

Welcome to the Woodland Trust

in Northern Ireland



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A vertical photograph of a forest. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy of green leaves, creating bright spots and long shadows. A large tree trunk is visible on the right side of the frame. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

We are the Woodland Trust

the UK's largest woodland conservation charity.

With collective efforts, we're standing up for trees. We're planting new woodland, and protecting and restoring precious ancient woodland.

We care for more than 1,000 wildlife-rich woods throughout the UK and have planted more than 38 million trees.

We want people up and down the country to visit woods, plant trees, and enjoy the overwhelming benefits that woods and trees offer to our landscape and lives. Take a look at some of our top sites for visitors and remember they are always open and free to visit.

The facts

Trees and woods are crucial to life, playing host to a spectacular variety of wildlife. They generate oxygen, provide us with raw materials and shelter, and enhance our quality of life.

Did you know...?

- Northern Ireland is one of the least-wooded countries in Europe, with just 8% woodland cover compared to the European average of 46%.
- Ancient woods (areas wooded since at least 1600) are home to many rare and threatened species. Unfortunately this fragile resource covers just 0.08% of Northern Ireland's landscape.



A lush forest scene featuring a calm river or stream flowing through a dense grove of trees. The water reflects the surrounding greenery and sky. On the left bank, a rustic wooden bridge is partially visible, surrounded by rocks and moss. A dirt path leads from the foreground towards the water, flanked by vibrant green ferns and wildflowers. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Cabin Wood



Cabin Wood

Killymoon, County Tyrone

6.56 hectares (16.21 acres)

