

Welcome to the Nature Reserve

The Steeple Woodland Nature Reserve is a 40-acre public open space around Knill's Monument, above St Ives. Visitors can explore the woods, stroll over heathland and discover areas planted with young trees. There are remnants of local mining history and spectacular views across St Ives Bay.

During the twentieth century, the site was colonised by the shrub *Rhododendron ponticum*, and by the 1990s this invasive plant was covering much of the land and smothering the local plants and wildlife.



Since 1999, the Steeple Woodland Project Group has been working to rescue the site from rhododendron and to allow native species to flourish. This has been a huge community effort, with help from groups such as the Green Gym and British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.



DIRECTIONS:

You are encouraged to visit the site on foot or by public transport. Car parking is very limited.

On foot: there are a number of footpaths and lanes linking the nature reserve with St Ives and Carbis Bay.

Public Transport: The nearest bus stop is just down from the Cornish Arms pub, on the A3074, the main road between St Ives and Carbis Bay. The nature reserve is about 10 minutes walk up the lane.

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