

Woodland management and non-forestry activities

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Overview

Key message: Forestry no longer operates in isolation.

- Woodland is now expected to deliver:
 - Timber production
 - Biodiversity and conservation
 - Recreation and tourism
 - Heritage protection
 - Commercial activities (e.g. filming)
- These objectives often **conflict in timing, space, and risk**

Typical conflicts:

- Harvesting operations vs public access
- Deer control vs public perception
- Biosecurity vs tourism
- Filming/events vs habitat protection
- Conservation vs commercial forestry returns



Harvesting along a PROW - Chilterns

Knebworth Estate

- **Location:** Hertfordshire
- **Total Area:** 291 ha
- **Area of Managed Woodland:** 180 ha
- **Habitat:** Mixed Woodlands, historic parkland
- Network of PROW across the woodland



KNEBWORTH
HOUSE



Knebworth House



Oak Harvesting – Newton Wood

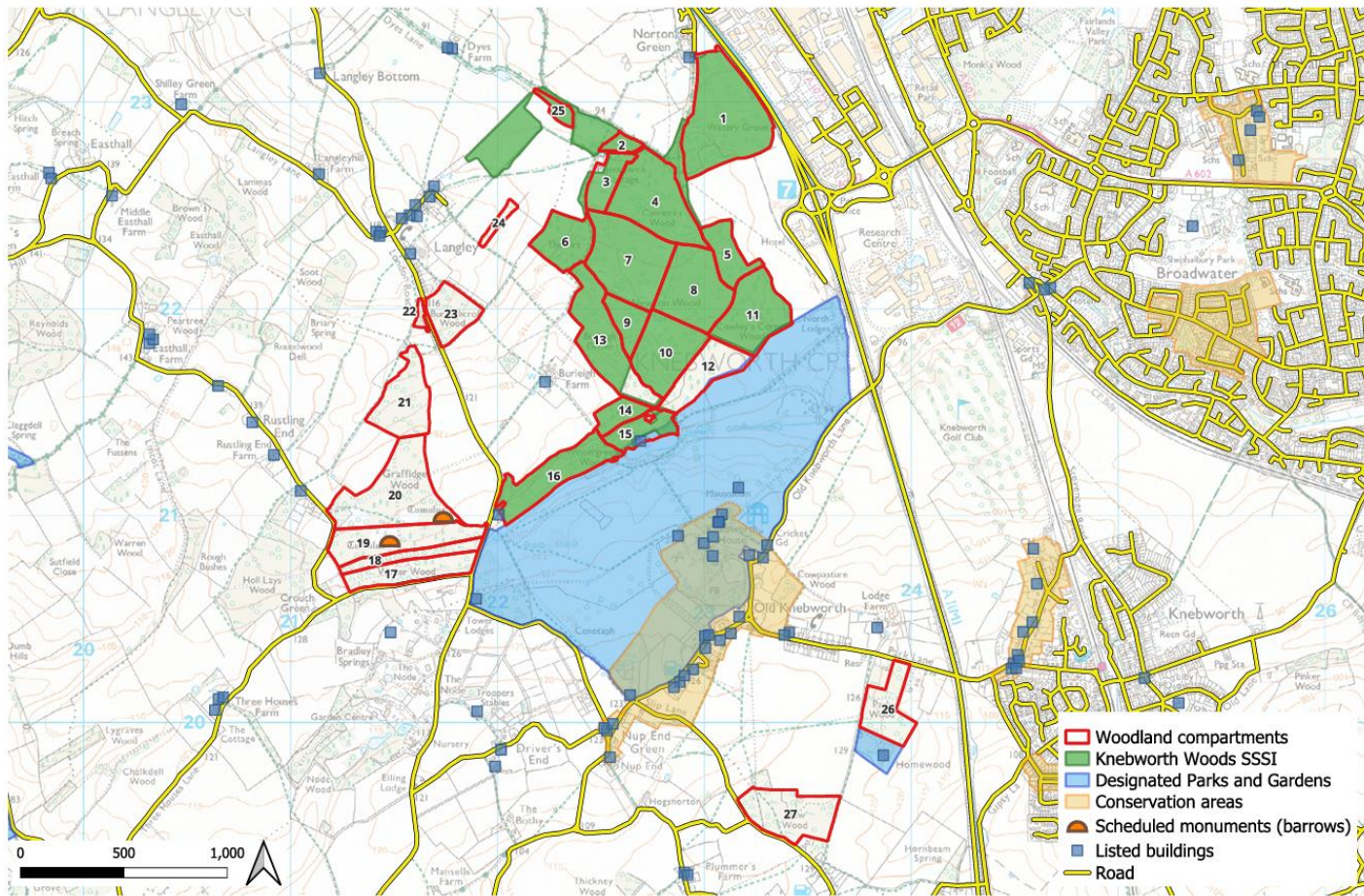


Wild Service Tree

Knebworth Estate

MAP 2 - KNEBWORTH ESTATE - DESIGNATIONS

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Designation Map – Knebworth Estate



Iron Maiden concert



Oasis concert – capacity: 125,000 people

Ashdown Forest



Ashdown Forest

- **Location:** Sussex
- **Total Area:** 2,476ha
- **Area of Managed Woodland:** 1,021ha
- **Habitat:** Heathland and Woodlands
- **Designations:**
 - Site of Special Scientific Interest (currently unfavourable)
 - Special Protection Area
 - Special Area of Conservation
 - 8 Scheduled Monuments
 - 75 heritage features
- Estimated 1.5 million visitors per year



