

Metadata Elements

Title *	Ancient Woodland (England)
Alternative Title	Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI)
Dataset Language *	eng
Abstract *	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of ancient woodland habitat in England (excluding the Isles of Scilly). Ancient woodland is land that has had a continuous woodland cover since at least 1600 AD. It includes Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW), which retains a native tree and shrub cover, Plantation on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) where the original tree cover has been felled and replaced by planting, often with conifers, or Ancient Wood Pasture (AWP) where the trees are managed in tandem with a long established tradition of grazing, characteristically with at least some veteran trees or shrubs. In total 53,637 polygons were captured, covering approximately 364971.81 Ha.
Resource Locator	https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/
Data Format	shapefile
Resource Type *	dataset
Unique Resource Identifier	0

Classification of Spatial Data & Services

Topic Category *	0
INSPIRE Themes	Habitats and biotopes
Spatial Data Service Type	0
Coupled Resource	0

Keyword

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Originating Controlled Vocabulary	0

Geographic Location

Extent *	England
West Bound Longitude *	-6.42°
East Bound Longitude *	1.77°
North Bound Longitude *	55.81°
South Bound Longitude *	51.81°
Vertical Minimum Extent	0m
Vertical Maximum Extent	40m
Spatial Reference System *	British National Grid

Temporal Reference

Temporal Extent - Start Date of Data Capture *	No information
Temporal Extent - End Date of Data Capture *	2024-02-22
Date of Creation *	2024-02-26
Date of Last Revision *	2023-03-07
Dataset Reference Date *	2023-03-07
Dataset Reference Type *	revision

Quality & Validity

Lineage *	<p>Between 1981 and 1982 the Nature Conservancy Council began to compile an inventory of ancient woodland for England and Wales. This Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI) was originally produced on a county basis with reports and paper maps published as they became available. It has since been digitised to create a national dataset which has been administered by the NCC's successor bodies, English Nature and now Natural England.</p> <p>The majority of the south east counties were updated in a pilot project (2006 - 2014) and this area includes smaller woods for the first time, dropping the threshold to 0.25 hectares from the previously mapped two hectares threshold.</p> <p>Datasets used include: National Forest Index - Forest Commission OS MasterMap (PSGA) Historic Ordnance Survey data including Ordnance Surveyor's Drawings, County Maps and First Series 1 inch maps to current editions - Landmark (bespoke licence) Priority Habitat Inventory - Natural England (OGL) Ancient Tree Inventory - Woodland Trust Aerial Photography (APGB agreement)</p>
Spatial Resolution	0
Additional Information Source	0
Frequency of Update *	irregular
Equivalent Scale	0

Conformity

Specification	0
Degree	0
Explanation	0

Constraints Related To Access & Use

Use Constraints *	Restricted
	0
Limitations on Public Use *	Publically Accessible (OGL)
Licence*	Open Government Licence (OGL)
	0
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