



Accessibility Guide

Our approach to accessibility

Nature reserves aren't just havens for some of Devon's most spectacular wildlife, they also act as a gateway for hundreds of thousands of people every year to connect with and learn about nature.

We want more people in Devon to be actively engaged with nature and acting for nature's recovery. To do this we are working hard to ensure that our nature reserves are as welcoming and accessible to as many people as possible.

Access to and around our nature reserves isn't necessarily straightforward. Some are located miles from public transport with no parking whilst the wild and varied terrain of others can make them challenging for visitors.

This guide to some of our most popular nature reserves has been produced by us with the kind support and guidance of access, inclusion and disability groups in Devon, as well as the feedback we receive from people who have faced challenges accessing the countryside.

We hope you will find this guide useful and we welcome your feedback as we develop it further.

If you have a specific question about one of our sites that isn't covered by the information in this guide, please get in touch with us before you visit. We are happy to help.

As part of our commitment to increasing the accessibility of our nature reserves, we are working hard to provide greater access to trampers and other mobility vehicles.

Whilst we are working to reduce the number of gates and other barriers at our sites we would particularly welcome feedback from users of these vehicles about their experiences accessing our nature reserves. If there is a particular route or site that you are unable to access, please let us know.

We aren't currently able to loan or hire mobility vehicles ourselves onsite at our nature reserves, but we are exploring options to do so in the future.

In the meantime, Countryside Mobility South West are a hire scheme who aim to improve disabled people's access to outdoor places. They provide trampers that can cope with uneven or steep terrain which are available at a number of other outdoor visitor attractions and at key locations in the South West.

Thank you.



Using this guide

Our approach throughout this guide has been to provide as much information as possible about each nature reserve so that visitors can make informed decisions about whether, how and when to visit.

This guide highlights our most popular and frequently visited nature reserves. While not an exhaustive list of all our reserves, it focuses on these locations where you can generally expect to find more facilities and enhanced accessibility.

Key

To provide as much information as possible in a succinct guide we have used the following icons to show common access consideration:

Parking	
Toilets	
Path ratings	
Mobile signal	 
Benches	

Explorer Sites

Andrews Wood

What 3 Words: seasons.coverings.tenses

OS Map Reference: SX 7131 5197

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: TQ7 4EA

Once abandoned farmland, this site now thrives as broadleaved and ancient woodland, teeming with mosses, wildflowers, and ferns. In May, the shaded glades burst into seas of bluebells. A walk through the reserve reveals a ruined farmhouse from the Middle Ages, tucked away in the southwest corner of the woods. And from the reserve's highest point, the undulating hills stretch as far as the eye can see.

Access: The routes are waymarked and include kissing gate systems. Please note that there are no surfaced paths on site, and some areas can become muddy in winter. Wet and muddy conditions after storms or heavy rainfall are likely to make the site unsuitable for wheelchair users, mobility scooters, or pushchairs, during these times. Cattle graze the site. There is a second entrance and carpark at [///factories.growth.century](http://factories.growth.century).