OSNI Discoverer 13, H816764



Gregor Fulton



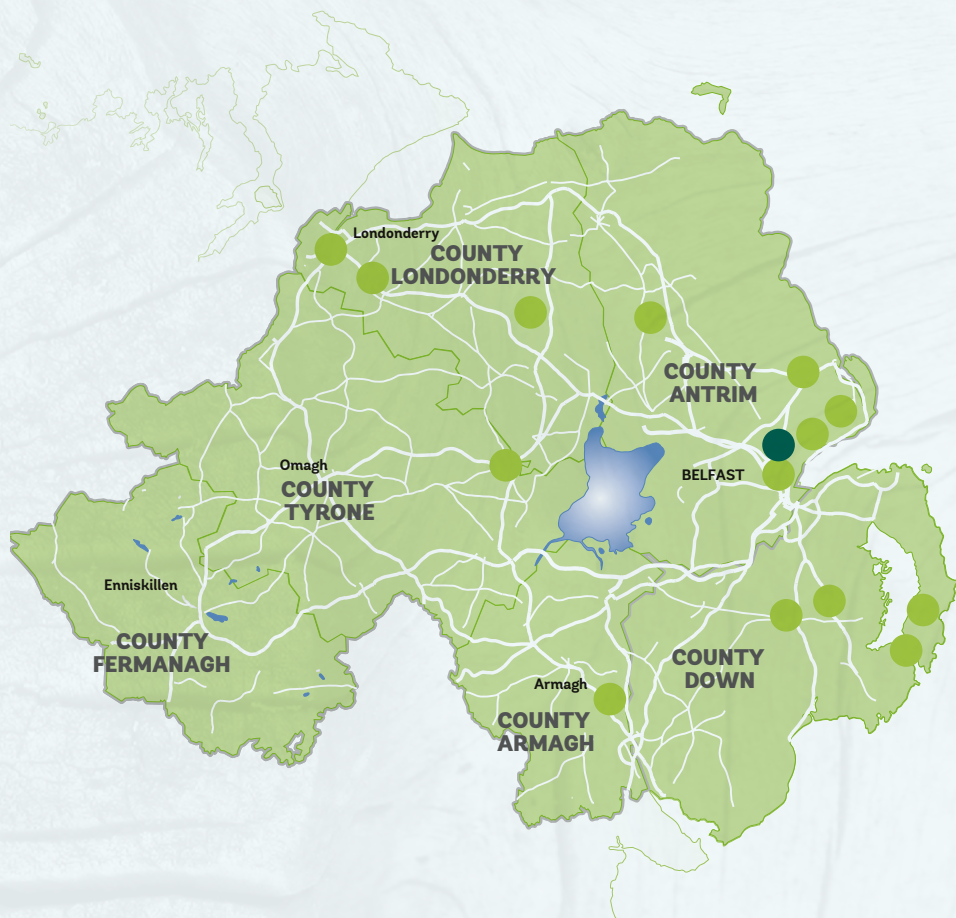
Brian Poots

Cabin Wood, Cookstown

Cabin Wood, just outside Cookstown, has the perfect setting. The wood is bordered by the Ballinderry and Killymoon Rivers and has the advantage of having beautiful Killymoon Castle, and its mature woodland, as a neighbour. Over 12,000 young trees including oak, willow, alder and birch have been planted. And although still in its infancy, Cabin Wood glows with peace and tranquillity. Springtime visitors will be impressed by beauties such as the bluebell, wood anemone, wild garlic and lesser celandine, which grow along the riverbanks. Keep an eye open for otters, kingfishers, kestrels and, at dusk, Daubenton's bats. Red and fallow deer sometimes visit by swimming across the river from Killymoon Estate.

Carnmoney Hill





Carnmoney Hill

Newtownabbey, County Antrim

69.46 hectares (171.64 acres)

OSNI Discoverer 15, J330824



Rosanna Ballentine



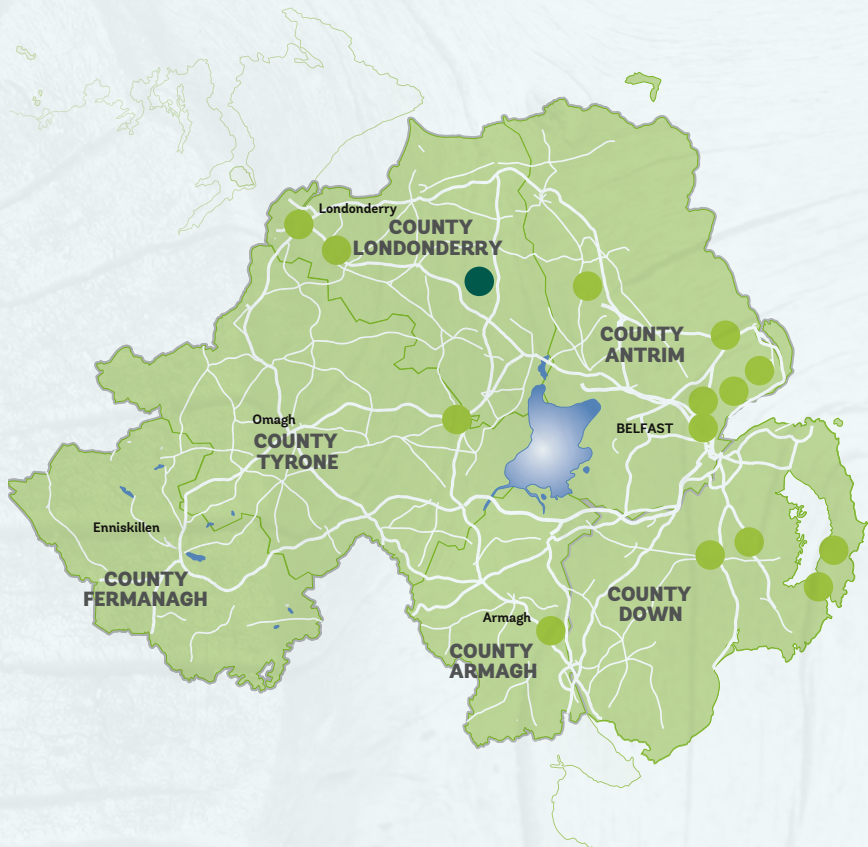
Colin Metcalfe

Carnmoney Hill, Newtownabbey

Carnmoney Hill is one of the Belfast Hills – a chain of hills offering stunning views over the city of Belfast and surrounding countryside. Bats and Irish hares are just some of the mammals at home here, while birds include buzzards, sparrowhawks and long-eared owls.

You're in for a treat, with both natural and built heritage offering a glimpse of days gone by. Look out for ancient hedgerows and fragments of precious ancient woodland. Built features include limekilns, the unearthed ruins of a Victorian farmstead, and a restored Victorian well.

