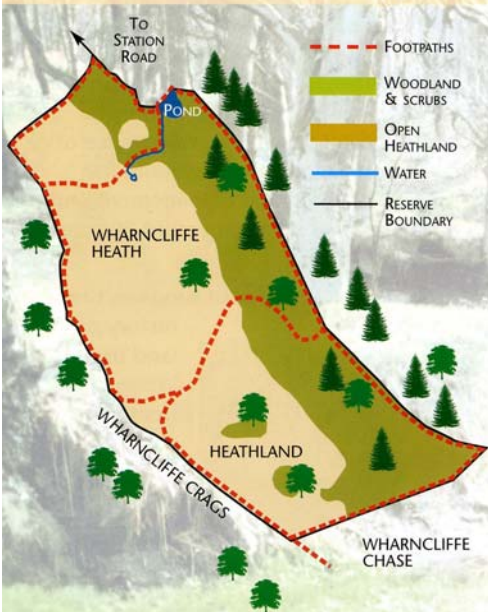


Management is a joint venture between the Forestry Commission, the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Sheffield City Council.



Wildlife and grazing animals are sensitive to disturbance. Please keep your dog under control and keep to footpaths. Dogs should be kept on a lead whilst in the fenced enclosure.

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This reserve protects the largest and best of Sheffield's few remaining heathlands, many of which have unfortunately now been lost to development. Part of the Nature Reserve is also a Scheduled Monument.

In January 2003 an archaeological survey funded by the Local Heritage Initiative was carried out using local volunteers. The survey identified 50 sites representing human activity dating from the Bronze Age (approximately 3,000 years ago) to the present day.



The heathland has 12 sites of archaeological interest, which include a possible Bronze Age ring cairn (a type of funerary or ceremonial monument)



and an extensive area of Iron Age and Romano-British quern manufacture. Historic graffiti dating back over 200 years has also been noted on Wharnccliffe Heath.

A further 38 archaeological sites, most of which date to the Post-Mediaeval period, have been identified within the woodland. These include a charcoal burning platform (a valuable source of fuel for local industry), evidence for Mediaeval woodland management and a series of water management features.

Archaeological evidence suggests the history of land use at Wharnccliffe Heath is characterised by episodes of woodland clearance, associated with the formation of heathland, followed by regeneration.



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