Car parks at main and minor entrances



Benches on site



Path rating 2 on boardwalk sections and 3 for the rest of site



Mobile phone signal is poor



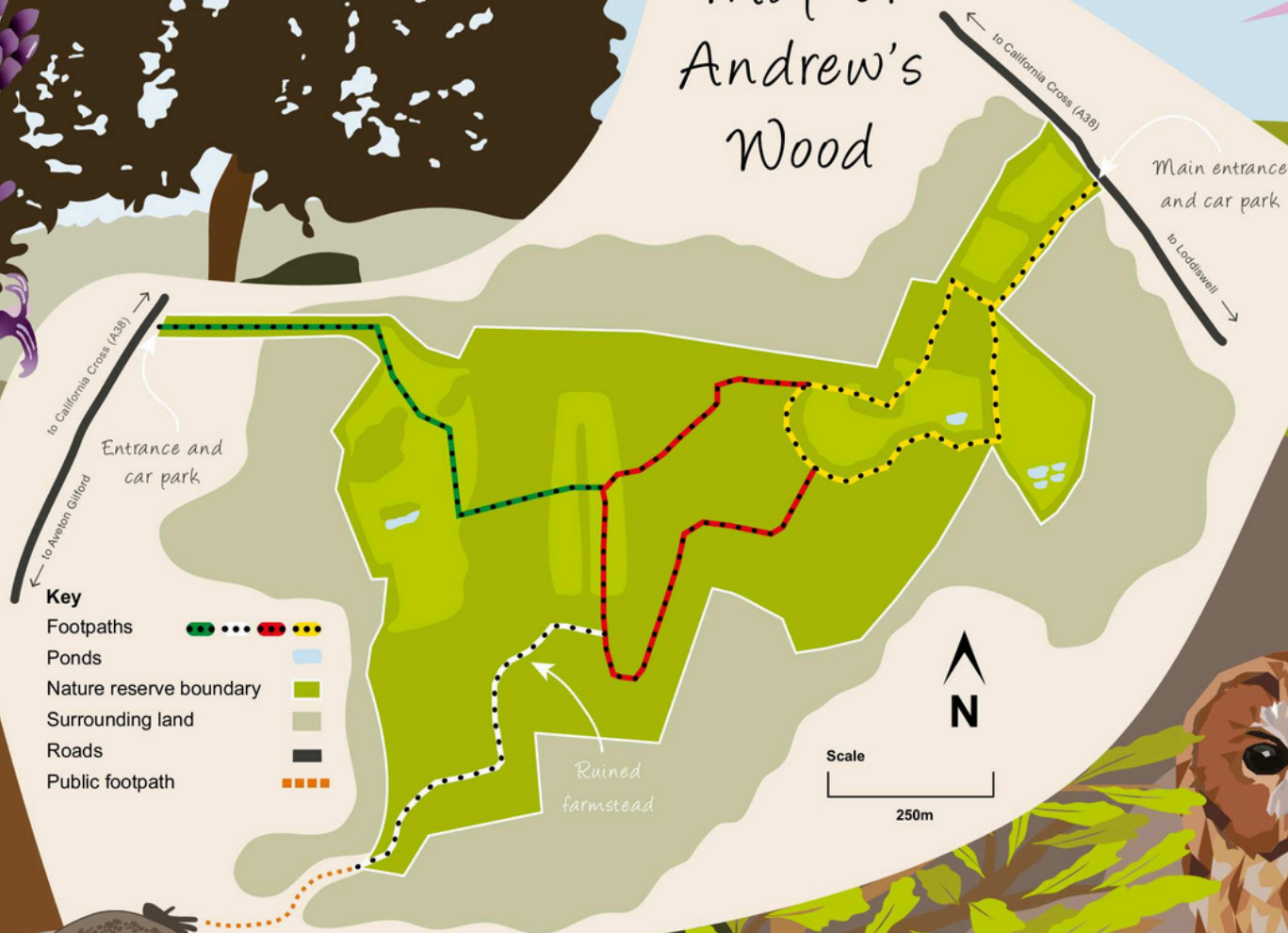
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Andrew's Wood nature reserve

Just one of many beautiful places looked after by Devon Wildlife Trust

Look for the colour coded arrows to help you navigate this nature reserve

Map of Andrew's Wood



Enjoy this nature reserve's many variations as you explore its woodland, grasslands, ponds and winding pathways

How to get to Andrew's Wood nature reserve

From A38 take Ugborough-Yealmpton exit. Head south on to A3121 to Kitterford Cross and here take the B3196 signed Loddiswell and Modbury. Remain on this road and immediately after the garage at California Cross take the left hand turn, still following the B3196 and signs for Loddiswell. Continue to the Cold Harbour Cross and 250m further on look for nature reserve car park entrance to right.

Wildlife to watch for

Andrew's Wood nature reserve offers so much to see and so many different places for wildlife to thrive.

The damp grassland just down the track from the main (northern) entrance is home to Britain's largest remaining colony of heath lobelia. In July and August the plant's slender stems show off their small purple blooms.

The ponds dotted around the reserve are great places to spot toads, frogs, dragonflies, perhaps even a common lizard basking nearby.

