

Bluebells carpet most of the woods, while drier parts have yellow archangel and climbing corydalis. Blackberry and bracken are important in this habitat.

*Wet meadows are dominated by meadowsweet, willowherb and ramsons; purple loosestrife, marsh marigold and lady's smock can also be found.

*Hedgerows

*Streams and ponds

Greater broomrape is the rarest plant recorded here. Nationally scarce, this was its last East Anglian site and it was last seen here in 1975. Over 90 species of fungi have been recorded.

Fauna

At Tiger Hill, breeding mammals include Abadgers, foxes, rabbits, dormice, shrews and bats. Nighthingales, warblers, tawny owl and all three native woodpeckers nest in the Reserve. Toads, frogs, newts, grass snakes, lizards and slow worms are all present. Many invertebrates including twenty-three species of butterfly have been recorded.

"Leave only footprints,
Take only photographs"



Visiting Tiger Hill

Parts can be seen from the public footpath through Tiger Hill Wood and Long Meadow. Elsewhere, please write for consent first. Educational and research visits are also welcome.

Volunteers can join working parties and help to conserve this special site.

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Please follow the Country Code:

- * Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
- * Guard against all risk of fires
- * Fasten all gates
- * Keep your Dogs - under close control
- * Protect all wildlife, plants and trees
- * Help to keep the water clean
- * Use paths and stiles where appropriate

TIGER HILL

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Tiger Hill Nature Reserve lies between Bures, Assington, Nayland & Wormingford in the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It is a secluded, varied landscape with a wide range of habitats, full of different plants and animals. Parts are within Arger Fen Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), notified for its valuable wildlife.

Recent History

In the nineteenth century most of the area was kept by the Assington Estate as a rabbit warren and the woodland was used for estate needs.

From 1830 bricks for the Assington estate cottages were made of sand and clay from Tiger Hill. Brick-making continued until 1900 when scrub was allowed to grow up to provide shooting and rabbiting.

In 1935 the best timber, mainly oak and cherry, was felled and the land was sold in plots. From 1936 to 1970, under the management of Dr Grace Griffith and the other owners, natural regeneration, mainly of elm, oak and hazel woodland, was allowed to take place. The wet meadows were purchased in 1985 as a corridor for wildlife.



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