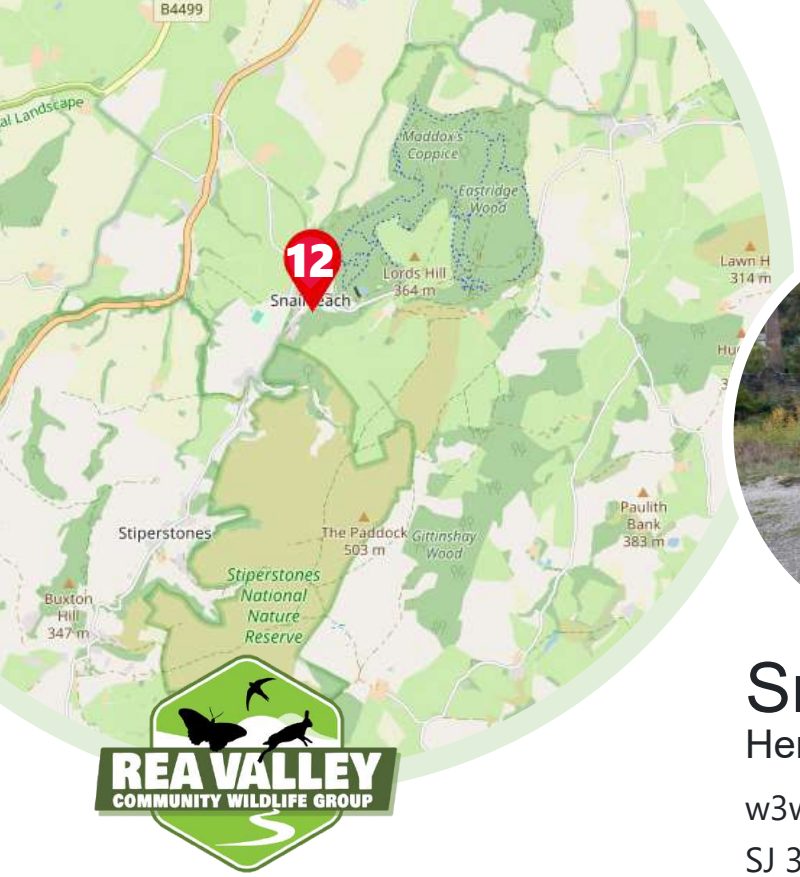




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Snailbeach

Heritage Site

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Snailbeach Heritage site is owned by Shropshire Council and includes the remains of Snailbeach lead mine. This was mainly operational in Victorian times with small scale working continuing until the 1950's. The former mine buildings and remains are protected as a scheduled ancient monument.

The site has a variety of habitats including bare ground, mine spoil, scrub and woodland and there is a pool which was the former mine reservoir. A few plants of the green winged orchid grow at the edge of the spoil heap. The bank opposite the village hall is good for wildflowers, including orchids and the rare Yellow Bird's-nest can occasionally be found flowering there. Snailbeach is a good site for seeing slow worms on the tracks and lizards basking in the sunshine on the walls. The mine workings are an important hibernation site for bats. Eight bat species were recorded during a RVCWG event in summer 2025.

The site is a gateway to adjacent wildlife areas including Eastridge Woods, the SWT Hollies NR and the Stiperstones NNR.

Location: Snailbeach

Size: 20 acres

Parking:
35 spaces. Donation box

Accessibility: ☆☆☆
Steep uphill woodland walks

Likely to see:
Butterflies and moths, bats, wildflowers, fungi.



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