Visit in winter and the canopy of the reserve's woodland is the place to see parties of long-tailed tits, great tits and blue tits as they search for food. At dusk these birds disappear to roost, while tawny owls emerge to make the wood their own, sounding out their familiar territorial hoots and screeches as the light fades.

This is a large nature reserve – allow 1-2 hours to explore.

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Bellever Moor and Meadows

What 3 Words: node.power.bliss

OS Map Reference: SX 6464 7876

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: PL20 6TP

Bellever Moor and Meadows offers a wonderful introduction to Dartmoor. Visitors can explore wildflower upland meadows and walk between ancient drystone walls, all while enjoying stunning views of this central part of Dartmoor. Keep an eye out for plant species like eyebright, heath spotted orchids, southern marsh orchids, ragged robin, and yellow hay rattle.

Access: The area is open access, featuring rough grass tracks and moorland without any surfaced paths. While there are no steep climbs, some sections can become boggy.



Car parks at main and minor entrances



Benches on site



Path rating ranges from 2-3



Mobile phone signal is poor



Bellever Moor and Meadows

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Map of Bellever

Old farmhouse and lichen-covered trees

Laughter Hole

Upland wildflower meadows

Main part of nature reserve

Key

- Nature reserve boundary
- DWT Bellever Moorland
- DWT Bellever Meadows
- Surrounding forest (not in nature reserve)
- Public footpaths
- Bellever Moor and Meadows routes
- Roads
- East Dart River
- Toilets
- Parking
- Dartmoor Youth Hostel (Bellever)
- Bellever Forest - Forestry England
- National Park Visitor Centre - Postbridge
- Foot bridge

Scale
1/4 mile

Clapper Bridge

Cuckoo



Adder

Wildlife to watch for

On warm spring days, look for lizards and other reptiles basking, or listen for the call of the elusive cuckoo. Orchids flower in the summer meadows and the quick, fierce stoat hunts along traditional stone walls. There is something to hear and see all year round at Bellever Moor and Meadows.

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Explore open moorland and upland wildflower meadows, then discover an old farmhouse hidden among a glade of lichen covered trees



Bovey Heathfield

What 3 Words: deeds.unicorns.lasts

OS Map Reference: SX 8233 7647

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: TQ12 6TU

A carpet of deep pink heather mingled with the yellow hues of gorse creates a colourful backdrop for a leisurely stroll. This serene landscape offers a glimpse into the past, showcasing one of the last surviving examples of the heathland that once blanketed this corner of Devon. Keep your eyes peeled for elusive reptiles such as common lizards, adders, and grass snakes. Listen closely during warm summer evenings, and you might catch the churring calls of the nightjar.

Access: This reserve has kissing gates at the entrance which are not suitable for wheelchair or tramper access. The routes are rough and unsurfaced. Some paths have firm ground, while others traverse heath and mixed terrain.



Roadside parking available by Dragoon Close entrance



Path rating 3



Mobile phone signal is poor



Benches on site



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Bovey Heathfield nature reserve

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Early summer is
the time to hear
the mysterious
call of nightjars

Map of Bovey Heathfield

Since 2002 Devon Wildlife
Trust and local people have
worked together to restore
the nature reserve after
decades of neglect



Key

- Nature reserve boundary
- Heather and gorse area
- Woodland
- Path
- Roads
- Ponds
- Civil War earth bank
- Cycle/pedestrian trail
- Viewpoint

How to get to Bovey Heathfield nature reserve

Leave A38 at Drumbridges Roundabout and take turn towards Bovey Tracey. Take first right on to Battle Road, then second left on to Cavalier Road. Proceed through industrial estate before turning left into Dagoon Close. A trackway to the reserve is almost immediately on your right.

Wildlife to watch for

Tread quietly and you may be lucky enough to spot a basking common lizard, slow worm, adder or grass snake. All these reptiles live here and use gaps between the heather to sun themselves.

In summer, look out for small collections of clay clinging to plants alongside paths. These are the 'pots' made by the heath potter wasp. Inside will be the insect's larva along with food – usually a live, paralysed caterpillar – left by the parent wasp.



