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Abstract : The author's observations of woods in East Anglia and elsewhere combined with evidence from old records, archaeology, pollen analysis and other sources in order to trace the effect of human intervention on British woodlands from the last ice age to the present day. Topics covered include: the importance of the coppice system in maintaining a structure similar to that of the original 'wildwood'; recolonization of vegetation after the last ice age (in about 10 000 BC) and the early intervention of man.

Neolithic man in 3 500 BC; the use made by the Romans of the woodlands for fuel and industrial needs; the woodland landscape of Norman England on the Domesday book references (1086 AD); and the role of lime and elm in the vegetation of much of lowland Britain alongside oak.

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