

# Woodland Grazing Plan

*Note: Links take you to guidance in the relevant sections of the Woodland Grazing Toolbox*

## 1: [Introduction](#)

### 1a General information about the plan

Date of plan:

Plan period:

Plan produced by:

Existing/past surveys and management plans:

### 1b Woodland management objectives

*Summarise your long-term objectives (aims) e.g. ensuring woodland continuity, **and** short-term objectives, e.g. encouraging natural regeneration. Woodland grazing must help meet one or more of your short-term objectives.*

## 2: [Woodland description](#)

Location:

Total area:

Altitudinal range

Physical attributes (climate, geology & soil types):

Conservation designations:

## 3: [Habitat types](#) *You will need a habitat map to complete the following sections.*

### 3a. Native woodland site types

Woodland site type or site type mosaic	Total area (ha)	Key features, including Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitat. Include a brief description of the site type/mosaic, including approximate percentages of mosaic components.

### 3b. Habitat types other than native woodland

*Open ground and non-native woodland habitats*

Habitat type or habitat mosaic	Total area (ha)	Key features, including BAP habitat, if present. Include a brief description of the habitat or habitat mosaic. Include approximate percentages of mosaic components.

### 4: Condition, biodiversity and cultural heritage objectives of key habitats

*See Assessing Herbivore Impact in Woodlands: An Observation-based Method for additional guidance*

Key woodland or open ground habitat	Current condition		Primary biodiversity and /or cultural heritage objectives	Desired condition	
	Herbivore impact level	Structure class		Herbivore impact level (Short term, ≤ 5 years)	Structure class (Long term, >10 years)

### 5: Constraints

*Using the headings below, outline any constraints or issues that may affect the implementation of your grazing plan.*

<p><b>Grazing tenure &amp; availability of stock/graziers:</b></p> <p><b>Availability of monitoring personnel:</b></p> <p><b>Obligations:</b></p> <p><b>Wild herbivore management:</b></p> <p><b>Obstacles to stock movement:</b></p> <p><b>Incompatible biodiversity or cultural heritage objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Other constraints:</b></p>
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## 6: Grazing management

### 6a: Grazing management units

Describe how the wood will be grazed, e.g. as one or more grazing management units. Show the areas of the management units and any operations required to achieve your biodiversity and cultural heritage objectives, such as enclosure fences, on a **Grazing Management Map**.

### 6b: Grazing regime

For each grazing management unit, describe the species & breed of grazing animal, the initial stocking density required to achieve your biodiversity/cultural heritage objectives & whether grazing will be seasonal or year-round. A stocking density calculation should be included as an appendix to this plan.

Grazing management unit 1:

Grazing management unit 2:

## 7: Monitoring and review

Under the headings below, describe your monitoring programme for tracking the success of the grazing plan

Method of monitoring:

Frequency & timing of monitoring:

Who will undertake the monitoring:

## 8: Actions

### 8a Grazing regime Summarise what you propose to do to achieve your biodiversity and cultural heritage objectives.

Note that the yearly breakdown can only be provisional – you may need to adapt it according to the findings of the monitoring programme.

Grazing Management Unit (from section 6a)	Grazing regime (from section 6b)			Frequency of monitoring (from section 7)	Year
	Species/breed	No. of animals	Duration of grazing		

### 8b Other operations & activities (e.g. stock fencing) Show operations on the Grazing Management Map

Quantity	Operation	Year

To complete your Woodland Grazing Plan, include the following:

- [Habitat Map](#)
- [Grazing Management Map](#)