Heath potter wasp

Bovey Heathfield has two compartments. It is a short walk from one to the other. It will take you around an hour to fully explore this nature reserve. A pedestrian/cycle trail joins Bovey Heathfield with Devon Wildlife Trust's Teigngrace Meadow nature reserve a mile away.

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Common lizard

Walk among the golden glow of
gorse bushes and the purple blooms
of heather on this ancient heathland

Bystock Pools

What 3 Words: relay.quibble.brink

OS Map Reference: SY 034 843

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX8 5EE

Bystock Pools boasts a wealth of diverse habitats, earning its reputation as one of our most beloved nature reserves. Ascend the gentle slopes of the wildflower meadows or traverse the boardwalks that wind through the rugged heathland. Eventually, you will arrive at a serene lake filled with lily pads, where a vibrant array of wildlife thrives. Notably, the pools are home to significant populations of dragonflies and damselflies, including the majestic emperor and the striking golden-ringed dragonflies.

Access: A short access path leads around the reservoir, the rest of the reserve paths consist of boardwalks and rough paths. Routes around the reserves are clearly marked with paths.



Parking is available in the road at the south entrance by the reservoir.



Path rating 3



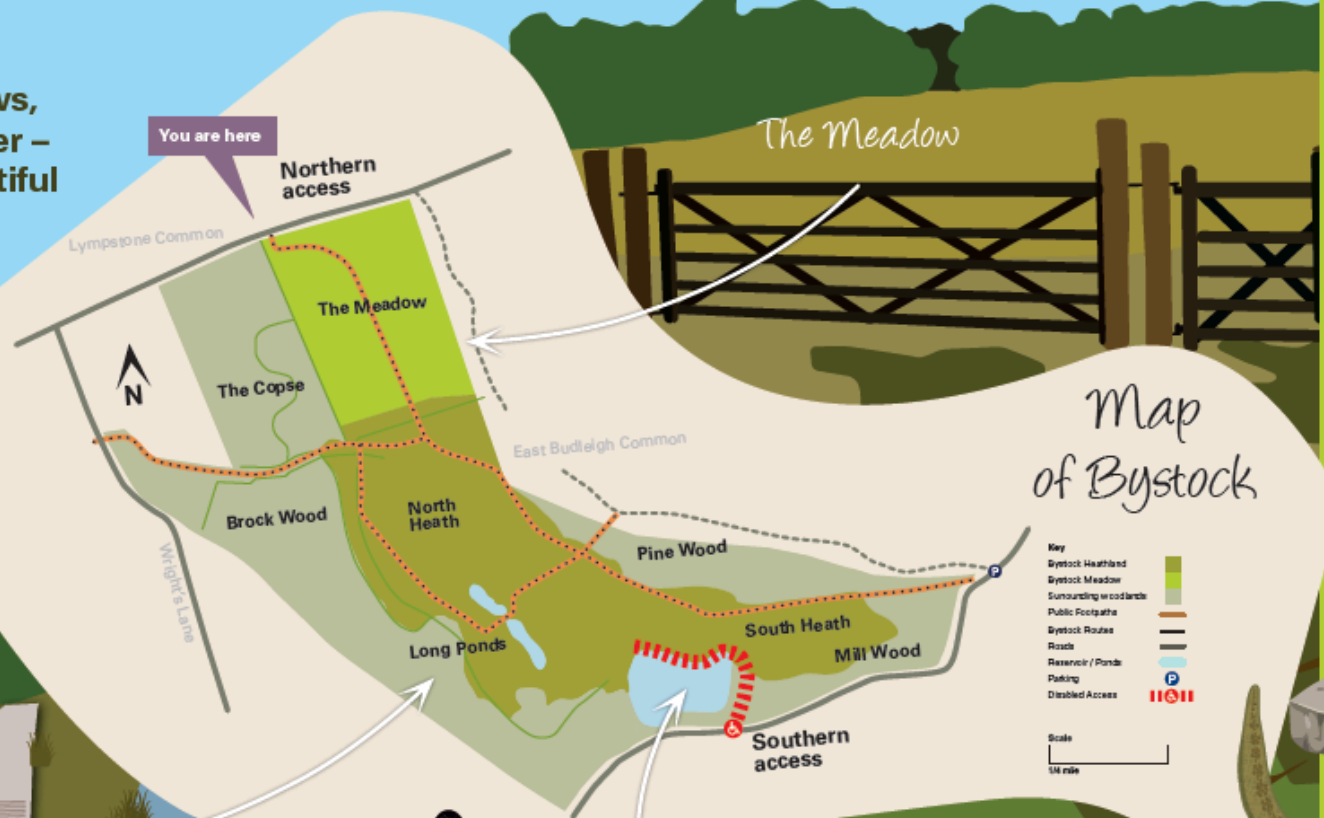
Mobile phone signal is good



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Bystock Pools is one of many beautiful places looked after by Devon Wildlife Trust

Explore heathland, wildflower meadows, woodland and water – all within this beautiful nature reserve



Wildlife to watch for

Bystock Pools' variety means it is home to a huge amount of wildlife.

Look for dragonflies skimming the surface of its open water and tufted ducks as they dive to catch food.

On summer nights listen for the churring calls of nightjars across the heathland and search for the pale green lights of glow worms signalling from the meadow.

In winter it's the voices of tawny owls that you'll hear, while stonechats call from the tops of gorse bushes.



