# Attending a funeral at Alne Wood Park Natural Burial Ground

Address: Alne Wood Park, Spernal lane, Great Alne, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 6JG

Driving Direction on the following pages.

View on Google Maps

### Site access

On the day of a funeral 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 grave-site can take 10 minutes over uneven terrain.

Depending on the recent weather the ground can be wet and muddy. As such, we'd 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.

Please be aware that Alne Wood Park does not currently have any toilet facilities onsite.

### **Funeral Cars**

On the day of the funeral, we allow the main funeral vehicles and cars of anyone who may have difficulty walking up to the burial ground access to the track to the top of the hill. Funeral cars will go up first, so please wait in the car park until this has occurred. Cars should follow the track to the left as they go up the hill and drive around the circular track to the place closest to the grave site and park behind the funeral cars.

After the funeral, cars can continue round the track and then drive back down the hill. While driving up the track will reduce the need for those in the vehicles to ascend the slope, depending on location there may still be some distance to cover across uneven and potentially muddy ground to access the grave-site. As such we'd recommend that those who may need assistance have someone who can help them.

#### **Tributes**

Only natural cut flowers or plants which have all plastic, packaging and foam (oasis) blocks removed can be left on the grave, these can be tied with compostable material such as jute twine. To minimise environmental impact we suggest buying locally sourced, British grown flowers or bringing tributes from your garden. Once the flowers have wilted staff will remove them and they will be composted.

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

### Alne Wood Park - Directions

#### Location

Alne Wood Park does not have a formal address but can be located using the following information in a Sat Nav: Spernal Lane, Great Alne, Alcester, B49 6JG.



For a precise location you can use the "What 3 Words" App on smart phones and computers, The 3 words Joints.Gown.Goes will get you to the gate in the app.

## **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 Mother Huffcap Pub. Follow Spernal Lane for 1.3 miles and Alne Wood Park is on the right.

### From the M5 (South)

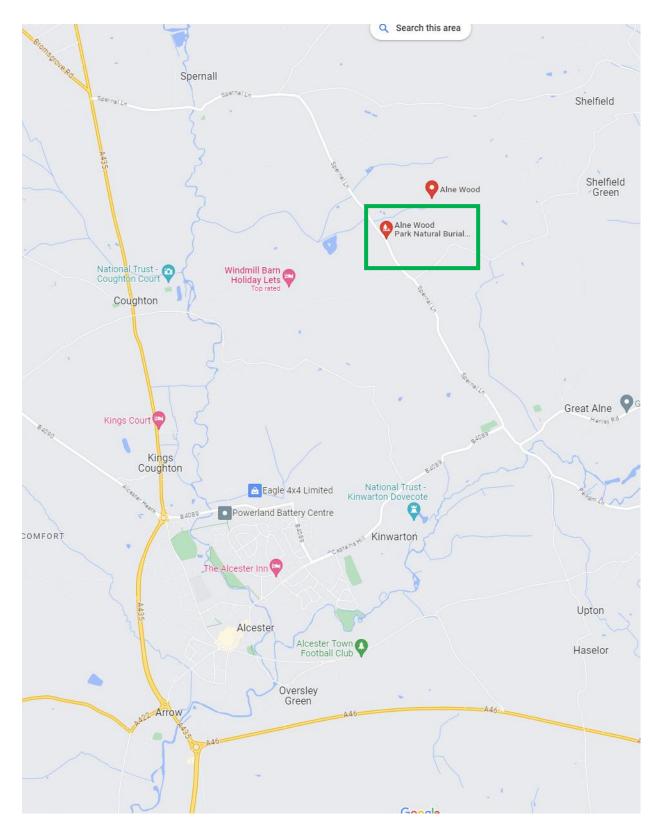
Exit at junction 9 (Ashchurch) heading towards Evesham – Follow the A46 for around 31 miles, past Evesham, towards Alcester. At the Oversley Mill roundabout (Travelodge, McDonalds and BP Garage) turn right continuing to follow the A46. After 2.3 miles turn left onto Croft Lane – for about a mile follow 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 Mother Huf Cap pub. Turn right at the pub 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 Mother Huf Cap pub. Turn right at the pub 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.