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THE CROWN'S ANCIENT FOREST

50' (ENG, GER)



In the heart of Southern England lies a royal forest; a wild and magical place of ancient beauty that's hardly changed since King William the Conqueror proclaimed it as his hunting grounds some 900 years ago.

Stretching down from the famous Salisbury Plains to the rocky shores of the English Channel, the New Forest National Park is the largest and richest lowland wilderness in Britain, home to more ancient woods, mossy mires and rich heathlands than any other landscape in Europe.

In a stunning one-hour film, we witness a remarkable year in this ancient land, told through the eyes of four of its most iconic animals; a newly born New Forest foal, a pair of goshawks nesting in the ancient woods, a fallow deer and its fawn and a family of foxes. How will they survive the park's increasingly punishing droughts, devastating wildfires and harsh winter snowfalls? From feast to famine, this is an extraordinary tale of how one the UK's most spectacular National Parks gives sanctuary to a multitude of rare reptiles and insects, and how its people continue to play a critical role in shaping the Forest's future.



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