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Dunsford

What 3 Words: relay.quibble.brink

OS Map Reference: SX 8051 8834

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX6 7EG

Set alongside the River Teign on the western fringes of Dartmoor, Dunsford is a beautiful reserve that offers stunning scenery and enchanting riverside walks throughout the year. The reserve is famous for its display of wild daffodils in early spring. Dunsford's woodland glades form a mosaic of habitats, supporting a diverse array of wildlife—from butterflies to vibrant bluebells, and from fallow deer to pied flycatchers. Keep your eyes peeled as you may be fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of elusive otters and the vibrant flash of kingfishers along the Teign.

Access: The wide, level paths offer a scenic walk, though they can become muddy in parts, especially along the river during winter. Plan for about 1.5 hours to complete a round trip. Please be aware that the climb to the top of the nature reserve is quite steep and not suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs, or mobility scooters. We recommend users requiring mobility assistance turn back before reaching the incline.

The access point by the steps is ungated. There is an alternative entrance from Clifford bridge [///drooling.easy.tolerates](#).



Parking is available in public car park near Steps bridge entrance



Path rating 3 for steeper sections and 2 for the rest of site



Mobile phone signal is good



Dunsford nature reserve

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looked after by Devon Wildlife Trust

How to get to Dunsford nature reserve

The reserve's main entrance is at
Steps Bridge on the B3212 Exeter to
Moretonhampstead road, near to the
village of Dunsford. Postcode EX6
7EG will get you close.

Wildlife to watch for

Spring
begins as the
vivid yellow
heads of wild
daffodils
bring colour
to Dunsford's
woodland.

Look for
dippers along
the river as
they search
for insects
among its
rocks and
bankside
tree roots.

Spot the stealthy movements of
small herds of fallow deer as you
climb the valley's steep sides to
take in wonderful views across this
special nature reserve.

