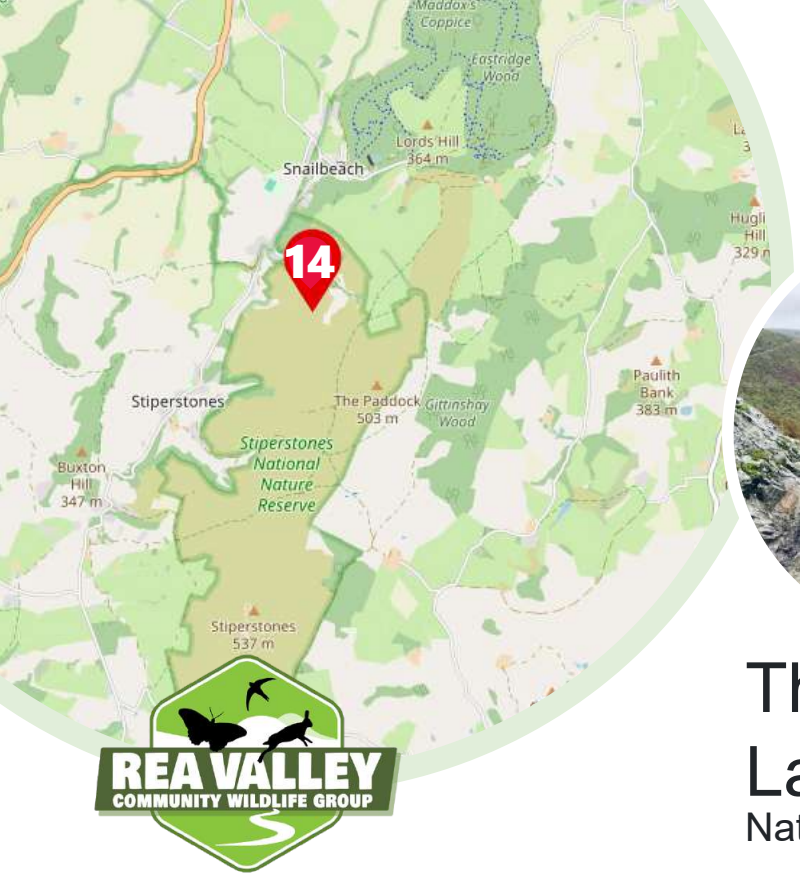


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The Stiperstones Landscape

National Nature Reserve SSSI

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The Stiperstones National Nature Reserve is famous for its distinctive rocky quartzite ridge, which stretches approximately three miles across the landscape, between the Bishops Castle road and the Ratlinghope road. The rugged terrain features dramatic rocky outcrops and rugged hills, making it popular with walkers.

Common wildlife on the reserve includes red kites, skylarks, cuckoo, curlew, meadow pipits and stonechats. There are various projects and bird walks throughout the year. The heathland also supports various insects, including a colonies of Grayling and Green hairstreak butterflies and dragonflies, during the summer months. The Bilberry bumblebee can be seen here at the most southerly part of its range. The Stiperstones is one of the best places for diversity of waxcap fungi in Autumn.

The Stiperstones is also notable for its rich archaeological history, and remnants of old lead mining operations. The reserve offers a unique combination of natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage, making it a treasured part of Shropshire's landscape and a wonderful place to have on our doorstep.

Location:
Stiperstones

Size:
3,700 acres

Parking:
Park at The Bog

Accessibility: ☆☆☆☆

Likely to see:
Stonechat, red grouse, gorse



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