Drumnaph Wood



Drumnaph Wood

Maghera, County Londonderry

31.91 hectares (78.85 acres)

OSNI Discoverer 8, C841037



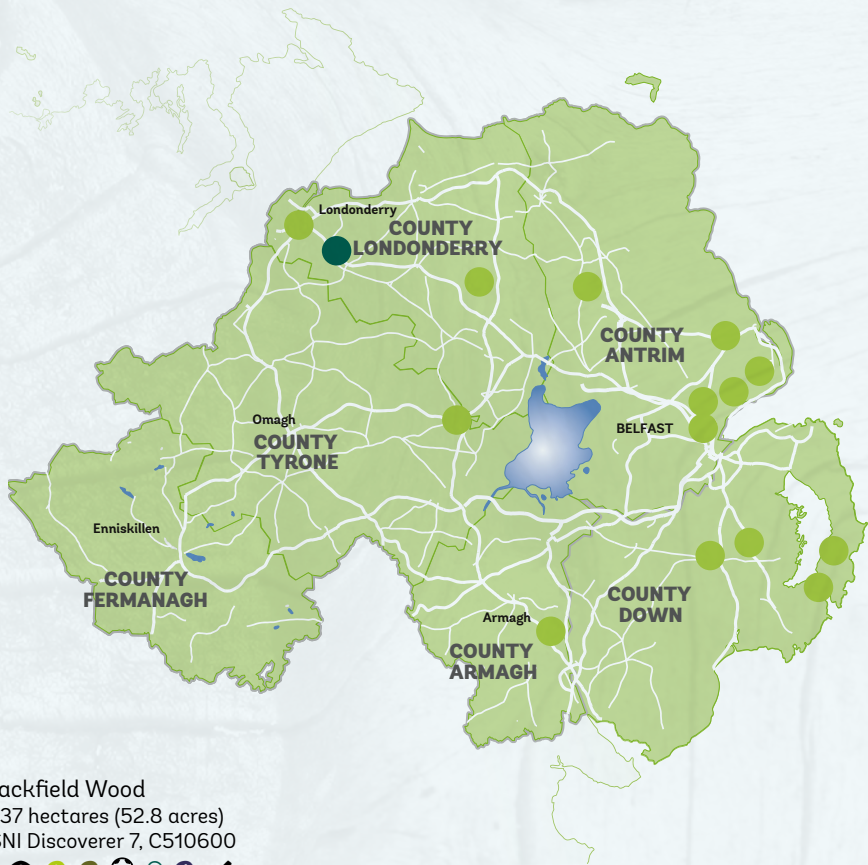
Drumnaph Wood, Maghera

Drumnaph Wood, traced back to 1599, is one of Northern Ireland's precious ancient woods. Its oldest trees are buffered by rush meadow and wetland, with recently planted woodland in the fields further north. Together these habitats provide a wonderful haven for wildlife, from sparrowhawks and buzzards to otters and the Irish hare. Springtime visitors receive a colourful greeting from the wood anemone, wood sorrel, bluebells and primroses that carpet the ancient woodland floor. Remaining historical features give us a flavour of earlier times: a rath (or hillfort) to the north of the site is indicative of an early Christian settlement.

In 2012, the 32-hectare woodland was boosted by Carntogher Community Association's purchase of 54 hectares of ancient woodland and new planting right next door. The two sites will be managed as a seamless whole, offering plenty of opportunities for walkers.

Faughan Valley Woods





Brackfield Wood

21.37 hectares (52.8 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 7, C510600



Burtontollet Wood

23.96 hectares (59.21 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 7, C505108



Killaloo Wood

7.59 hectares (18.76 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 7, C511094



Oaks Wood

5.22 hectares (12.90 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 7, C500109



Faughan Valley Woods, Londonderry

All four woods sit in the picturesque Faughan Valley.

Burtontollet Wood is right beside Ness Country Park. Kissing-gates, wooden benches and several quaint stone bridges are in place, while pathways offer access to miles of woodland and riverside walks.

