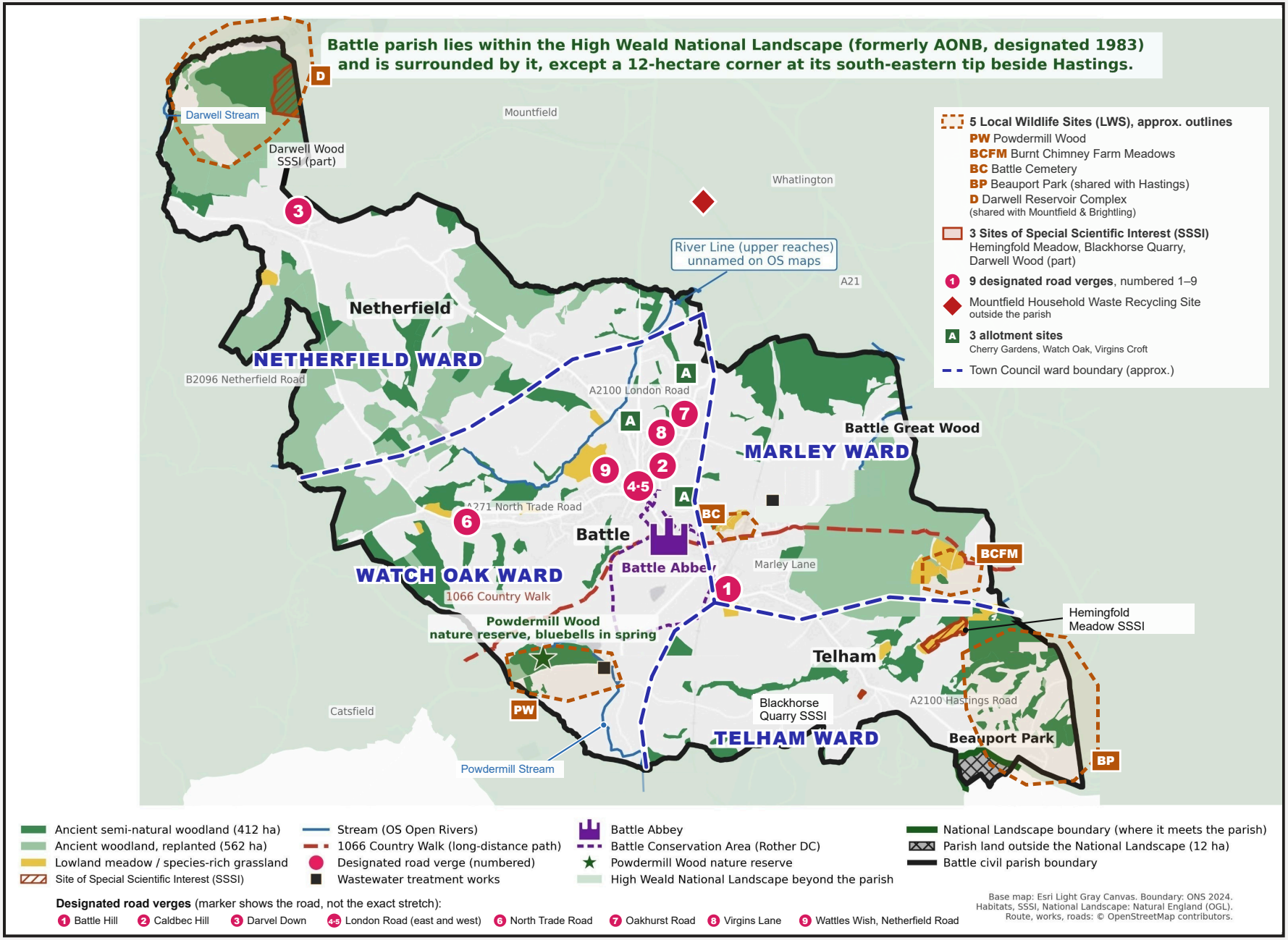
Map: Battle civil parish and its natural environment

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Heritage trees in Battle parish

- **97 recorded:** 1 ancient, 68 veteran, 28 notable
- **Battle Conservation Area:** 11 veteran and 7 notable trees recorded
- **45 Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)** are in force, protecting 151 individual trees and 69 groups, areas and woodlands

Find out more

Battle Conservation Area
rother.gov.uk/.../conservation-areas

Tree Preservation Orders
rother.gov.uk/.../protected-trees

Ancient Tree Inventory
heritage trees recorded by volunteers
ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Types of designated verges
by East Sussex Highways
eastsussexhighways.com/.../services-vegetation

The 31-mile 1066 Country Walk
passes through the parish
visit1066country.com/.../1066-country-walk