A. A. Milne monument



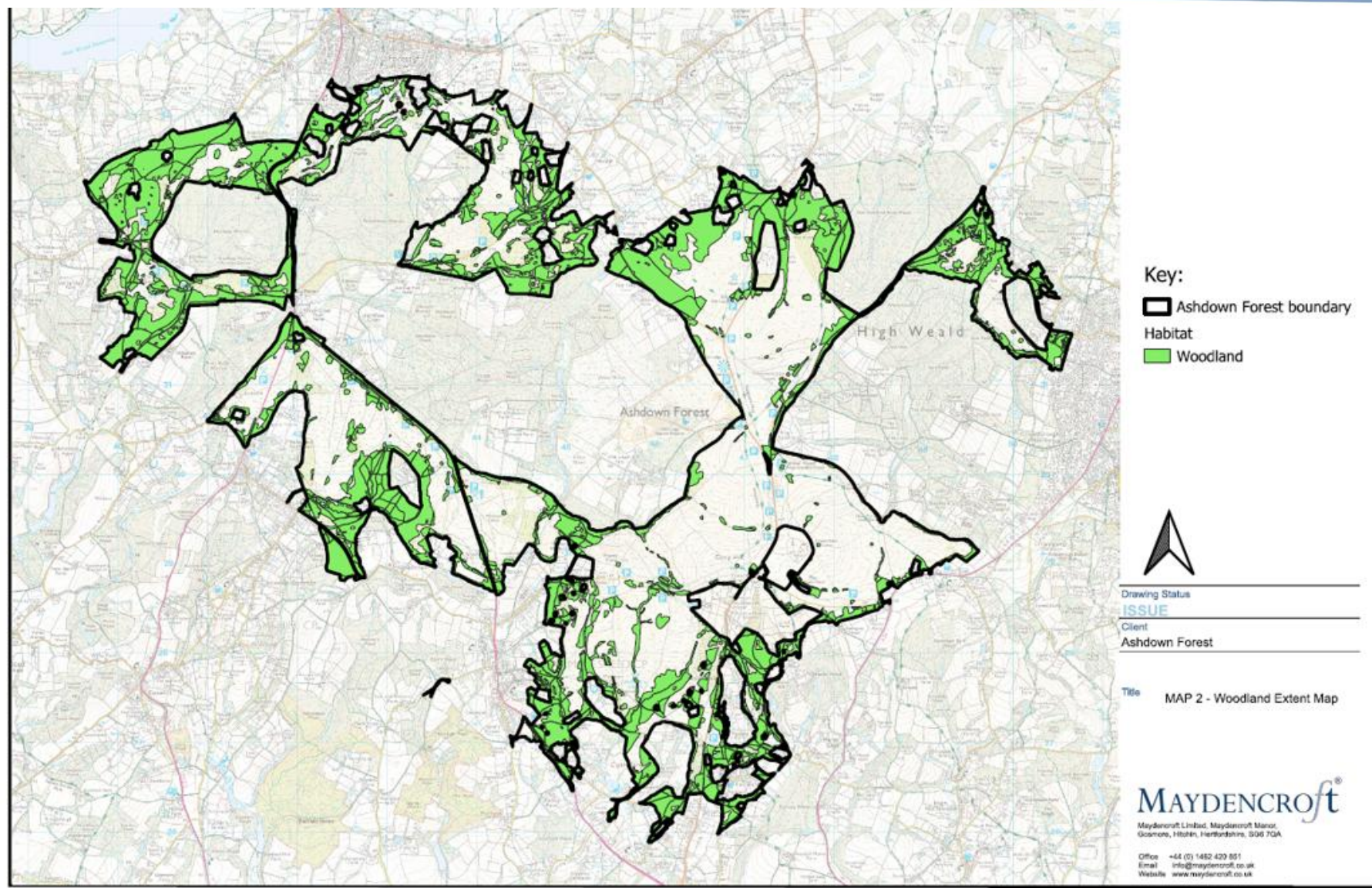
Winnie the Pooh



Dartford Warbler



Nightjar



Woodland Map Ashdown Forest

Ashdown Forest

Woodland Management Plan

Aim: Long-term resilience through species & structural diversification

SSSI currently unfavourable (declining PAWS & ASNW)

→ target: favourable condition

- Key priorities:

- Deer management
- Restoration of PAWS & ASNW
- Strengthening woodland connectivity (corridors)
- Integrated protection of archaeology & heritage
- Maintained for public enjoyment, education & community use, with tree safety measures in place.



Douglas



Long-eared bat



Dormouse

Deer Impact – most challenging threat



Fallow Deer – Ashdown Forest – 17 deer per km²



Secondary birch woodland

Woburn Estate

- **Location:** Bedfordshire
- **Total Area:** 5,000 ha
- **Area of Managed Woodland:** 1,350 ha
- **Bike Park** – Aspley Woods
- Network of PROW across woodlands



