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The Hollies

Nature Reserve SSSI

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The Hollies Nature Reserve is a protected area on the edge of the Stiperstones in Shropshire, England. A short walk from the village of Snailbeach, the reserve offers visitors a peaceful retreat into woodland and grassland habitats. The landscape is characterised by gently rolling hills, ancient woodland, and open meadows, providing a diverse environment for numerous wildlife and plant species.

Visitors to The Hollies can enjoy scenic walks. The woodland is home to tree species such as oak, ash, hawthorn and of course the ancient holly trees that give the name - reported to be one of the oldest holly groves in Europe. There are also wildflowers like bluebells and primroses in the spring. Birdwatchers may spot woodpeckers, song thrushes, and various warblers. Autumn sees the arrival of redwing and fieldfares feeding on the berries. The reserve is also home to small mammals like hedgehogs, squirrels and brown hares, and numerous insects such as butterflies and bees. Also, this is another great spot for grassland fungi including parasols and waxcaps.

Managed by the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, The Hollies Nature Reserve plays a vital role in conserving local biodiversity and is a peaceful spot to enjoy the natural beauty of our Shropshire countryside. Its proximity to the Stiperstones and Snailbeach makes it an excellent complement when exploring the area.

Location:
East of Snailbeach

Size:
90 acres

Parking:
Park at Snailbeach Village Hall

Accessibility: ☆☆☆

Likely to see:
Brown hare, fungi



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