

## Where can I find out more?

For general information about Fishponds Wood the Parks and Open Spaces Service can be contacted by email at [parks@york.gov.uk](mailto:parks@york.gov.uk) or by calling 01904 553392. For information about getting involved in Fishponds Wood contact the Rangers by email at [rangers@york.gov.uk](mailto:rangers@york.gov.uk) or by calling 01904 553423.

## Responsible use of the site

We welcome all people but please respect the site and other people by taking all litter home with you and by cleaning up after your dog. Dogs must be kept under close control. Camping, fires and the use of any kind of motorised vehicle are not permitted.

## How do I get there?



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Fishponds Wood is served by several bus routes along Danebury Drive and Carr Lane and has good cycle links with the

rest of the city. For bus details contact the First Bus Group direct. Cycle maps are available from Council receptions and from the City of York Council web site. If you intend to drive, the main entrance to Fishponds Wood is off Woodlea Avenue with other entrances off Danebury Drive.

## Where is Fishponds Wood?

Fishponds Wood is in the Acomb Ward of York 3 miles east of the city centre. Rosedale Avenue, Woodlea Avenue and Danebury Drive border the wood.



This information can be provided in your own language.

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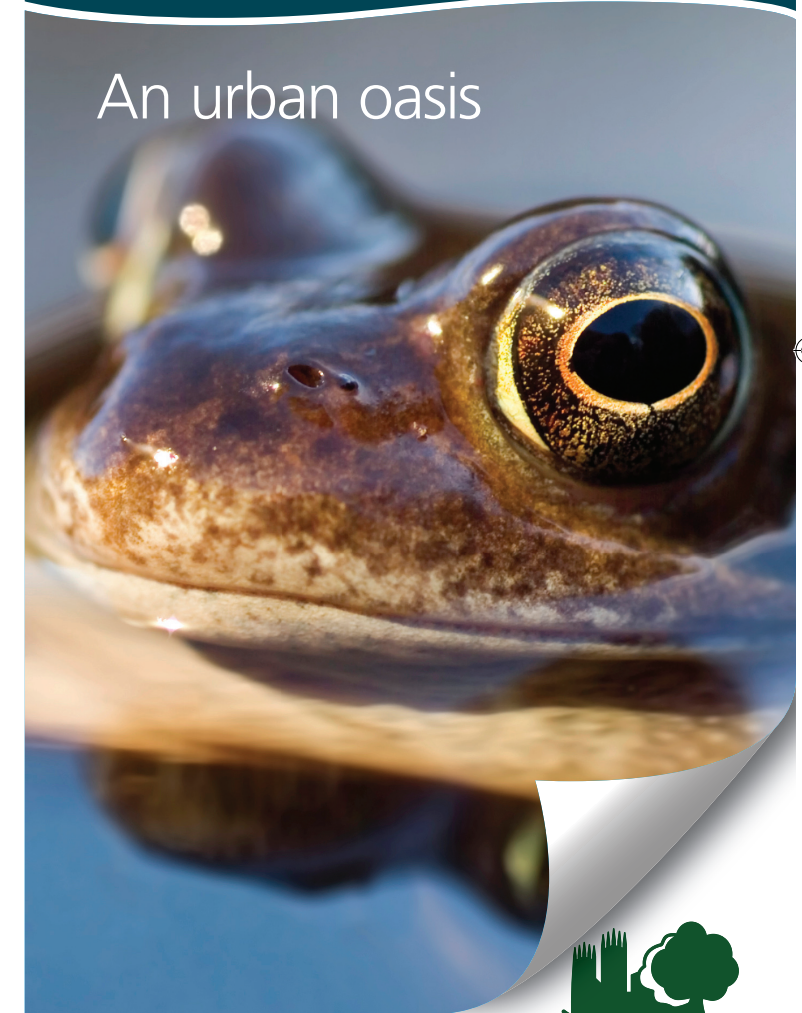
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An urban oasis





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## Sights to delight

- 1: Ferns are abundant, thriving in damp, moist conditions
- 2: Characteristic beech foliage provides a canopy for the woods
- 3: Foxes can be seen passing through and foraging in the undergrowth
- 4: Wood Mice are the most common small mammal on site
- 5: Grey Squirrels are a common sight at Fishponds Wood
- 6: Old Beech trees are home to a variety of bracket fungus
- 7: Buttercups bloom throughout the summer months
- 8: Red Admiral butterflies can be spotted in the summer months...
- 9: ...as can the similarly-marked Tortoiseshell butterfly



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## When is it open?

Fishponds Wood provides 24-hour access to the public.

## Background to the site

The area known as Fishponds Wood can be clearly found on early maps of Acomb village dating from 1774. The area at one time had three large ponds possibly used to stock fish for Acomb Hall. A map of the area in 1892 shows the area as woodland. The ponds were subsequently filled in and now remain as wet habitats with little open water.

## What facilities are there?

The woods are a semi-natural environment and as such have no toilet, catering or playground facilities. There is however free parking on the neighbouring streets and a selection of nearby local shops and pubs on Danebury Drive or in Acomb itself.

## What about disabled access?

There are many informal paths through the centre of the woods, however the paths are narrow and can often be wet and muddy. There is a hard surface path that would allow wheelchair users and pushchairs to access part of the woodland between Woodlea Avenue and Danebury Drive.



## What can I do there?

Fishponds Wood provides the perfect setting for an easily accessible wildlife experience. A stroll around the pathways of the woods would enable the visitor to observe many beautiful species of woodland life on the way round. There are clusters of informal seating logs throughout the woods, which provide useful resting points or picnic stops. You may also spot the wood sculptures as you go around that reflect the uses of the wood both past and present.

The City of York Council run an annual programme of events in the woods (see 'Where can I find out more') including a range of children's activities during school holidays.

