a landscape for everyone

walking

Cannock Chase can be explored by walkers of all abilities, all year round. However, this is open countryside and for longer walks you will need stout shoes or boots and waterproof clothing.

- People with restricted mobility and families with smaller children can enjoy shorter walks from most of the visitor hubs/centres, including the TOC-H trail and RAF Hednesford trail at Cannock Chase Visitor Centre.
- A number of self-guided trails are available from visitor hubs/centres or can be downloaded from the Cannock Chase National Landscape website: www.cannock-chase.co.uk. These include trails at Milford Common, Brindley Heath and RAF Hednesford, as well as military history and Tolkien trails.
- For the more energetic, a number of long-distance trails pass through the National Landscape (for details visit www.cannock-chase.co.uk) including: Heart of England Way, Staffordshire Way, Way for the Millennium, Two Saints Way, Beacon Way, Sabrina Way, Forest of Mercia Way and the Chase Heritage Trail.

cycling

Undulating scenery and a network of bridleways and designated cycle trails make for varied and interesting family cycling across the Chase.

- Staffordshire County Council has produced an interactive cycling journey planner for you to plan your routes.
- From children taking their first trip out on their bike, through to cross-country mountain bikers wanting to test their skills, Cannock Chase Forest offers great opportunities for cycling on purpose-built trails.
- Local cycling shops can offer bikes for hire or sale.

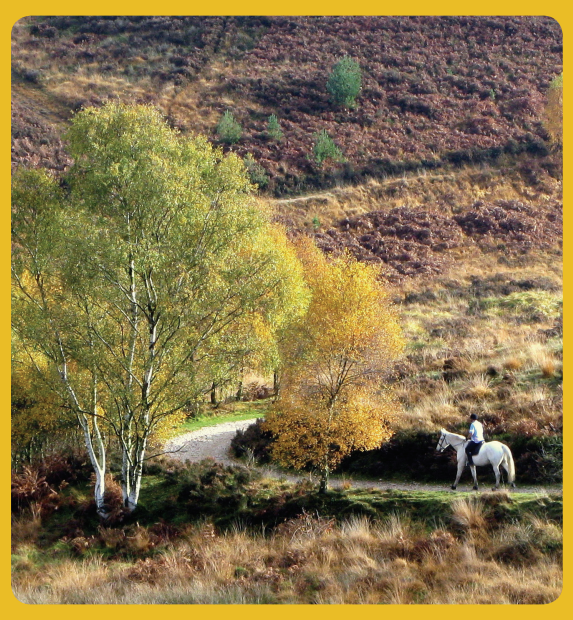
accessible

An access guide is available to download from the website showing what each attraction and visitor centre has to offer including the sensory experience. Videos of some of the more accessible trails are available on the website too. These will help you to plan and enjoy your visit more: www.cannock-chase.co.uk.

horse riding

One of the best ways to see many parts of the Chase is on horseback. The network of bridleways provides some of the most extensive and picturesque off-road riding in England.

- Two horse-riding routes starting at Milford Common and Seven Springs have been produced by the National Landscape Partnership and are available at www.cannock-chase.co.uk
- Cannock Chase Forest welcomes horse riders to come and explore mature pine forests, birch woodlands and open heathland along its network of bridleways, forest roads and tracks.
- Local trekking centres can offer tuition and guided rides in a safe environment.



lots to discover

There is lots to discover with year-round activities and attractions on the Chase for all ages. Go Ape, Gruffalo Trail, National Trust Shugborough Estate, 5km Parkrun, Military cemeteries, to name a few. . . More information on the visitor centres can be found on their websites overleaf.

a national landscape

Cannock Chase in Staffordshire is one of England's finest landscapes, designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) since 1958. It is part of a Worldwide Protected Landscape Family that includes our own National Parks and those of North America and elsewhere.

wild and beautiful

At just 69 square kilometres (26 square miles) Cannock Chase is mainland England's smallest National Landscape but is packed with nature, culture and heritage interest.

Forest and heath dominate the elevated core of the Chase, fringed by historic parklands and enclosed farmlands. Castle Ring Iron Age hillfort is the highest point at 242 metres (794 feet).

Cannock Chase has the largest surviving area of heathland in the Midlands. It is a stronghold for endangered wildlife including nightjar, woodlark, adder, bog bush-cricket, white-clawed crayfish and our own Cannock Chase berry. 18% of the Chase is a Special Area of Conservation and protected by European law.

