Introduction

Long Wood Nature Trail

There are nature trails at Black Rock and Velvet Bottom. You can choose to follow a short trail marked with red posts and then continue with numbered stops at points of interest and then return to start. A short trail can be used to visit points of interest on the long trail.

Also there is the entrance mimicry trail to follow. The distinctive mimicry trail is designed to help children explore the landscape in safety, and then join on to the short trail route.

Once you have walked on the short trail, you are in the main nature reserve. There are two marked nature trails, one of Long Wood Nature Trail and the other at Velvet Bottom Nature Trail. Both are a large nature reserve and a manages Somerset Wildlife Trust on behalf of the National Trust, who purchased the site in 1971. It consists of 74 hectares (182 acres) of flower rich limestone grassland, woodland and rock outcrops at the head of Cheddar Gorge.

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