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# Welcome to Standen's Pasture

This nature reserve is named after the previous owner, who is keen to see the field and its wildlife conserved. About 30 years ago the field was cultivated for wheat, but since then the grassland has been left to develop naturally.

## What to look for

As the field slopes down to the stream, the plants you'll find reflect the changes in the underlying geology – from dry, free-draining limestone at the top of the slope to wetter parts near the stream where springs rise as the shale meets clay.



Peacock butterfly



Fox

In the dry, neutral and limestone grassland mosaic you may find common spotted orchids, fairy flax, meadow cranesbill, adder's-tongue fern and bladder campion. The abundance of rushes, sedges and the wonderful aroma of water mint mark the wet areas distinctly.

You may be lucky to see a red fox passing through the field or smell the distinct musty scent it uses to mark its territory.

## How the Trust cares for this reserve

We graze and cut the field to prevent scrub growth and create a variety of heights ideal for insects. Grazing or cutting reduces the dominance of grasses, which helps the wildflowers to flourish.

We hope you enjoy your visit.



Water mint

For the sake of wildlife please keep dogs on leads. Thank you.