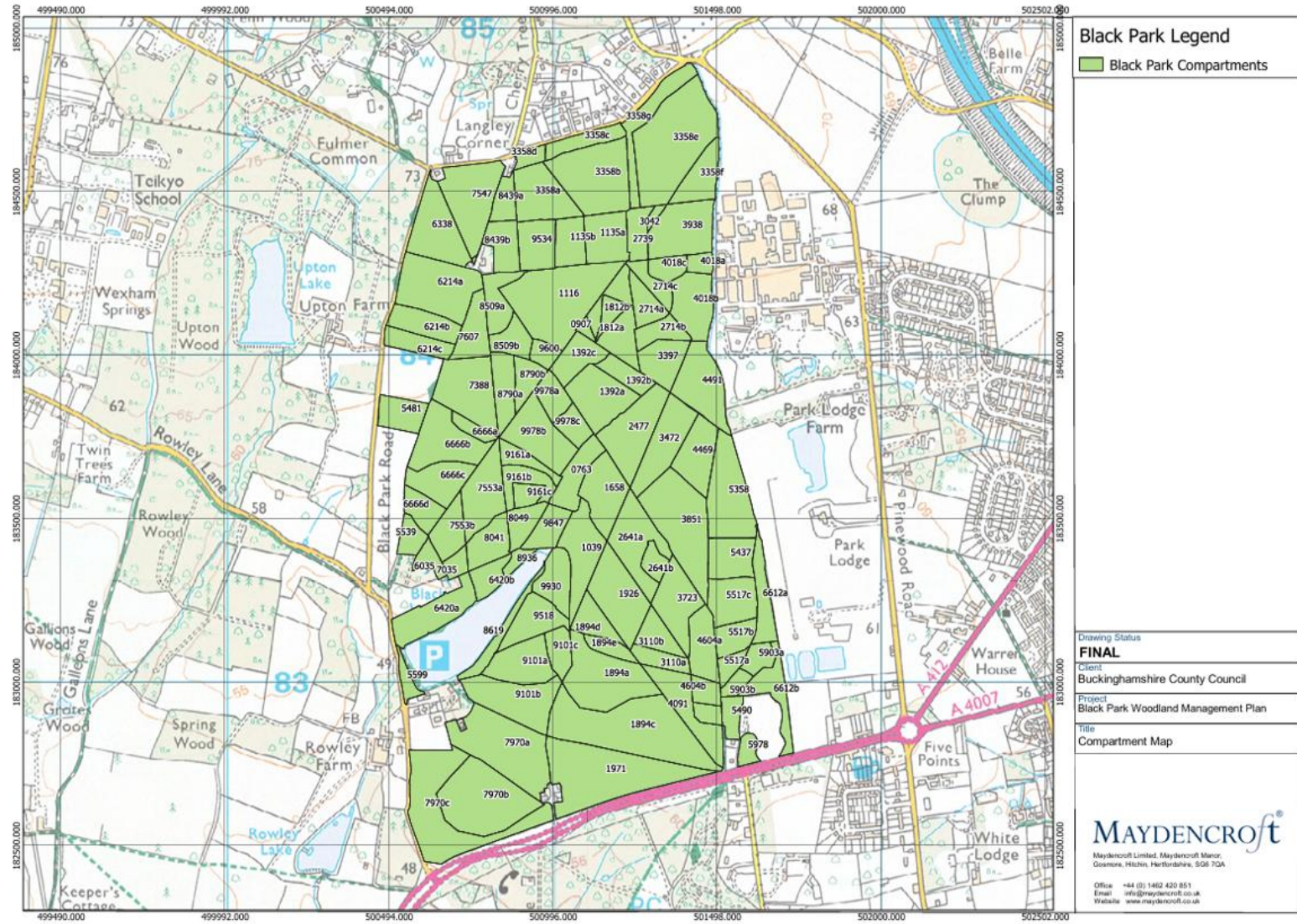
Nearby stacking area – 8,000t harvested across the estate per yr



Bike Trail

Black Park

- **Location:** Buckinghamshire
- **Area of Managed Woodland:** 200 ha
- **Habitat:** Heathland and mixed woodlands
- **Designations:**
 - Site of Special Scientific Interest (partly)
- Estimated 1.4 million visitors per year



Overview Black Park



Hogsmeade Station



RFS Meeting 2025



Pinewood Studios

Whiteley Village

- **Location:** Surrey
- **Area of Managed Woodland:** 48.5 ha
- **Habitat:** Mixed broadleaved woodlands



