

Attending a funeral at Alne Wood Park Natural Burial Ground

Address: Spernal Lane, Great Alne, Alcester B49 6JG. Unfortunately, some Sat Nav systems will not accept the postcode. As an alternative, you can navigate to the “The Gurkhas at Mother Huff Cap” pub/restaurant at B49 6HQ. From there drive north on Spernal Lane and Alne Wood Park is about 1.3 miles up on the right. Specific driving directions are included on the following two pages.

On a PC or phone, the following link will open the precise location of the gate in Google Maps: [Alne Wood Park Gate Location - Google Maps](#). Alternatively, if you use the What3Words app, the 3 Words for the gate location are: **Joints |Gown | Goes.**

Site access

The gates will be open at least 45 minutes before the scheduled time for the funeral. As you drive into the Alne Wood Park site you will see a large parking area for visitors. Other than the funeral cars and vehicles for those who may have difficulty climbing the hill, all cars should be parked here and the burial site accessed on foot. The walk to the gravesite will take 5-10 minutes and will include walking over potentially wet and uneven terrain.

Depending on the recent weather the ground can be muddy and is uneven. As such, we strongly recommend suitable footwear. In dry conditions flat shoes or trainers may suffice, however if there has been recent rain then Wellington boots or walking boots will be more suitable. The site is open to the elements, consequently, if the weather forecast indicates the potential for rain or wind, please wear appropriate clothing and consider bringing umbrellas.

Toilets

There is a single Portaloo type toilet in the car park. However, this is not wheelchair accessible.

Funeral Cars

On the day of the funeral, we allow the main funeral vehicles and the cars of anyone who may have difficulty walking up to the burial ground, access to the track to the top of the hill. Any cars going up the hill should wait for directions from staff. Cars should follow the track up the hill following signs around the circular track to the place closest to the grave site which will be signposted. Vehicles should remain on the track at all times.

After the funeral, cars can continue round the track and then drive back down the hill. Whilst driving up the track will reduce the need for those in the vehicles to climb the slope, there will still be some distance to cover across uneven and potentially muddy ground to access the gravesite. As such we'd recommend that those who may need assistance have someone who can give them support.

Tributes

Only natural cut flowers or plants, without plastic packaging or foam (oasis) blocks, should be left on the grave, these can be tied with biodegradable material such as twine. To minimise environmental impact, we suggest buying locally sourced, home-grown flowers or bringing something from your garden. Flowers are composted once they have wilted.

We understand the desire to leave other tributes but ask you to note that to maintain a natural environment and ensure safety for local wildlife nothing else should be left on a grave site - anything found other than naturally tied plants will be removed by site staff.

Please email: info@alnewoodpark.co.uk or call 01789 400 203 if you have any questions about attending a funeral or access to the site.

Alne Wood Park – Driving Directions

From M42

Exit at junction 3 heading south towards Redditch – Follow the A435 for 7.5 miles then after you come through Studley look for Spernal Lane on the Left. Follow this for 2.2 miles – go past the Purity Brewery sign and then Alne Wood Park is on the left.



From the M40

Exit at junction 15 (Longbridge Roundabout) heading west towards Stratford-upon-Avon/A46. Follow the A46 past Stratford for about 8 miles, turn right signposted towards Billesley Manor/Great Alne. Follow the road for 3.5 miles then turn right onto Spernal Lane at the junction with The Gurkhas at Mother Huf Cap restaurant. Follow Spernal Lane for 1.3 miles and Alne Wood Park is on the right.

From the M5 (South)

