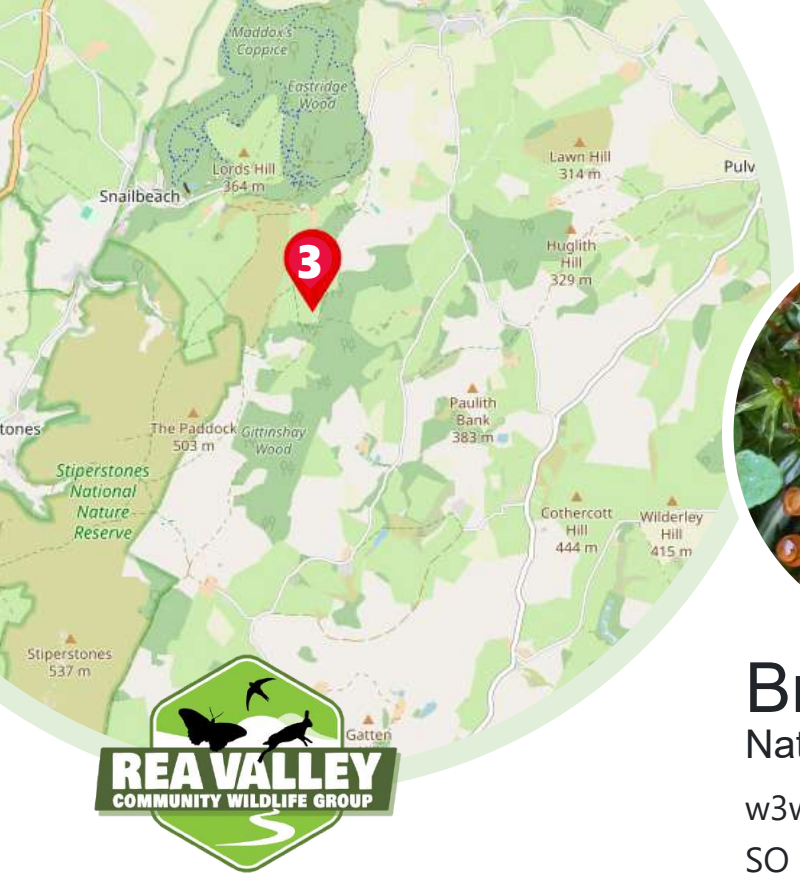




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Brook Vessons

Nature Reserve

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Brook Vessons Nature Reserve, once a working farmland, has been transformed into a peaceful haven for wildlife and visitors alike. This reserve, managed by the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, features a mosaic of ancient woodland, wildflower meadows, and small ponds that support a diverse range of species.

Over the years, conservation efforts have encouraged the return of native flora and fauna, making it a popular spot for birdwatching and nature walks. It is a special site in the Rea Valley because it is one of the sites where people can see the small pearl bordered fritillary butterfly. There are wet flushes on the reserve where marsh violet grows, and this is the food plant of the small pearl bordered fritillary butterfly which can be seen there in the summer months.

The reserve is particularly noted for its variety of bird species, including woodpeckers and warblers, as well as thriving populations of butterflies and wildflowers. Combine this walk with a visit to neighbouring nature reserve, The Hollies.

Location:
Near Snailbeach

Size:
45 acres

Parking:
Park at Snailbeach Village Hall

Accessibility: ☆☆
A steep uphill walk

Likely to see:
Rowan, crab apple and holly trees.



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