

INTERPRETATION BOARDS FROM MOOR POND WOODS

The Papplewick Trail

MOOR POND WOODS

WELCOME TO MOOR POND WOODS...

There are three different areas of interest:

- Papplewick Dam Wood is a wet woodland dominated by willow and alder.
- Moor Pond Wood is deciduous woodland.
- Orange Cottages Wood is a recently planted wildflower meadow and mature woodland.

THE HISTORY AS WE KNOW IT...

The three sites were historically connected by water flowing through them. In the 18th century, water was transported down the valley through a network of constructed waterways (known as "leats") to power cotton mills.

Castle Mill, now a private house, is an example of one of them. The flow through the leats was controlled by a series of sluices, some of which can still be seen. The ponds were created to hold water in order to maintain a constant flow through the system. The complex of leats, sluices and ponds was regarded in its day as a high point of industrial civil engineering.

OUR PLANTS & ANIMALS...

After the mills closed, the area returned to the wild with a wide diversity of plant and animal life. Birds such as **spotted flycatcher** and **rusthatch** can regularly be seen in Moor Pond Wood and uncommon mammals such as the **water vole** are at home in the wet woodland habitats of Papplewick Dam Wood. Woodland plants including **common spotted orchids** favour the drier areas of woodland, while plants preferring wet conditions such as **water mint** occur around the ponds. **Orange balsam** is an unusual species that has been long established in Papplewick Dam Wood and the **orange tip butterfly** is prolific in spring and early summer.

Map and Legend:

- MOOR POND WOODS FOOTPATHS
- OTHER FOOTPATHS
- COURSE OF LEAT
- WATER
- WHEELCHAIR ACCESS
- BUILT UP AREAS

Scale: 0 50 100 200 300 400 500 Metres

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