The Chase is a 1,000 year-old medieval hunting forest. Its rich cultural heritage includes 7 scheduled monuments, 64 listed buildings, 2 registered parks and gardens and 5 conservation areas. Extensive use for military training and an industrial history of mining, charcoal and glass and iron making have all left their mark in the landscape.

find out more

- **Cannock Chase Visitor Centre**, Staffordshire County Council, Marquis Drive, Hednesford WS12 4PW
  Tel: 01543 876741 www.staffordshire.gov.uk

- **The Museum of Cannock Chase**, Cannock Chase Council, Valley Road, Hednesford WS12 1TD
  Tel: 01543 877666 www.museumofcannockchase.org

- **Shugborough Estate**, National Trust, Milford ST17 0XB
  Tel: 01889 880166
  www.nationaltrust.org.uk/shugborough-estate

- **The Wolseley Centre**, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Wolseley Bridge ST17 0WT
  Tel: 01889 880100 www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk

- **Cannock Chase Forest**, Forestry England, Birches Valley, Rugeley WS15 2UQ
  www.forestryengland.uk/cannock-chase-forest

- **Chasewater Innovation Centre**, Chasewater Country Park, Staffordshire County Council, Pool Rd, Burntwood, Brownhills WS8 7NL
  Tel: 01543 370737 www.staffordshire.gov.uk

- **Cannock Chase War Cemetery and German Military Cemetery** www.cwgc.org

- **Cannock Chase SAC Partnership** www.cannockchase.org.uk

- **Enjoy Staffordshire** www.enjoystaffordshire.com

- **Staffordshire cycling journey planner**
  https://cyclemap.staffordshire.gov.uk

- **Bus and train timetables** www.traveline.info

To find out more and keep up to date with the work of the Cannock Chase National Landscape Partnership visit www.cannock-chase.co.uk and sign up to receive our e-newsletter.

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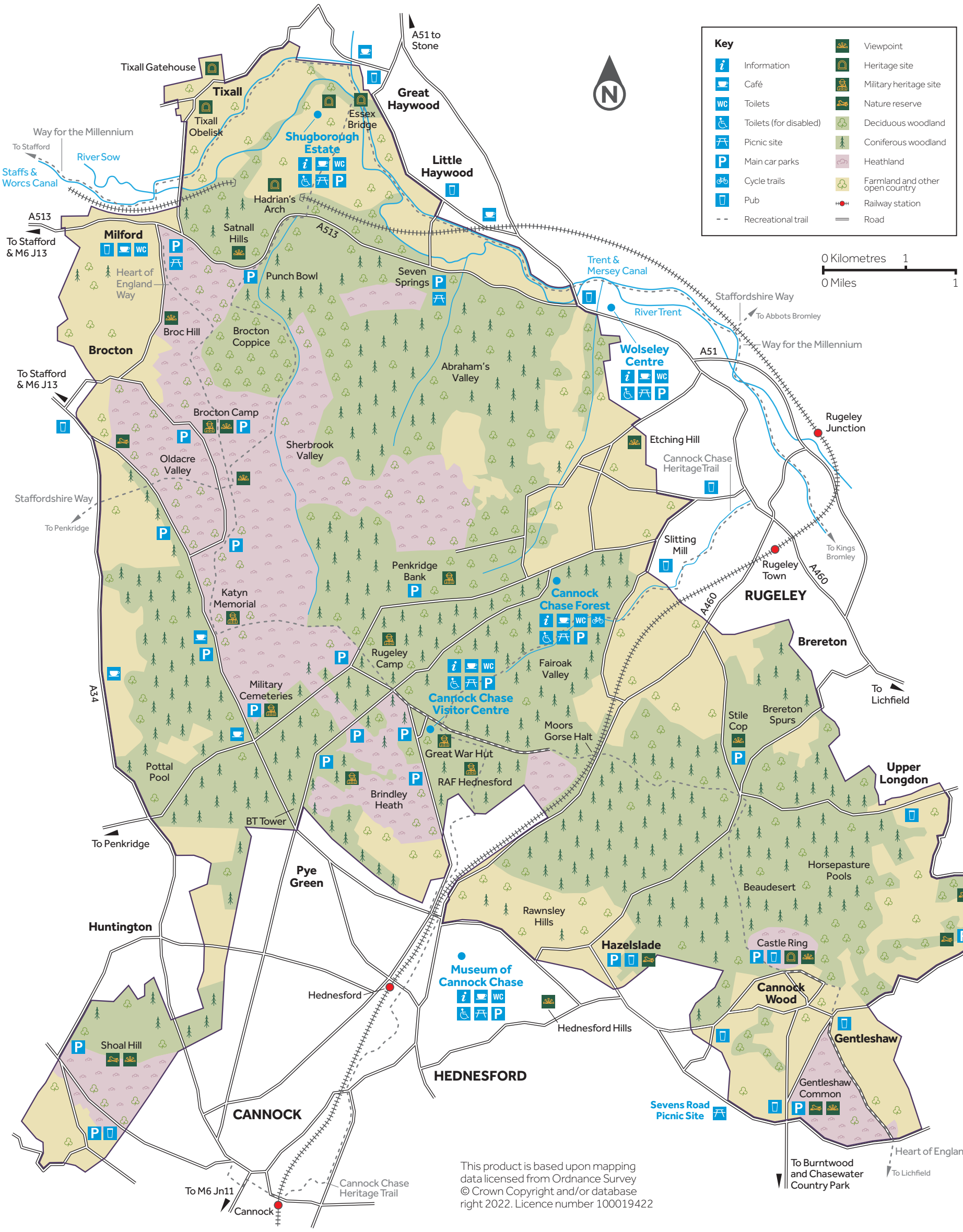

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