Whiteley Village overview



Rhododendron removal

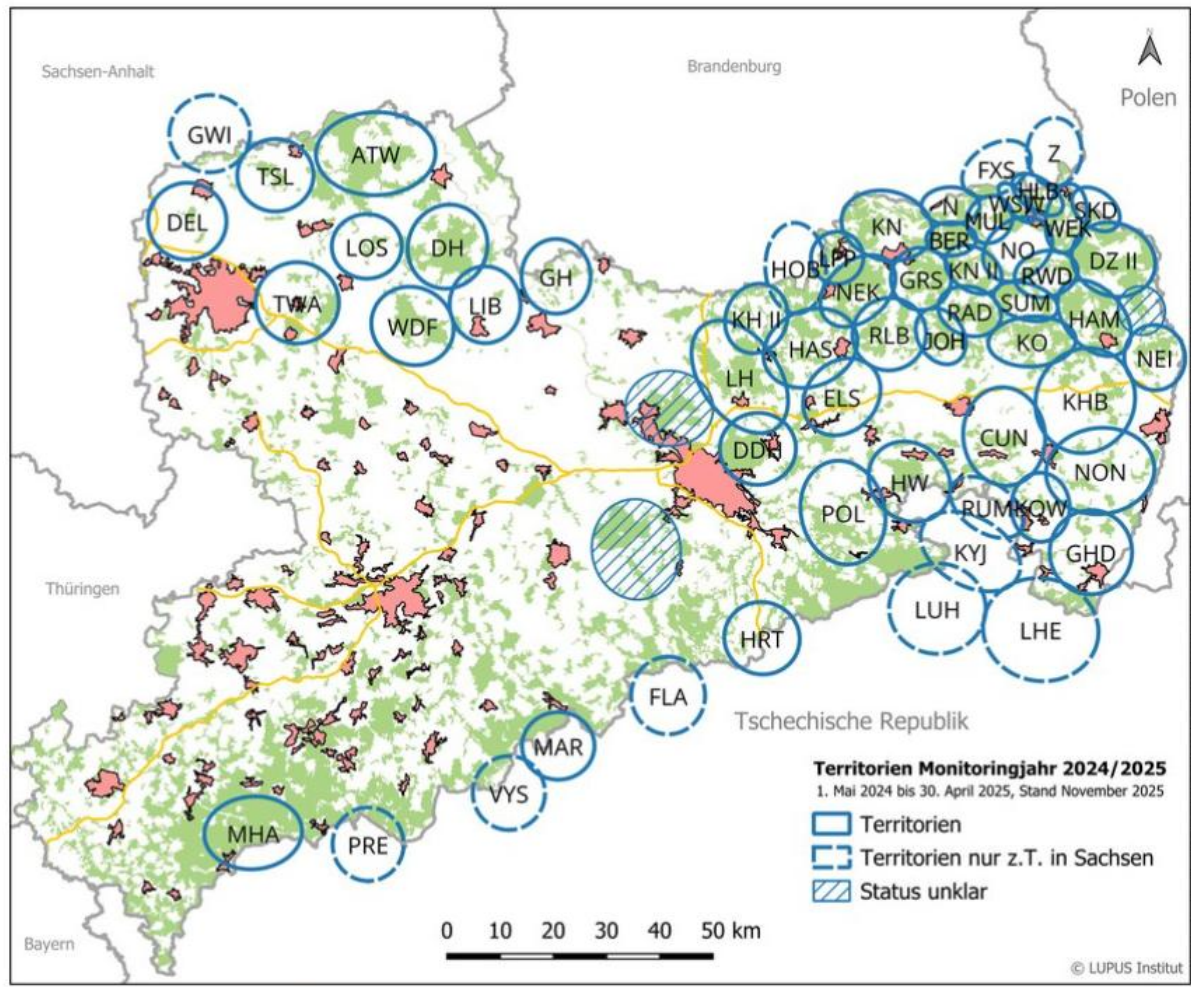


The Witcher - Netflix

Germany – Saxon Switzerland







35 Rudel			
ATW	Authausener Wald	LIB	Liebschützberg
DH	Dahlener Heide	MAR	Marienberg
DZ II	Daubitz II	MUL	Mulkwitz
DEL	Delitzsch	NEI	Neiße
GH	Gohrischheide	NEK	Neukollm
GHD	Großhennersdorf	N	Neustadt/Spremberg
HLB	Halbendorf	NO	Nochten
HAM	Hammerstadt	NON	Nonnenwald
HRT	Harte	POL	Polenztal
HW	Hohwald	RLB	Ralbitz
JOH	Johnsdorf	RAD	Rauden
KN II	Knappenrode II	RWD	Reichwalde
KN	Knappenrode/Seenland	SKD	Skerbersdorf
KO	Kollm	SUM	Sumperteich
KH II	Königsbrück II	TSL	Tiefensee-Löbnitz
KHB	Königshainer Berge	WEK	Weißkeißel
KOW	Kottmarwald	WSW	Weißwasser
LH	Laußnitzer Heide		

