

# Basic Detail Report

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## The First and the Last Photographs (A Special Place)

**Date**

1989

**Primary Maker**

Parr, Martin

**Medium**

Photograph

### Description

"I had been puzzling over what my contribution for A SPECIAL PLACE would be for some time. One day I was driving round the wretched M25, London's orbital motorway, when I saw a sign for Leatherhead very near where I was brought up. "I know, I'll go and visit the street and nearby wood where I was brought up!" However I didn't have my camera with me. I ended up buying a disposable camera and while walking through the wood where my world of adventures were played out I remembered the place where I took my first conscious photograph in 1963. This time I took many photographs, including self-portraits at this spot. The place felt so familiar even though it had changed so much to look at. The wood was much smaller than I had remembered it." Martin Parr

### Dimensions

Object: 59 × 79 cm