



Forestry England

Changes to parking in the heart of the New Forest

From spring 2026

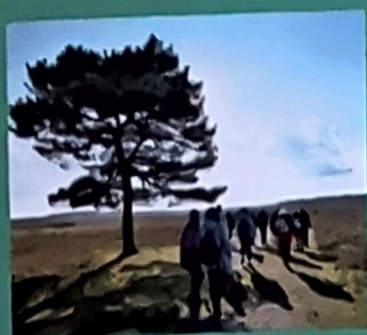


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Who we are and what we do

Forestry England looks after the nation's 1,500 woods and forests, including around half the New Forest National Park.



We do much more here than you probably think:

- ✓ We look after most of the public green space in the New Forest.
- ✓ We provide hundreds of miles of paths and cycle routes, 129 car parks and ten campsites, helping millions of people to enjoy the forest.
- ✓ We plant thousands of trees, restore heathlands and rivers, and help to conserve wildlife.
- ✓ Rangers patrol the area every day of the year, helping to prevent wildfires and addressing anti-social behaviour such as fly tipping.



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What's changing?

From April 2026, parking charges will be introduced at all 129 Forestry England car parks in the New Forest.

Caring for the New Forest is a big job that costs around £5 million every year. We currently receive less than 20% of our core funding from the government, and have to raise the rest ourselves from things such as timber sales and campsites.

The cost of looking after the area is now much greater than the money we raise here. With rising costs and visitor numbers, we can't afford to continue our work in the New Forest without greater support.



Your help is vital

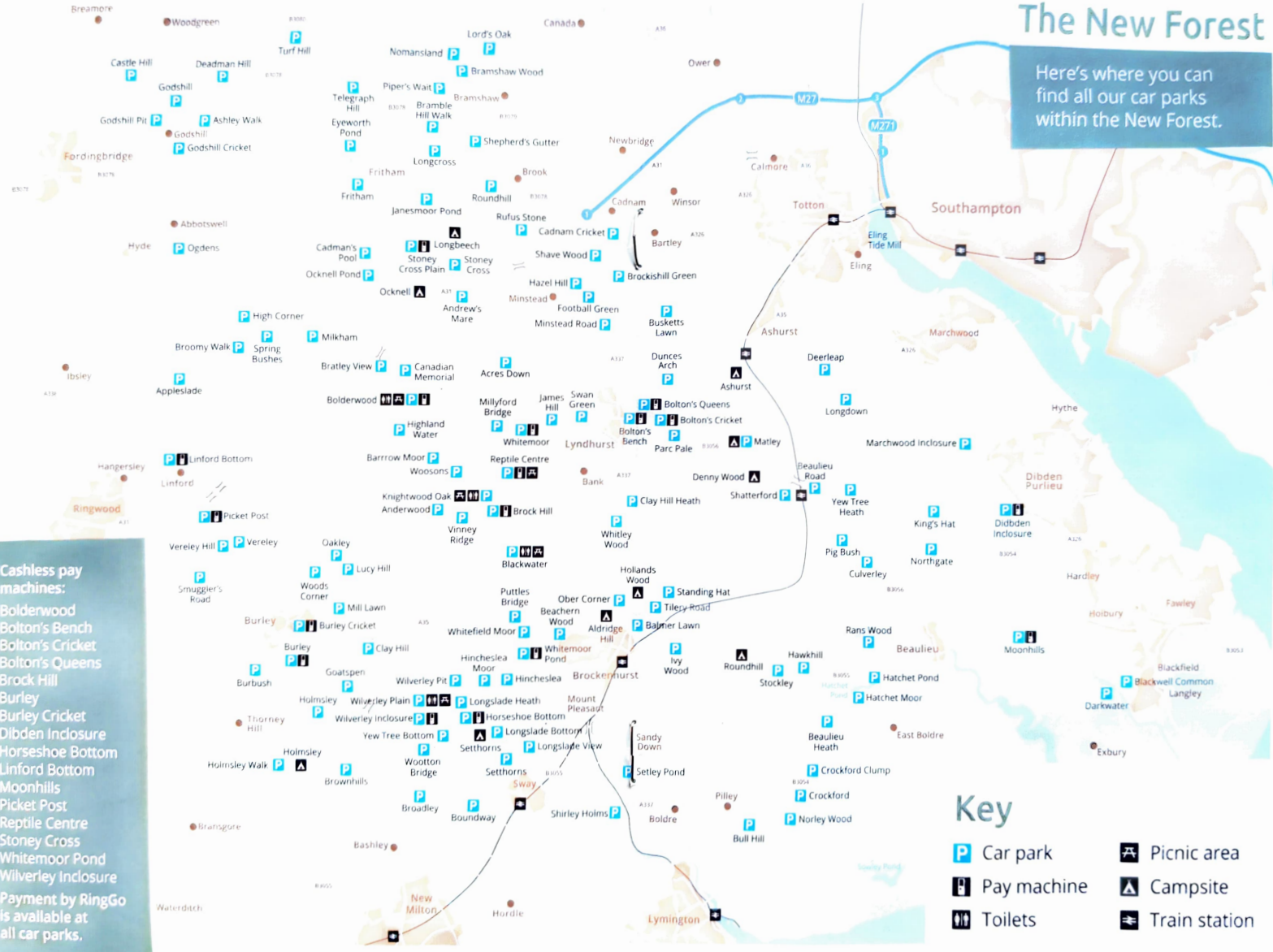
Everyone who pays to park will be helping to support the New Forest.

