New Forest Biodiversity Forum

New Forest Pine Marten project

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Wild New Forest Guided Tours is a not-for-profit community interest company conducting species research and operating guided wildlife tours across the New Forest.

Wild New Forest has had an interest in Pine Marten since capturing the first footage of an individual in the New Forest in 2016. With an increase in numbers over subsequent years, and with funding from Defra, a systematic survey was initiated in 2021 working together with Forestry England and New Forest Badger Group. Now in its fourth year, the project has generated a large dataset covering not just Pine Marten but also the distribution and status of under-recorded mammal species in New Forest woodlands.