



Ancient Woodland Inventory Update Project links

GiGL Resources

- **AWI Update Project Webpages.** Here you can find a project overview and a link to our project methodology summary.
<https://www.gigl.org.uk/ancient-woodland-inventory-project/>
- **Ancient Woodland Inventory Volunteers GiGLer article.** Provides an insight into the work that our AWI Volunteers have been up to, and of course an expression of lots of gratitude for all their help.
<https://www.gigl.org.uk/2023/04/20/ancient-woodland-inventory-volunteers/>
- **Rewild London: Haringey's Ancient Woodland GiGLer article.** A look into the ancient woodland management and public engagement that LB Haringey are completing as part of their Rewild London bid.
<https://www.gigl.org.uk/2022/08/18/rewild-london-haringeys-ancient-woodlands/>

Historic Resources

- **National Library of Scotland Map Images.** Contains an incredible number of maps of the UK and is especially good for 19th and 20th C resources allowing you to check the modern continuity of a site. The side-by-side viewer is a very useful resource.
<https://maps.nls.uk/>
- **British Library Georeferencer.** Via OldMapsOnline, the British Library have allowed members of the public to view old maps that have been georeferenced – the process of adding location data to map images. This means that historic maps can be overlaid with current mapping to compare the past with the present. If it takes your fancy, you can even contribute to this crowdsource project yourself.
<https://www.bl.uk/projects/georeferencer>
<https://britishlibrary.oldmapsonline.org/start>
- **David Rumsey Map Collection.** An incredible selection of maps from around the world. This time the collection is from the David Rumsey Map Centre at Stanford University. Another georeferencer tool is available along with a cutting-edge virtual library using LUNA software. All enabling you to compare historic maps with modern mapping.
<https://www.davidrumsey.com/>
<https://www.davidrumsey.com/view/luna>
<https://davidrumsey.com/view/georeferencer>



- **Layers of London.** Wonderful London-specific resource of georeferenced maps, photos and other historic documents. You can search by borough and specific locations. Some borough local studies libraries have shared archival resources as well.

<https://www.layersoflondon.org/map>

- **London Parks and Gardens Trust Inventory.** The inventory can provide an interesting summary of the history of green spaces in London. Much of the information has been collected over time by volunteers.

<https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/>

External Ancient Woodland Resources

- **Natural England's Open Data Publication of the Ancient Woodland Inventory (England).** This is the spatial dataset that will be updated for Greater London. You can use this to explore where ancient woodland is located nationally. If you click on highlighted ancient woodland sites you can also gain more information about their characteristics such as their name, status, and area.

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/ancient-woodland-england/explore?location=51.598621%2C-0.408143%2C8.84>

- **Natural England's Ancient Woodland Inventory handbook.** The methodology is very detailed and is certainly not bedtime reading but is the guide I will be using to complete the Update for Greater London. This handbook contains all the information you could possibly need on what the Update has entailed.

<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/4876500800634880>

- **Woodland Trust's webpage on ancient woodland.** Here you can learn more about ancient woodland, the unique species that live in this irreplaceable habitat, and the threats they are currently facing.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/habitats/ancient-woodland/>

- **London Urban Forest Plan,** published in November 2020. The plan sets out the goals and priority actions needed to protect, manage and expand the capital's urban forest. Action 8d explicitly calls for the review and update of London's Ancient Woodland Inventory.

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/londonurbanforestplan_final.pdf