Wayfinding

Finger Posts: Route is marked as a bridleway.



Pictorial Information: Partially provided.

Directional arrows: Partially provided.

Interpretation

Information Boards Available: An information board is located in the car park.

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Accessible Height Interpretation Boards: Accessible height interpretation boards are provided.

Pictorial Information: Provided.

WC and Changing Facilities

General WC Provision: Public WC provision at Main Street, Pontesbury (0.8 miles/1.4 kilometre).

Accessible WC Provision: Nearest facilities at Main Street, Pontesbury.



Left- or Right-Hand Transfer: Lateral transfer space to the left.

Changing Places: Nearest Changing Places facility is Darwin Shopping Centre, Raven Meadows, Shrewsbury SY1 1PL (8 miles/12.8 kilometre).

Sensory Features

Touch: Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plants such as common centaury, Tactile ceramic tiles on a wooden wall at the viewpoint, with inset tiles to the bench seating.

See: Woodland setting, with views across to Pontesford and Earl's Hill, both of which are crowned by Iron-Age hillforts. Look out for wildlife, such as the dormouse, smooth newt, lesser horseshoe bat and creatures living within the pond area.

Smell: Earthy aromas of the woodland

Hear: Wildlife such as birds and bees in the spring and summer months, including the great spotted woodpecker.