

Bedford Purlieus nature reserve 1

With 520 acres of ancient woodland, there are lots to see and enjoy. Types of flora that can be spotted are bluebells, primroses, celandines, violets, wood anemones, beech, field maple, birch, wild strawberries, and garlic. Some of the wildlife you may spot includes buzzards, grey squirrel, red kite, deer, cuckoo, badgers, and foxes. The woods belonged to the Wansford Estate for over 400 years and later the Duke of Bedford that his where the connection for the name comes from.

Old Sulehay Forest 2

This forest is a piece of the ancient Rockingham Forest, which was a royal hunting forest that spanned from Kettering to Wansford. Historically a large part of the reserve was associated with quarrying. There is a lot of ground flora in the forest, including bluebells, wild garlic, and toothwort. If you are lucky you may see a woodpecker or a deer.

Old Sulehay nature reserves 3

A short distance from the forest Old Sulehay Nature Reserve is in Yarwell. The Nature Reserve is made up of a mosaic of limestone quarries, grassland, woodland, and wetland habitats. In the summer glow worms can be seen shimmering in the long grass.

Nene Valley Railway 4

One of the UK's leading international steam attractions. This is a preserved railway. The line itself is only 7 1/2 miles in length based at Wansford Station and covering the stations of Overton (Ferry Meadows) Orton Mere, Yarwell Junction and Peterborough. Nene Valley Railway is the home of Thomas, the children's favourite engine. The railway has featured in many films and TV series including James Bond films Octopussy and Goldeneye.

Wansford 5

A beautiful quaint english village that has a brace of charming country pubs. Wansford Old Bridge is where the Great North Road and the River Nene crossed. Now boasting a beautiful stone bridge, which replaced a wooden bridge that was damaged by floods in 1571. Wansford is a village of two halves, one half of the parish run by Peterborough City Council and the other half run by Wansford Parish Council, up until 1965 it was also split into two counties and is now in Cambridgeshire.

Yarwell 6

Situated on the east of Northamptonshire near the border of Cambridgeshire. Yarwell gets its name from the spring where the yarrow grows.

Nassington 7

Nassington has existed since the Anglo-Saxon times, it is said a viking king took over the Anglo-Saxon hall and made it into one of his royal halls. The Manor is now a private home, however, the Manor, Tithe Barn Museum and gardens are open some days and there is a cost to enter.

Woodnewton 8

North of a small stream, the Willow Brook in Rockingham Forest. The village is essentially a pair of parallel streets.

Apethorpe 9

Situated in North East Northamptonshire, beautiful village with lime stone cottages and grade II listed houses. Apethorpe Palace is acknowledged to be on one of the finest country homes in the UK.

Kings Cliffe 10

Kings Cliffe village homes built with local stone and collyweston roofing. A thousand years ago, it was a royal stronghold in the heart of Rockingham Forest and the centre of an estate which later formed the basis of Cliffe Bailiwick in Rockingham Forest.



- Rockingham Forest Park Boundary
- Public bridleway (pedestrians, horses and cyclists)
- Walking and Cycle trails (created by Rockingham Forest Park for guests to enjoy)
- Public footpath (pedestrians only)
- Byway (publically accessible track, too minor to be called a road)
- Road
- Local Pubs

