

EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Naddle Forest
Unitary Authority/County: Cumbria
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: NY494144
SAC EU code: UK0030335
Area (ha): 360.89
Component SSSI: Naddle Forest SSSI

Site description:

The woodland lies on steep boulder-strewn slopes, with the old sessile oak *Quercus petraea* wood element tending to be more on the upper slopes, with ash *Fraxinus excelsior* and alder *Alnus glutinosa* lower down. The ground flora under the oak–birch *Betula* sp. areas is variable, ranging from acidic bilberry *Vaccinium myrtillus*-dominated areas to bluebell *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* on the deeper soils. The bryophyte communities are best-developed on the rocks and damp cliff faces. The woods occur in association with wet and dry heath and juniper *Juniperus communis* communities.

Qualifying habitats: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

- European dry heaths
- Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix*. (Wet heathland with cross-leaved heath)
- Old sessile oak woods with *Ilex* and *Blechnum* in the British Isles

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
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