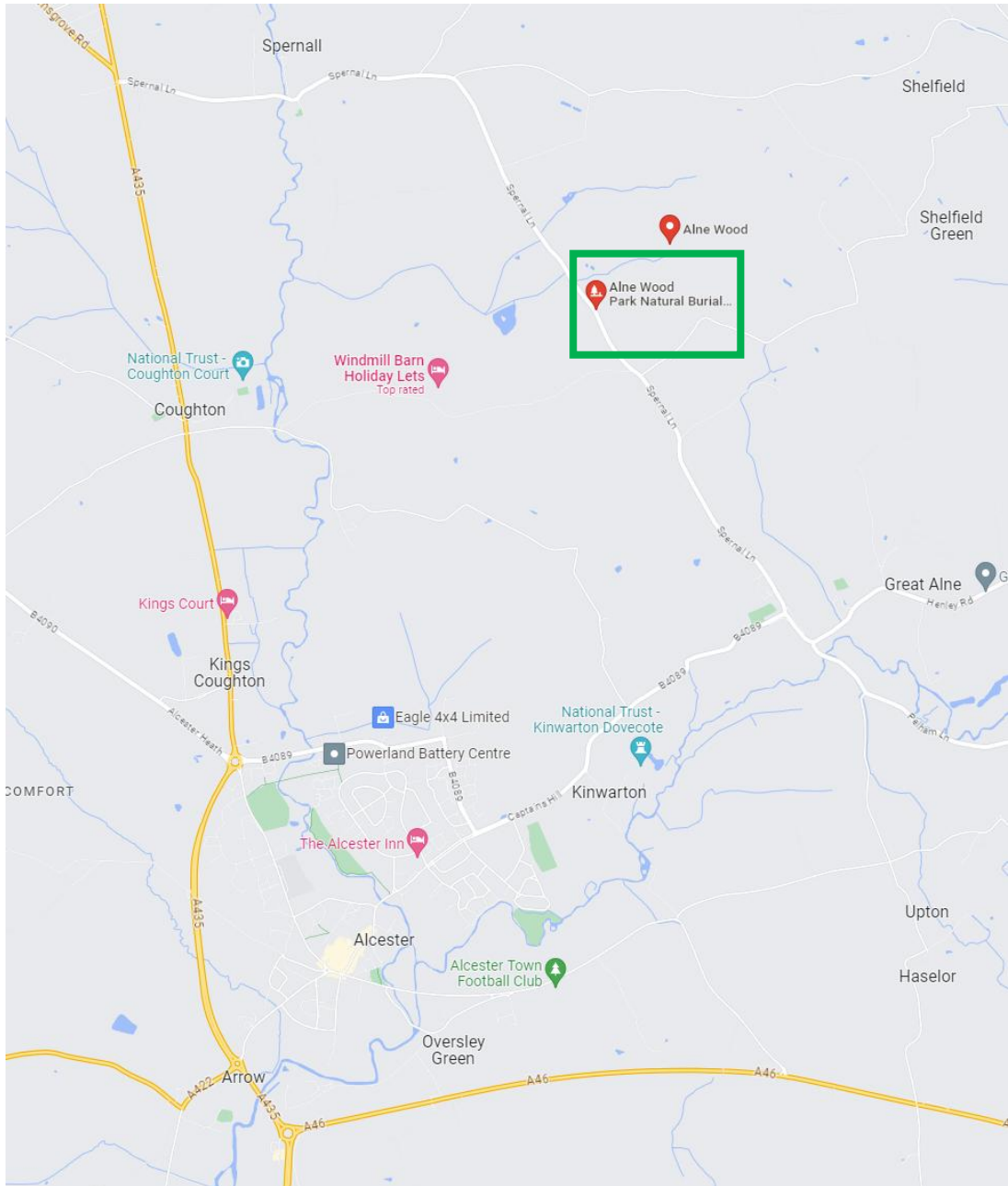
Exit at junction 9 (Ashchurch) heading towards Evesham – Follow the A46 for around 31 miles, past Evesham, towards Alcester. At the Oversley Mill roundabout (Travelodge, McDonalds and BP Garage) turn right continuing to follow the A46. After 2.3 miles turn left onto Croft Lane – for about a mile follow this through the village of Haselor then go straight across the junction onto Pelham Lane for another mile. At the junction turn left and you will see The Gurkhas at Mother Huf Cap restaurant. Turn right here onto Spernal Lane and follow this for 1.3 miles, Alne Wood Park is on the right.

From the M5 (North)

Exit at junction 4A (Catshill Interchange) onto the M42 then follow instructions for driving from the M42.

From the West (Worcester/Wales)

Pick up the A422 (from the A44) in Worcester – follow this for 13 miles (after 11 there is a short section on the Evesham road). At the roundabout take the 3rd exit then after 0.3 miles at the Oversley Mill roundabout (Travelodge, McDonalds and BP Garage) turn left continuing to follow the A46. After 2.3 miles turn left onto Croft Lane – for about a mile follow this through the village of Haselor then go straight across the junction onto Pelham Lane for another mile. At the junction turn left and you will see The Gurkhas at Mother Huf Cap restaurant. Turn right here onto Spernal Lane and follow this for 1.3 miles, Alne Wood Park is on the right.



Alne Wood Park location highlighted with green rectangle.