

RFS Gloucestershire Division Field Meeting

Friday 26th September 2025

Staple Edge and Parkend, Forest of Dean

10 am for a prompt 10.30am start.

To assist with the organisation of the visit please contact me if you are hoping to attend the meeting. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks, clean boots and £2 cap for the day. Due to their locations most stops will be visited by vehicle, with some walking but not too much.

The focus of the morning will be to look at ground preparation and restocking of two Forestry England managed sites in Staple Edge Woods that have been clear-felled due to infection with *Phytophthora ramorum*. The first site has recently been cleared of brash in preparation for planting, while the second site will allow a direct comparison due to having already been planted.

To get to Staple Edge Woods, exit the A48 at Blakeney to take the New Road (Parkend/Coleford), heading north-west for approximately 3 miles. The entrance to Mallards Pike Lake will be on your right. Meet here to be directed to the first stop.

Ordnance Survey Grid Reference: SO 637 088

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For SatNav use the following address: Mallards Pike Lake, Moseley Green, Parkend, Gloucestershire, GL15 4HD.

Lunch will be taken at Parkend Memorial Hall, followed by the Gloucestershire Division Annual General Meeting.

To get to Parkend from Staple Edge Woods/Mallards Pike, turn right onto the main road heading west for approximately 2 miles until you reach the village. At the bottom of the hill the road will begin to go uphill slightly, after passing the Woodman Inn, Parkend Memorial Hall will be on your right directly opposite the cricket pitch.

For Sat Nav use the following address: Parkend Memorial Hall, Folly Road, Parkend, GL15 4JF.

Ordnance Survey Grid Ref: SO 613079

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I would expect the afternoon to be completed by about 2.30 pm.

With very best wishes,

Stuart Payne (Field Secretary)

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