

Wildlife

Crickley Hill boasts a unique combination of habitats which support an amazing diversity of wildlife throughout the seasons. From the deep shade of wild garlic scented beech woodland to the steep slopes of wildflower rich grassland, Crickley is a great place to see, smell and hear wildlife.



Archaeology

As well as being nationally important for wildlife, Crickley Hill has played a notable role in the history of the area. There is evidence of settlements dating back 5000 years and that people lived here at various times until about 500AD.

Between 1969 and 1993 a team of archaeologists carried out excavations at Crickley Hill, and nearly one million artefacts were found. This is how we know so much about the people who used to live here.



700–600 BC
The first
Iron Age hill fort



500 BC
The second
Iron Age hill fort



420–500 AD
Post Roman
village

Managing Crickley Hill

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the National Trust share joint ownership of Crickley Hill. We work together as custodians of this delicate, much-loved and well-used wild place; protecting and enhancing Crickley Hill's special wildlife and archaeology for the enjoyment and benefit of current and future generations.

Since Crickley Hill was first established as a Country Park in 1979, visitors have been discovering sweeping limestone grasslands, beech woodlands, archaeology and panoramic views.

Conservation of
special habitats



Adder
conservation



Grazing



Managing
ancient trees
and woodland



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Welcome to
Crickley Hill



Wildlife – Archaeology – Views

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Explore Crickley Hill

Key

- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Scheduled Monument
- The Ramparts
- Crickley Hill Walk
- Crickley Hill Accessible Route
- Cotswold Way
- Public Right of Way / Bridleway

- Woodland
- Scrub
- Grassland
- Roads
- Buildings

- Viewpoint
- Toilets
- Café
- Car Park



During spring and early summer The Scarp, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is dotted with colourful orchids



Along this path is a typical Cotswold dry stone wall. Constructed entirely without cement it is made up of locally quarried blocks of oolitic limestone carefully fitted together.



Although having the appearance of a "parkland" landscape, the 250 year old mature oak trees are the remnants of an ancient wood.



Dryads Saddle can be found on beech trees in The Scrubbs