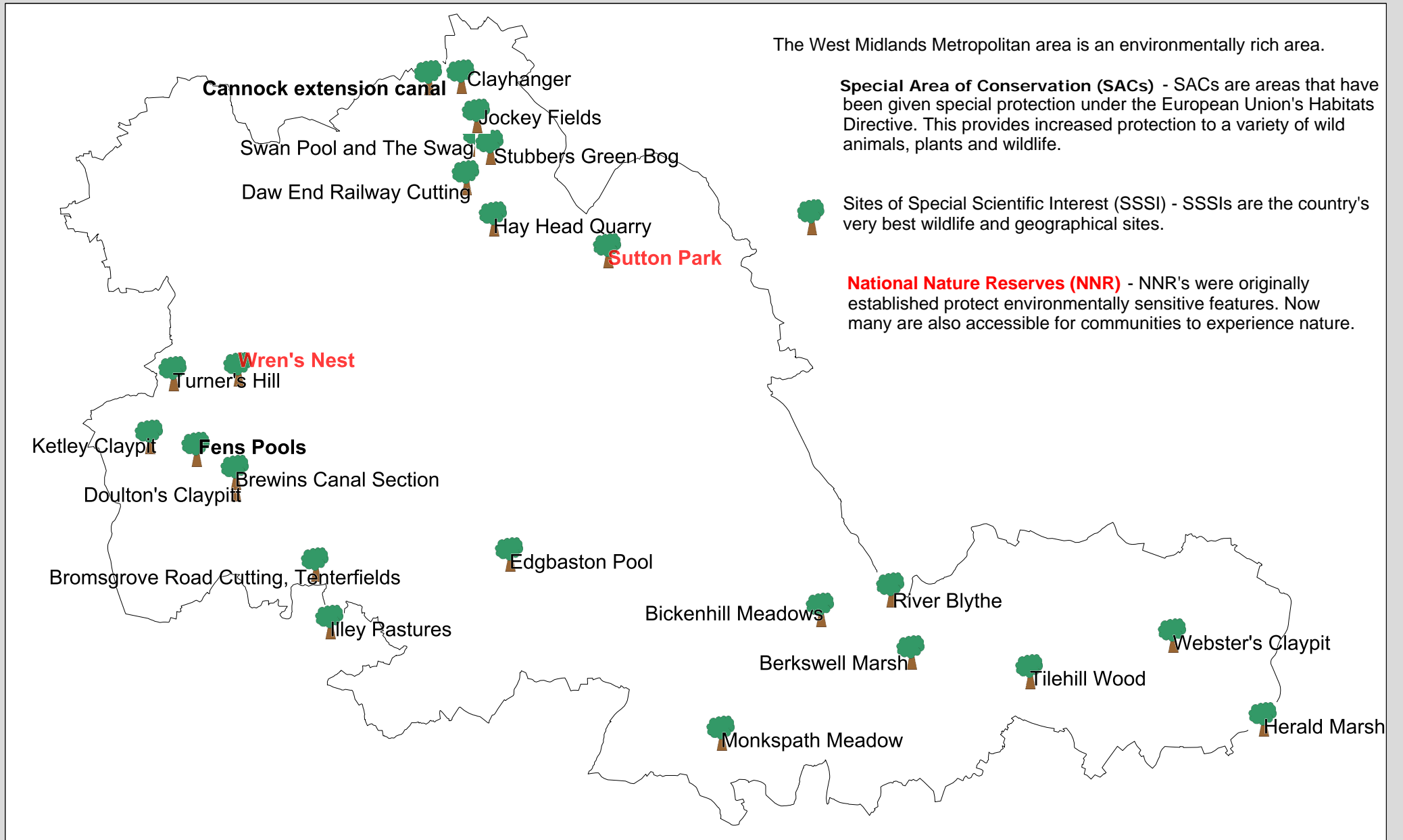


The West Midlands Metropolitan area is an environmentally rich area.

**Special Area of Conservation (SACs)** - SACs are areas that have been given special protection under the European Union's Habitats Directive. This provides increased protection to a variety of wild animals, plants and wildlife.

**Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** - SSSIs are the country's very best wildlife and geographical sites.

**National Nature Reserves (NNR)** - NNR's were originally established protect environmentally sensitive features. Now many are also accessible for communities to experience nature.



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## Environmentally Valuable Sites