

Car Parking Capacity around Heartwood Forest

There are currently 271 car parking spaces around Heartwood Forest. 102 of these are in public areas and 169 are on private land of public houses (see table and map for details).

Current access points and number of car parking spaces within set distances

| Access Point | 50-100m | 100-200m | 200-300m | 300-400m | 400-500m | > 500m |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bridleway at Pound Farm | 20 spaces, 10 public, 10 private | 40 spaces all private | 35 spaces, all public | 7 spaces, all public | None | None |
| Sandridgebury Lane kissing gate | 7 spaces all public | None | None | 20 spaces, 10 public, 10 private | 40 spaces all private | 35 spaces, all public |
| Nomansland Common kissing gate | None | None | None | None | None | 50 spaces, all public |
| Bridleway at Ayres End | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Footpath joining Nomansland Common | None | None | None | 50 spaces, all public | 64 spaces, all private | 30 spaces, all private |

Hotspots and Problems

- Nomansland Common car park can be busy at weekends and may become a problem as the interest in Heartwood increases. There are several verges and 'cut-ins' along Ferrers Lane that people will and do park on when Nomansland Common Car Park is full. The County Council have put in bollards to try to prevent this.
- The village of Sandridge has a limited number of public car parking spaces and problems that may arise include people parking on residential roads, particularly House Lane and the streets adjacent to this. There are no yellow lines to prevent people parking there.
- The owners/mangers of the public houses in the area are concerned about people parking in their car park, not using their facilities i.e. eating/drinking there and visiting Heartwood. This is already a problem for some of them and they feel that the creation of Heartwood will increase this problem.

Opportunities

- The relatively high number of existing car parking spaces around Heartwood will provide opportunities for us to create Heartwood's 'visitor centre' in the surrounding villages, namely Sandridge and Wheathampstead.

Heartwood Forest – Current Car Parking Spaces