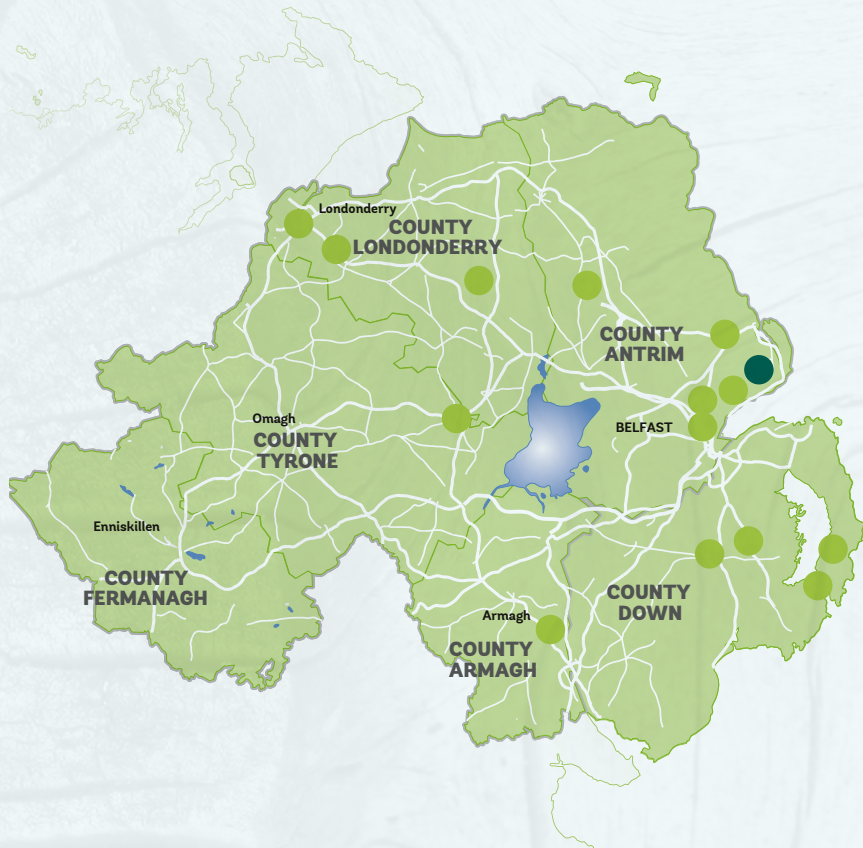
Brackfield Wood, a special Centenary Wood, stretches by the banks of the beautiful River Faughan. This gem is a unique and lasting tribute to the people of Ireland who played a part in the First World War. A visit to Brackfield, together with its flourishing neighbours, is a must.

To the south lies **Killaloo Wood**, an enchanting bluebell-carpeted oak wood, which contains remnants of ancient woodland. Wild inhabitants include otters, sparrowhawks, jays and kingfishers.

Oaks Wood lies to the north of Brackfield. Stroll alongside the River Faughan and stop for a rest on one of the carved wooden seats. Chances are you'll notice a fisherman or two, in search of the river's trout and salmon.

A photograph of a forest path, split vertically by a white line. The path is covered in fallen leaves and dappled with sunlight. The trees are lush and green, with thick foliage overhead. The text 'Oakfield Glen' is overlaid in large, white, bold letters in the upper center.

Oakfield Glen



Oakfield Glen

Carrickfergus, County Antrim

8.86 hectares (21.89 acres)