Learn about the High Weald National Landscape
highweald.org

Battle Town Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency in June 2023
Learn more:
battletowncouncil.gov.uk/.../climate-and-ecology

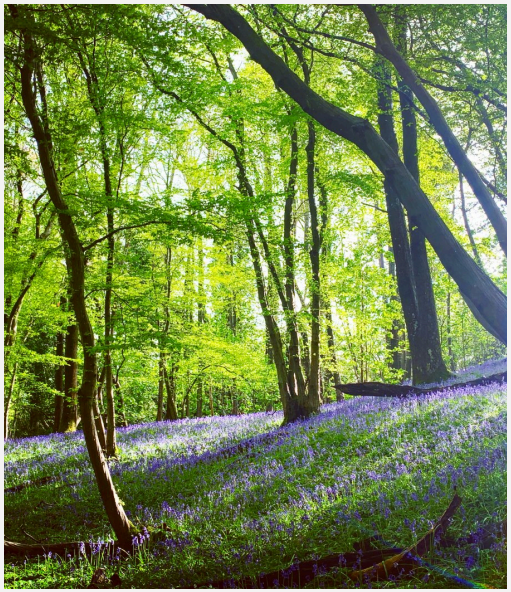
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More about Battle's natural environment →

More about Battle civil parish and its natural environment

Battle parish lies within the High Weald National Landscape (formerly an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, designated in 1983). One of the best-preserved medieval landscapes in north-west Europe, it was called *Anderida silva* by the Romans. Home to some of the darkest skies in the South East, relatively free of light pollution.

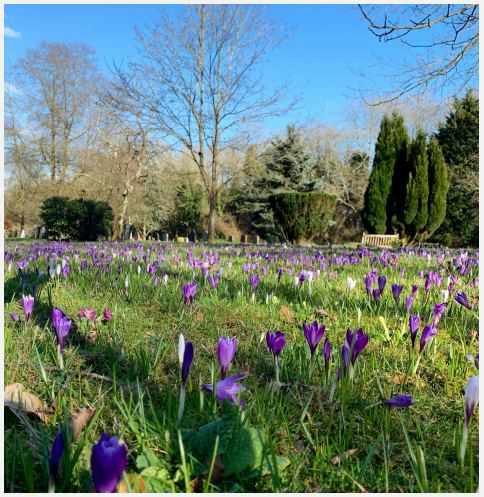
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ANCIENT WOODLAND

Powdermill Wood

Ancient woodland is a key landscape feature of the parish. Some, as Powdermill Wood (pictured), has been traditionally managed as coppice: trees are cut back in turn and regrow, letting in light for bluebells and wood anemones.



LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE

Battle Cemetery

Owned and managed by Battle Town Council, the cemetery has been a designated wildlife site since 1993 (first as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance, now a Local Wildlife Site), noted for its swathes of Green-winged Orchid and frequent Common Twayblade. It also has a small arboretum.
battletowncouncil.gov.uk/community/cemetery



ROUTEWAYS

Wadhurst Lane

An example of a sunken lane, typical of the High Weald landscape.

Local wildlife

- **Nightingale**, cuckoo, swift, tawny owl
- **Bats** inc. pipistrelle, long-eared, and Bechstein's

Did you know?

- Iguanodon bones have been found at **Blackhorse Quarry**
- A **ghyll** (or gill) is a steep, wooded stream valley cut into the sandstone, a common feature in Battle parish
- A **shaw** is a narrow strip of woodland along a field edge, often a remnant of older woodland (Manser Shaw)



High Weald National Landscape Management Plan 2024–2029 highweald.org

Relevant organisations

Battle Town Council Owns & manages some green spaces and 3 allotment sites; produces the Neighbourhood Plan	**East Sussex County Council** Footpaths, cycling & walking routes, verges, ordinary watercourses & local flood risk, Local Nature Recovery Strategy	**Environment Agency** Environmental regulator: environmental permits, main rivers, flooding, environmental incidents	**Forestry England / Forestry Commission** Battle Great Wood, felling licences	**High Weald Partnership** The National Landscape	**Historic England / English Heritage** Battle Abbey and the battlefield
Natural England Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), priority habitats	**Rother District Council** Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Conservation Area, waste management, air quality (Sussex Air Quality Partnership), manages some green spaces	**Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre** Local Wildlife Sites, species records (with the National Biodiversity Network Atlas)	**Water companies** South East Water (supply), Southern Water (sewerage)	**Woodland Trust** Ancient & veteran trees, recorded by volunteers	**+ volunteers** and local societies (Sussex Ornithological Society, Sussex Bat Group, Sussex Amphibian & Reptile Group, Butterfly Conservation Sussex Branch etc.)

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