As a **nature reserve**, Sun Rising has a number of different **habitats**: newly planted trees, developing woodland, hedgerows, grassland, wildflower meadow, pond, stone tracks and rocky areas, woodpiles and bare soil.

Each habitat is managed for different **species** of plants, birds, small mammals, butterflies, moths, hoverflies, beetles, spiders and other invertebrates.







BIRDS

83 species of **bird** have been recorded here at Sun Rising. There are bird feeders and nestboxes all around the grounds, a large triangular barn owl box and a kestrel box on the western boundary, and a swift tower with 16 nestboxes near the pond.

WILDFLOWERS

Over 200 **wildflower** species have been found at Sun Rising. There are 35 species of grasses, sedges and rushes.





BUTTERFLIES

25 species of **butterfly** have been recorded, and almost 620 **moths**!

Scan here to read more about the flora and fauna at Sun Rising, and our various habitats.



Sun Rising is a sixteen acre natural burial ground and nature reserve in rural South Warwickshire. Opened in 2006, it is carefully managed to ensure a perfect balance between wild nature and a place where families come to visit their loved ones' graves.

You are welcome to follow the Explorer Path on this leaflet, or walk elsewhere. Please do keep to the stone tracks and mown paths.

In order to protect nesting birds and mammals, Sun Rising is a **NO DOGS** nature reserve.





Throughout your journey, you will find benches on which to pause in the **peace and calm** of nature. Take your time...

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Explorer Map

Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve

KEY:

- Growing Woodland
- Grassland that will become Woodland
- Wildflower Meadow
- Explorer Path
- Habitat Interpretation Board (HIB)
- Mown Path

While this map is accurate (in 2025), as **a developing nature reserve**, the landscape is always changing. Areas of woodland will expand and grow. Paths and HIBs may move. Have fun exploring!

Peter's Map: showing Sun Rising's location amidst the hills, towns and villages around.

Tyr's Stone: installed to remember those who have died in the local stone quarries over the years. All the stone used in the tracks at Sun Rising came from these quarries just up the road.



The Longhouse: our oak-framed building where most funeral services and other events take place.



Butterfly Stones: our wild rockery was specifically created for butterflies and other invertebrates. The wild strawberries, cinquefoil, trefoils and other plants happily scramble over the stones.





Pond: the pond is a favourite place for dragonflies, damselflies, bees and butterflies. The water is alive with newts, toads and other wildlife.



Cairn: this was built to remember those who died in 1642 at the first battle of the English Civil War, which took place a few miles away at Edge Hill. As a memorial, it acknowledges all who have been affected by conflicts, near and far, old and new.

Sun Rising's Trees: there are 39 species of trees and shrubs at Sun Rising. We've given you the leaf shape of 10 of them here. Scan the QR code to find our online tree guide.























The Roundhouse: our iconic Cotswold stone building.

North Entrance

South Entrance