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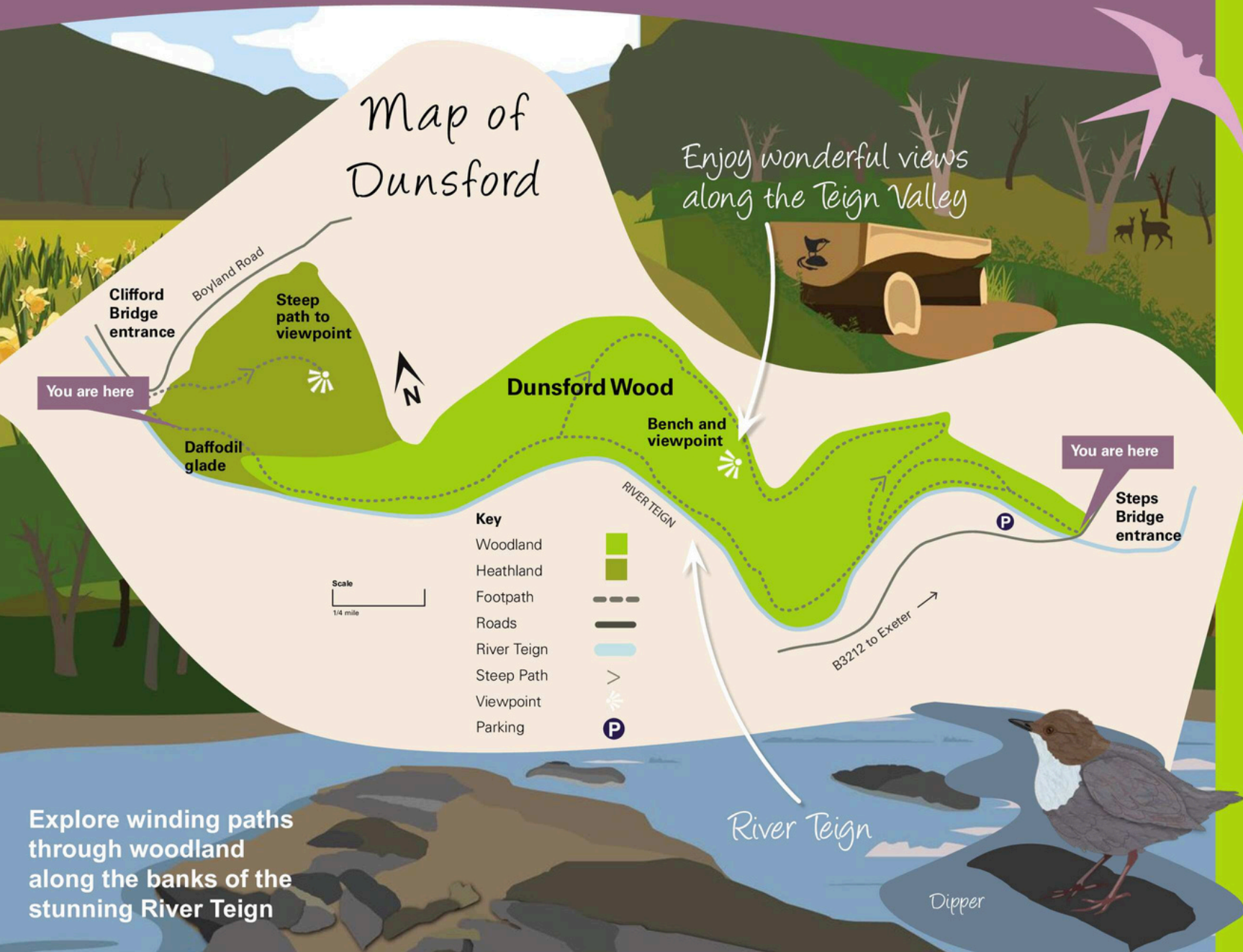
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Wild daffodil



Explore winding paths
through woodland
along the banks of the
stunning River Teign

Enjoy wonderful views
along the Teign Valley

River Teign

Dipper

Halsdon

What 3 Words: noodle.relaxed.punctured

OS Map Reference: SS 5569 1318

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX19 8ND

A top wildlife spot, with exceptional walks through woodland and riverside meadows. This idyllic location is renowned for its year-round otter sightings, as well as kingfishers, bluebells, and interesting fungi. The path along the River Torridge is easy to access and will lead you past a deserted ruin of a watermill.

Access: A 1km level track leads to the river. Most of the woodland paths are steep in parts, unsurfaced and get wet and muddy in winter. These are unsuitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs or mobility scooters. The access from Quarry carpark (unite.forgotten.skims) to the river is flat but can also get muddy in the winter.



Car parks at main and minor entrances



Path rating 2 for section from quarry car park entrance and 3 for main entrance through woodland



Mobile phone signal is good



Halsdon nature reserve

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Map of Halsdon



Part of Halsdon
nature reserve was
generously donated
by Mr Patrick Furse

This is a large nature reserve.
A walk to its wildlife hide will take
30 minutes. Exploring the whole
reserve will take 2 hours+.

