



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our Ref:
Your Ref:
Date: 18 March 2022
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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2022-20-20)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 18 February 2022. Our response is provided below:

Q1 *Could you please tell me how many calls to fires were attended each year, for the past five years, for the following Forestry Commission sites:*

- *Salcey Forest (Wootton Road, NN7 2HX)*
- *Hazelborough Wood (Brackley Road, Silverstone, NN13 5TU)*
- *Fermyn Woods (Lyveden Road, Brigstock, Kettering, NN14 3HS)*
- *Wakerley Great Wood (East Northamptonshire, NN17 3BA)*
- *Fineshade Wood (Top Lodge, Fineshade, Near Corby, NN17 3BB)*
- *Rockingham Forest*
- *Harlestone Firs*
- *Whittlewell Forest Bucknells road Forestry England*

I am also aware that sometimes incidents are reported vaguely such as "The woods off of London Road" without the full address. Please could you do your best to capture these incidents too when they are on Forestry Commission land. Could you also include any other Forestry Commission sites that you cover that I may have missed please.

The Government website is not clear as to what constitutes as a Forestry Commission land and what was Forestry England. The Fire and Rescue Service records do not always include a clear address for this type of property. In addition, the property types in the Incident Recording System (IRS) are based around the item on fire, which in this case could include cars etc. deliberately ignited in a woodland. The geographical co-ordinates are also not exactly where the incident occurred as the fire appliance could be stationary some distance from the actual fire.

As there was no definitive list of locations, we have searched for any incidents occurring in or near woodlands. The Ordnance Survey woodlands layer has been used and a 250m buffer zone created to extract any incidents near a woodland. The address locations and property types were then manually searched to exclude any fires occurring in dwellings, businesses, or identifiable addresses.

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Following is a list of incidents occurring in these records:

Location	Description	Year
Woods off of Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 2UN	Secondary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2018/19
Layby 21, Stamford Road, Fineshade, NN17 3BA	Secondary fire - Outdoor structures	2019/20
Hazelborough Woods, A43 Oxford Road, Brackley Hatch, NN12 8UZ	Secondary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2019/20
Salcey Forest	Primary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2019/20
Hazelborough Woods, A43 Oxford Road, Brackley Hatch, NN12 8UZ	Primary fire - Car	2019/20
Fermyn Woods, Country Park, Lyveden Road, Brigstock, NN14 3HS	Secondary fire - Other outdoors (including land)	2020/21
Rockingham Wood, rear of Princewood Road, Corby	Primary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2020/21
Hazelborough Woods, A43 Oxford Road, Brackley Hatch, NN12 8UZ	Primary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2020/21
Stamford Caravan and Motorhome Club, Top Lodge Road, Fineshade, NN17 3BB	Primary fire - Towing caravan elsewhere (not on tow)	2020/21
Thoroughsale Woods, Willow Brook Road, Corby, NN17 2NS	Secondary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2021/22
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Wakerley Woods, Wakerley Woods Picnic Site, Fineshade Road, Wakerley, NN17 3BA	Secondary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2021/22
Thoroughsale Woods, Willow Brook Road, Corby, NN17 2NS	Primary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2021/22
Wakerley Woods, Wakerley Woods Picnic Site, Fineshade Road, Wakerley, NN17 3BA	Primary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2021/22
Whistley Woods, Welsh Lane, Crowfield, Syresham, NN13 5TW	Primary fire - Grassland, woodland and crops	2021/22

Q2 *Can I also ask for the total number of hours spent at fires for each year of the past five years too please?*

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service do not record this information in a reportable format and would therefore take manual retrieval from multiple systems which would exceed the time limit under the Act.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2022-20-20.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Service to review it. To do this, please email enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk or alternatively write to the address below:

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