

Speckled Wood

Mature Oak

Studio Way Woodland is an attractive belt of natural habitats. The woodlands are a mix of mature oak trees with remnants of old hedgerows running through them. The undergrowth of hawthorn, blackthorn and bramble creates a perfect home for small mammals and birds. The flowering plants provide a rich source of nectar for butterflies and bees. Small patches of bluebells can be found in the more mature areas of the woodland. Bats can be seen on a warm summers evening hunting for insects in the tree canopies and if you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of a fox or even a Muntjac deer.

Listen out for the drumming of a great spotted woodpecker on the oak trees and look out for speckled wood butterflies flitting about the glades in the dappled shade.

Great Spotted Woodpecker

How to get there



By road:

Studio Way Woodland and Potterswood Park is located in Borehamwood, close to the A1(M). The main site entrance is on Denham Way off Studio Way, accessed from Eltree Way A5135, Shenley Road B5378 and Rowley Lane.

By public transport:

The site is 1 ½ mile (30 minute) walk from Eltree and Borehamwood Railway Station. There are bus stops along Denham Way.

For travel details visit www.intalink.org.uk or contact Intalink on 0300 123 4050 (open 8am to 8pm)

Studio Way Woodland and Potterswood Park is owned and managed by Hertsmere Borough Council. For further information contact the Parks and Amenities team:

www.hertsmere.gov.uk/studioway
Tel: 0800 731 1810 (freephone)
Email: parks@hertsmere.gov.uk

The Countryside Management Service (CMS) works with communities in Hertfordshire to help them care for and enjoy the environment. For more information contact:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/cms
Tel: 01992 588433

For information on other local film heritage locations visit:

Eltree Screen Heritage - www.eltreescreenheritage.org

Eltree & Boreham Wood Museum - www.eltree-museum.org.uk



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Studio Way Woodland and Potterswood Park

Woodland, wildlife and film heritage of Borehamwood

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Studio Way Woodland and Potterswood Park is a 5.8 hectare (14 acre) open space located in a residential area on the north eastern edge of Borehamwood, which was once the backlot of MGM British Studios.

A reminder of the former studios and its glamorous past are found in local road names remembering the stars – such as Balcon Way after film producer, Sir Michael Balcon; Grace Close after Oscar-winning film star Grace Kelly, and Lion Court named after the symbol of MGM studios. Standing sets for some well-known films were built here and include a castle for **Ivanhoe**, a French château in **The Dirty Dozen** and a Chinese village in **The Inn of the Sixth Happiness**. Many other feature films, as well as television productions including **The Prisoner** and **UFO**, were shot in and around this area. Some of the mature oak trees dotted around the site have made cameo appearances in the background of famous films.



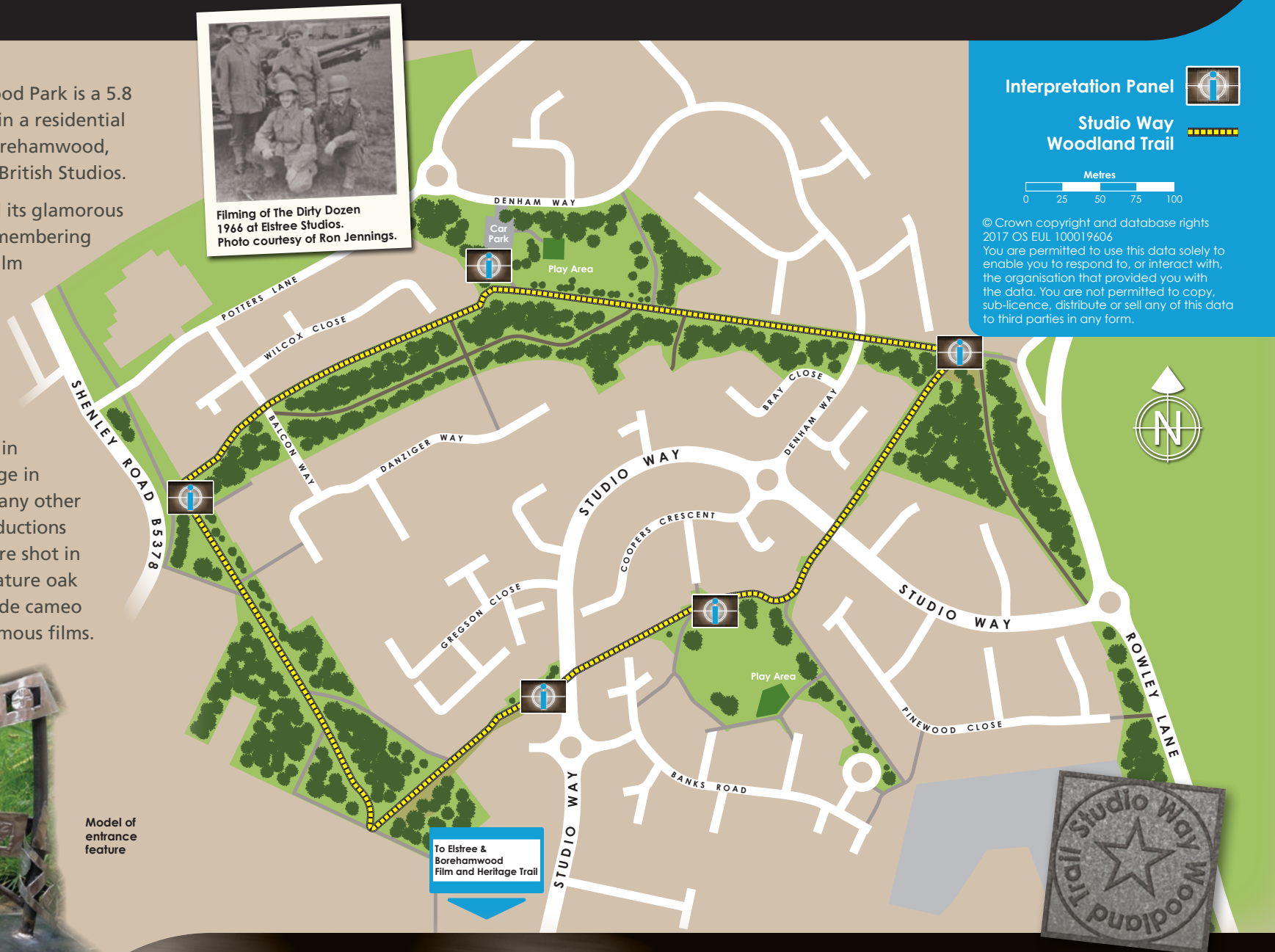
Filming of **The Dirty Dozen** 1966 at Elstree Studios.
Photo courtesy of Ron Jennings.



Model of entrance feature

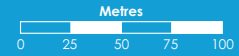
Top L-R: *The Prisoner*, *Ivanhoe*, *633 Squadron*, *MGM Clock Tower*, *Inn of the Sixth Happiness*, *2001 A Space Odyssey*, *Where Eagles Dare*, *The symbol from the end of a film reel*.

Bottom L-R: *Oak Leaf*, *Great Spotted Woodpecker*, *Bramble with Blackberries*, *Speckled Wood Butterfly*, *Hawthorn Leaf and Haw*, *Squirrel*, *Acorn*.



Interpretation Panel

Studio Way Woodland Trail



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Can you identify all the films and species on the entrance feature in the car park?

Answers below entrance feature image

Find out more about the fascinating history of the site by following the Studio Way Woodland Trail.