

ABSTRACT STATEMENT of the Total Acreage, Extent actually under Wood, Description of Timber, and Nature of the Rights of the Crown in each of the Royal Forests and Woodlands (compiled from a Return to the House of Commons in 1863).

Name of Forest or Woodland.	Acreage (measured or estimated).	Acreage under Wood.	Description of Trees.	Nature of Crown Rights.	Remarks.
New Forest	Acres. 65,000	Acres. 22,319	Oak and beech, with outside belts and clumps of Scotch fir and larch in the older plantations, and oak, Scotch fir, and larch in the younger plantations.	2,000 acres are freehold, of which 668 acres are let to tenants. In 63,000 acres the Crown has the right to the soil and timber, and of enclosing parts of such land not exceeding 16,000 acres at any one time, such enclosures to be thrown open when the trees are past danger of damage by cattle, and a like area enclosed for planting purposes.	In addition to the 65,000 acres there are 26,000 acres in the forest the property of private individuals, with regard to which the Crown rights appear uncertain, if indeed any exist. The extent under timber has been considerably increased since 1863, and now amounts to at least 24,500 acres. There is a complete register of commoners and of the rights to which they are entitled.
Dean Forest	22,870	14,754	Oak, beech, and fir, with a little chestnut and walnut. considerable portion attached to Whitmead Park and the woodmen's cottages. The Crown has the right to the soil and timber in 19,000 acres, with power to enclose not exceeding 11,000 acres at any one time, such enclosures to be thrown open as in New Forest, and like areas enclosed for planting. The Crown's rights as to minerals and sub-strata are regulated by the Acts 1 & 2 Vict. & 24 & 25 Vict. 3,278 acres are the property of private persons, and the Crown is not entitled to the timber nor to enclose and plant the land, but possess certain forestal rights.	592 acres are freehold, of which some 25 acres are let to tenants, and a	There is a complete register of free miners and owners of "gales" in the forest, but none of the commoners entitled to exercise forestal rights, nor has there been any inquiry into or definition of such rights and who are privileged to exercise them.
High Meadow	3,359	3,359	Oak and fir	Freehold	Purchased under the provisions of Act 57 Geo. III., which recites the expediency of the purchase owing to the quantity of thriving oak, forest, &c. In addition to the 3,359 acres there are 60 to 80 acres belonging to the Crown let to tenants in various small holdings.
Alice Holt .	2,039	2,039	Oak, with 100 acres larch and ash.	Freehold	Planted under the provisions of Act 52 Geo. III. Planting commenced in 1812 and finished in 1836.
Woolmer .	2,808	1,235	Scotch fir, larch, and pine, with a little oak.	Freehold	Planted under the provisions of Act 52 Geo. III. as above. Planting commenced in 1813 and finished in 1836. 1,572 acres are unfit for the growth of timber.
Bere . .	1,456	1,456	Oak	Freehold	Planted under the provisions of Act 50 Geo. III., passed in 1810. Planting commenced about 1812.
Parkhurst .	1,160	1,160	Oak, larch, beech, chestnut, Scotch fir, and stone pine.	Freehold	Planting commenced about 1814, under the provisions of Act 52 George III.
Delamere .	4,022	2,622	Oak, larch, and Scotch fir.	Freehold	All planted since 1817 under the directions of Act 52 Geo. III. 1,400 acres have been let as farms.
Salcey . .	1,277	1,277	Oak	Freehold	Planted between 1832 and 1846 under the authority of Act 6 Geo. IV.
Hazleborough	489	489	Oak	Freehold	Planted between 1830 and 1835 under the authority of Act 5 Geo. IV.
Chapwell .	896	896	Chiefly larch, some Scotch pine, alder, and birch.	Freehold	Planted between 1853 and 1859 under the authority of the Lords of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Woods, &c.
Epping .	7,000	—		The Crown is not the owner of any woods or plantations in Epping Forest (so called), but is entitled to certain forestal rights. Those rights over 4,000 acres have been sold.	This forest should really not appear as one of the Royal forests and woodlands, but I have exhibited it as it appears in the statement from which this is compiled.
Total acreage	112,376	51,606			