

# Valley of Desolation Woodland



Image: Valley of Desolation

## About the wood...

This woodland is particularly interesting and unusual as the plantings have been designed to be educational, illustrating the succession of different types of woodland which are believed to have colonised this area naturally since the last Ice Age:

**Pre-Boreal (12000-8000 BC) and Boreal (8000-5500 BC) phases.** Species: willow, birch, juniper, hazel and Scots pine.

**Atlantic period (5500-2500 BC).** Species: oak, lime, hazel and juniper.

**'Modern' woodland,** as it may have been today if man had not intervened. Species: oak, ash, Scots pine, field maple, hawthorn, juniper and holly.

## How to get there...

At the Cavendish Pavilion at Bolton Abbey, cross over the wooden bridge, turn left and follow the footpath alongside the river. Climb the stile to the road and turn left. Follow the road for 200m and on reaching Waterfall Cottage, turn right through a gate and follow the track up the hill.

After around 1km you will reach the first plantings, located on either side of the footpath (Pre-Boreal and Boreal).

Continue along the path for approx 450m to the pond. On the left you will see a fenced area representing the Atlantic Period. To your right, on the side of the hill, is the fourth and largest area of planting which illustrates the 'modern' woodland.

There is a network of public footpaths in this area and you may wish to include the Valley of Desolation in a longer walk. If you are planning a special visit please check that the path is open by contacting the Bolton Abbey Estate Office (tel: 01756 710227).

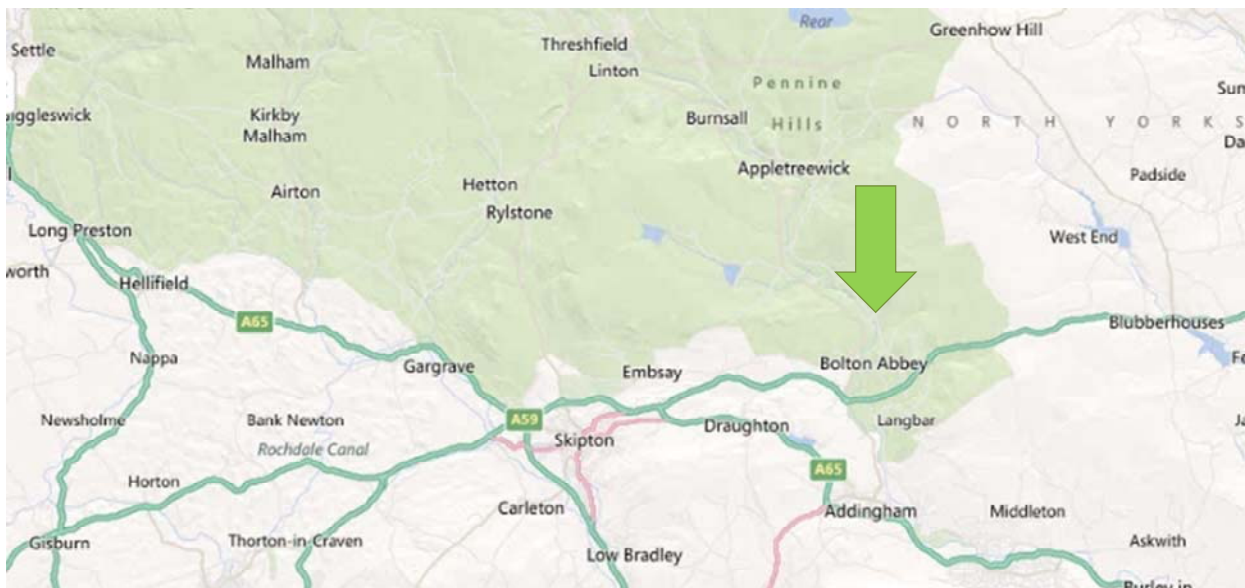
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**Thank you.**

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## Map



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