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

420-500 AD Post Roman Iron Age hill fort village

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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.



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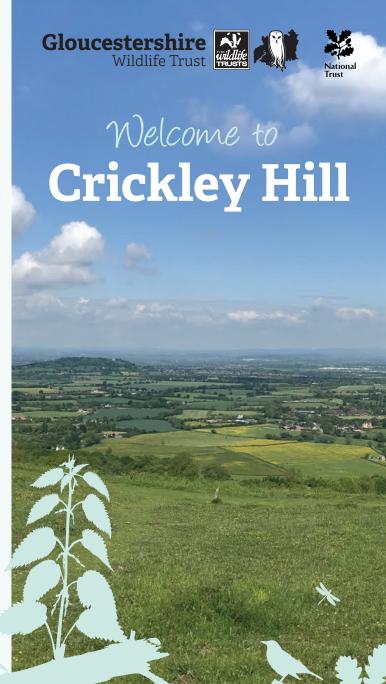
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Wildlife - Archaeology - Views

Explore Along this path is a typical Cotswold dry stone wall. **Crickley Hill** Constructed entirely without cement it is made up of locally quarried blocks of oolitic limestone Key carefully fitted together. Site of Special Scientific Interest Viewpoint Woodland Although having the Scheduled Monument Scrub Toilets appearance of a "parkland" The Ramparts landscape, the 250 year Grassland --- Crickley Hill Walk Café Crickley old mature oak trees Roads Hill Crickley Hill Accessible Route are the remnants of Car Park **Short** Wood an ancient wood. Buildings Cotswold Way Wood Public Right of Way / Bridleway The Scarp Cheltenham **Short Wood Pasture Ochala** Stow-on-the-Wold Wood During spring and early summer A436 The Scarp, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is dotted with colourful orchids Cricket **††** Ground The Scarp The Scrubbs The **Hill Fort** Air Balloon A417 Gloucester Dryads Saddle can be found on beech trees in The Scrubbs

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