OSNI Discoverer 15, J41489



Alasdair McBroom



Elaine Hill

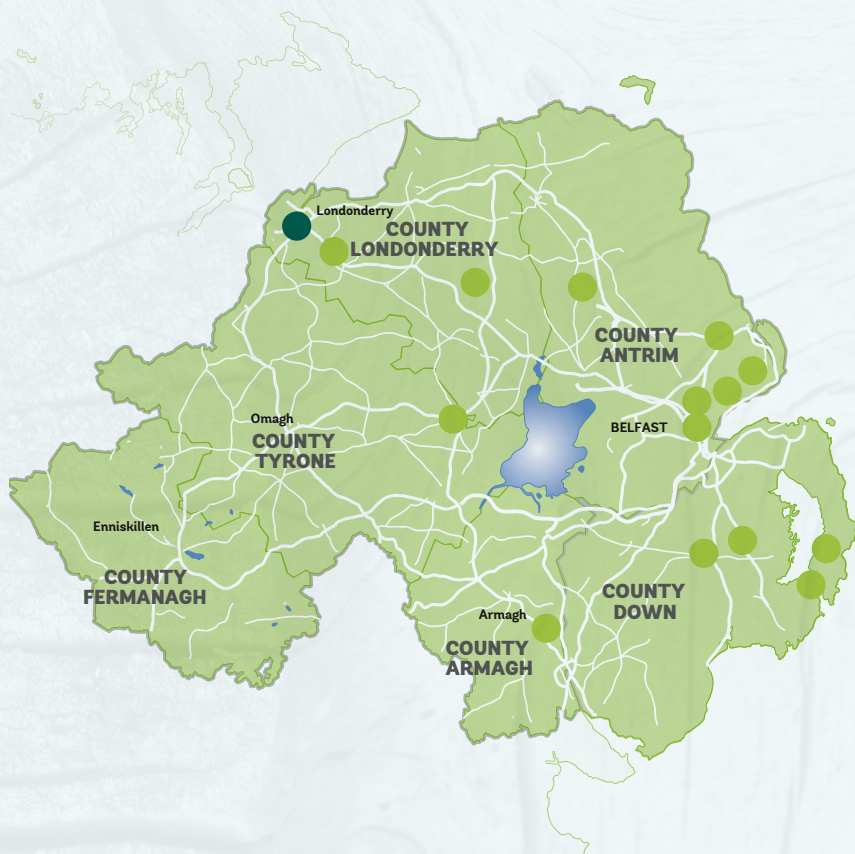


Oakfield Glen, Carrickfergus

Oakfield Glen was once a countryman's residence built in 1805 and decorated with fine gardens and exotic plantings. The big house was demolished in the 1950s but you can still see remnants of the old ice house and some interesting specimen trees including a coast redwood remain. The mature woodland has been enhanced with the planting of native saplings. Together young and old provide a much-needed habitat for wildlife, including bullfinches, sparrowhawks and singing wrens, with visiting willow warblers and chiffchaffs. Walkers will come across a charming stream, while two new stone bridges echo the remains of a much older one, built in Victorian times. The well-used paths connect Oakfield Glen to neighbouring Bashfordsland Wood, owned by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

Prehen Wood





Prehen Wood

Londonderry, County Londonderry

7.48 hectares (18.48 acres)

OSNI Discoverer 7, C425148



Rosie Irwin



Christine Cassidy

Prehen Wood, Londonderry

Prehen Wood is one of our rare and irreplaceable ancient woods, dating back as far as 1600. Today's wood is a remnant of the extensive woodland that once covered much of the east bank of the River Foyle, stretching as far as Strabane.

At 7.5 hectares (18.5 acres) the remaining woodland is much reduced from its former size. That which remains, however, is a natural treasure trove, a place of great beauty – and all on the doorstep of the city.

Spring brings an enviable array of woodland flowers, including carpets of bluebells, lesser celandines and wood anemones. Privileged visitors may catch a glimpse of some special wild inhabitants, which include the endangered red squirrel, sparrowhawk and long-eared owl.

KEY

- Information board at site
- Car park at site
- Parking nearby
- Local parking difficult
- Good views
- Waymarked walk
- Moorland
- Grassland

- Marshland
- Woods on your Doorstep site
- Young woodland
- First World War Centenary Wood
- Broadleaved woodland
- Mixed woodland