10 Paare			
BER	Bernstein	LPP	Leippe
DDH	Dresdner Heide	LOS	Lossatal
ELS	Elstra	MHA	Muldenhammer
GRS	Graureihersee	TWA	Tresenwald
HAS	Haselbach	WDF	Wermisdorfer Forst

1 territoriales Einzeltier			
CUN	Cunewalde		

Terr. nur z.T. in Sachsen			
FLA	Fläje	LUH	Luzické hory západ
FXS	Felixsee	PRE	Prebus
GWI	Goltzsche Wildnis	RUM	Rumburk
HOB	Hohenbocka	VYS	Výsluní
KYJ	Kyjov	Z	Zschorno
LHE	Luzické hory východ		

Status unklar			
	Moritzburg		Tharandter Wald
	Noeser Heide		



Wolf



Squirrel - Eichhoernchen



Lynx



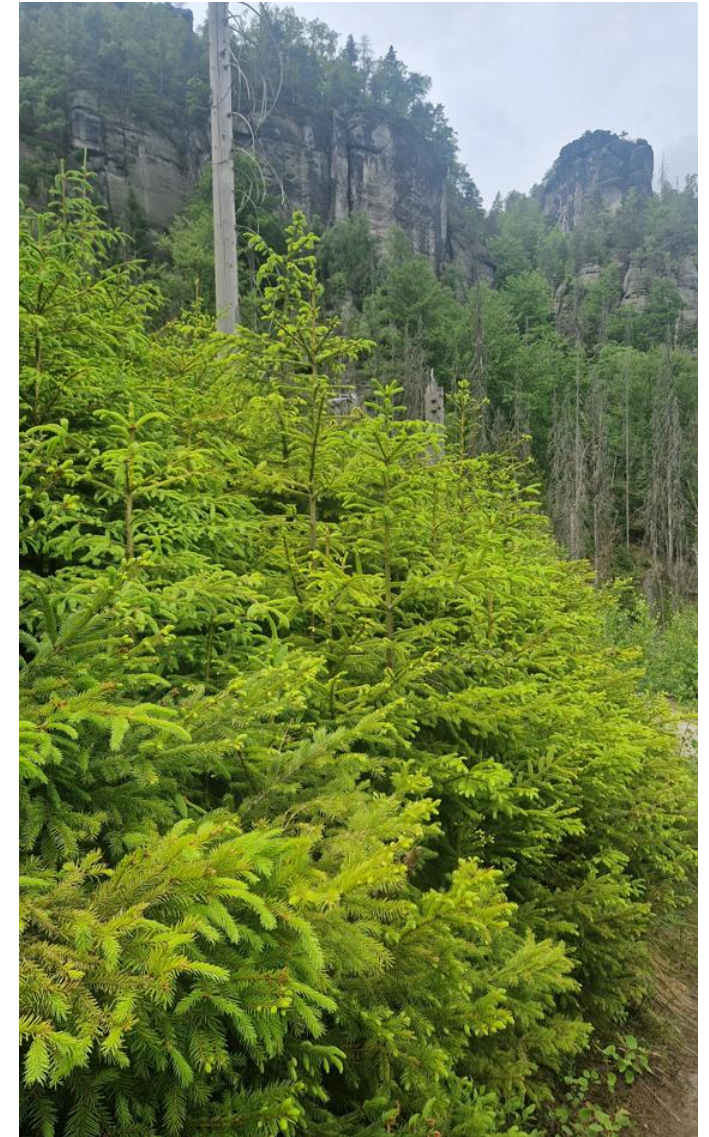




Natural regeneration



Beech planting



Norway Spruce - Natural regeneration

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