Money raised from parking will help us to continue our critical work here, keeping car parks and trails open. It will also boost the numbers of our rangers on patrol so we can look after this special place.

The New Forest will join many other forests across the country where visitors provide support by paying to park.

The New Forest

Here's where you can find all our car parks within the New Forest.



Cashless pay machines:
 Boldenwood
 Bolton's Bench
 Bolton's Cricket
 Bolton's Queens
 Brock Hill
 Burley
 Burley Cricket
 Dibden Inlosure
 Horseshoe Bottom
 Linford Bottom
 Moonhills
 Picket Post
 Reptile Centre
 Stoney Cross
 Whitemoor Pond
 Wilverley Inlosure
 Payment by RingGo is available at all car parks.

- Key**
- Car park
 - Pay machine
 - Toilets
 - Picnic area
 - Campsite
 - Train station

How will it work?

The main way to pay will be using the **RingGo app** on your mobile.

This will help to limit the number of pay machines and equipment in the forest.

If your phone signal is weak, you can still pay via the app before midnight on the following day. And if you forget your location number, you can check it here: www.forestryengland.uk/car-parks/parking-in-the-new-forest

Download the RingGo app here:



At larger car parks

In some of our larger car parks, a small number of **cashless payment machines** will be available. These won't use printed tickets, so instead you'll just enter your car registration.

What will it cost?

We've set our charges in line with similar locations in the area:

- £1.50** for 1 hour
- £3.00** for 2 hours
- £5.00** for 4 hours
- £8.00** for over 4 hours

Tickets will be transferable, so if you have time left, you can use it to visit any other Forestry England car park in the New Forest.

When's it happening?

Charging is due to be introduced in late April 2026. Check our website for the latest information.

Commoning

If you support the New Forest through commoning activities or other key working forest tasks, you'll still be able to park for free.

Visit often? Become a member

With a Forestry England membership, visiting the New Forest is easy. You're also helping to support the forest.

- Free parking in any of the 129 Forestry England managed car parks in the New Forest, and at many other forests across the country.
- Works out at £1.85 per week, or £8 monthly direct debit.*
- One membership covers the whole household. Register up to two cars per household.**



How do I join?

It's really easy. Just go to:
forestryengland.uk/national-membership

If you need any help, contact our friendly customer relations team:

0300 068 0400 | membership@forestryengland.uk



Scan here to visit our membership page

* Annual membership costs £96 per year, with options for monthly instalments (£8 per month) via direct debit.

** Free parking applies only to one registered car at a time. If two vehicles are used at the same time, the second to arrive will need to pay normal parking charges.

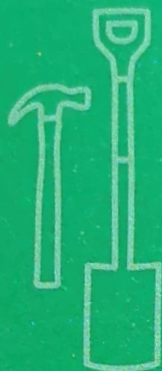


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Here are a few of the things we've done to care for the New Forest over the past year:



We've started restoring 145 hectares of heathland



We repaired 40 bridges, 85 car parks (using 650 tonnes of gravel) and 42 km of forest tracks



We collected 566 skips of rubbish and cleared 266 fly-tips



Our rangers were on patrol for over 5,000 hours



We've planted thousands of native trees

For more information about car parking in the New Forest, please contact us:

w: forestryengland.uk/upcoming-changes-parking-in-the-new-forest

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