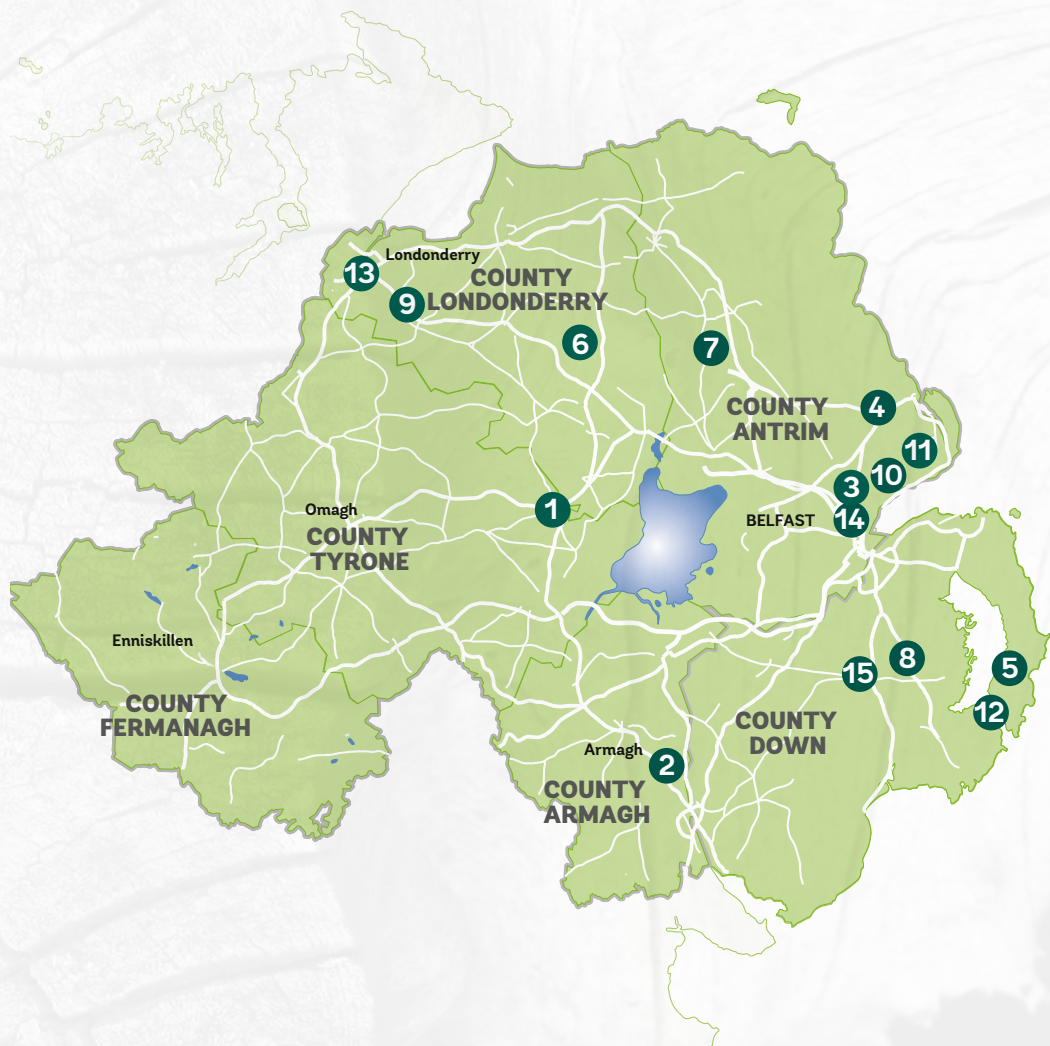
- Coniferous woodland
- Special wildlife interest
- Well worth a visit
- No public access (conservation/safety)
- Spring colour
- Autumn colour
- Diamond Jubilee Wood

1. Cabin Wood
Killymoon, County Tyrone
6.56 hectares (16.21 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 13, H816764
2. Canal Wood
Payntz Pass, County Armagh
6.11 hectares (15.10 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 29, J065350
3. Carnmoney Hill
Newtownabbey, County Antrim
69.46 hectares (171.64 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 15, J330824
4. Clements Wood
Larne, County Antrim
3.55 hectares (8.77 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 9, J349978
5. Corrog Wood
Portaferry, County Down
5.49 hectares (13.57 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 21, J601529
6. Drumnaph Wood
Maghera, County Londonderry
31.91 hectares (78.85 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 8, C841037
7. Galgorm Wood
Galgorm, County Antrim
3 hectares (7.41 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 8, D058049
8. Glasswater Wood
Crossgar, County Down
5.79 hectares (14.31 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 21, J446537
9. Faughan Valley Woods
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OSNI Discoverer 7, C510600

Burntollet Wood
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Oaks Wood
5.22 hectares (12.90 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 7, C500109
10. Monkstown Wood
Newtownabbey, County Antrim
8.9 hectares (21.99 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 15, J345839
11. Oakfield Glen
Carrickfergus, County Antrim
8.86 hectares (21.89 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 15, J414894
12. Pond Wood & Compass Hill
Strangford, County Down
1.16 hectares (2.87 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 21, J585500
13. Prehen Wood
Londonderry, County Londonderry
7.48 hectares (18.48 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 7, C425148
14. Throne Wood
North Belfast, County Antrim
5.47 hectares (13.52 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 15, J332805
15. Windmill Hill
Ballynahinch, County Down
2.86 hectares (7.07 acres)
OSNI Discoverer 21, J372523







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