Key

- Nature reserve boundary
- Meadows
- Woodland
- Main path (marked)
- Minor path (unmarked)
- Entrance track
- Roads
- Parking
- Wildlife hide
- Viewpoint
- Waymarker
- Ruins

Scale
1/4 mile

River Torridge

This nature reserve has received support from Dolton
Parish Council and Halsdon & Dolton DWT Local Group

How to get to Halsdon nature reserve

From A3124 Winkleigh to Great
Torrington take turn to Dolton on
B3217. Pass Dolton church and leave
B3217 by taking right fork on to minor
road (West Lane). Descend for half
a mile, at cross roads turn right over
bridge. Nature reserve's
Quarry entrance and lay-
by are immediately on left.
Continue for further 1 mile
for Ashwell entrance on left
(follow track to Ashwell car
park).

Bluebells

Wildlife to watch for

The River Torridge forms
the boundary of this large
and beautiful nature reserve. Look
for otters, kingfishers and dippers
from its wildlife hide. In summer
they are joined by sand martins and
dragonflies, while butterflies take to
the wing skimming the long grasses
of Halsdon's riverside meadows.

A walk through the reserve's
woodland in spring reveals
paths lined with
bluebells and its bird
boxes in use by blue
and great tits. In
autumn and winter
listen for the calls
of tawny owls as
they mark out their
hunting territories.

Kingfisher

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Explore the beautiful woodland
and riverside walks of Halsdon nature
reserve. Visit the wildlife hide for a
chance to see otters and kingfishers.

Ideford Common

What 3 Words: hormones.toasted.highly

OS Map Reference: SX 9010 7880

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: TQ13 0BU

Ideford Common is a beautiful reserve of lowland heath on the southern edge of the Haldon Hills and represents about 2% of the remaining lowland heath in Devon. The familiar heathland species are found in abundance here and the area is a refuge for reptiles including common lizards and adders. Among the birch and willow scrub you will also find nightjars, stonechats, and Dartford warblers. Visit in September to see a spectacular display of pink and purple coloured heather blooms.

Access: Once at the nature reserve there is a network of tracks which provide access around the site. Three of the tracks are designated public bridleways and access on horseback and bicycle is permitted over these. All other tracks, one of which is designated as a public footpath, are pedestrian access only. Although many of the trackways are quite level in gradient and therefore suitable for less mobile people, their surface consists of eroded, exposed flints. Therefore, they are not suitable for conventional wheelchairs, electric scooters, and pushchairs.



Car park at main entrance
(not managed by DWT)



Path rating 2



Mobile phone signal is good



Benches on site

Ludwell Valley Park

What 3 Words: [vote.credit.kite](https://www.what3words.com/vote.credit.kite)

OS Map Reference: SX 945 912

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX2 6DQ

Venture beyond the bustling city centre and immerse yourself in fields, cherry orchards, and wooded lanes of Ludwell Valley Park. This working farm, nestled on the outskirts of Exeter, is one of the six Exeter Valley Parks overseen by Devon Wildlife Trust. Follow the winding trails that trace the Northbrook stream or ascend to the summit of Pynes Hill, where breathtaking vistas await. The valley itself is a sanctuary for wildlife: harvest mice find refuge in the fields, whitethroats and blackcaps skulk in the hedgerows and orange-tip and painted lady butterflies feed on wildflowers.

Access: There are multiple kiss-gates and entrances to this site. These have recently been widened to allow for mobility scooters. Main accessible pathway is where the new gates are located from Wendover Way cycle track to Pynes Hill through Ludwell Valley Park.



Car park at main entrance
(not managed by DWT)



Path rating 2



Mobile phone signal is good



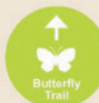
Benches on site



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Map of Ludwell Valley Park



Follow the butterfly waymarkers and discover a trail which guides you around Ludwell Valley Park. The trail will take 40 to 50 mins to complete (1.5 miles). It has some steep sections.



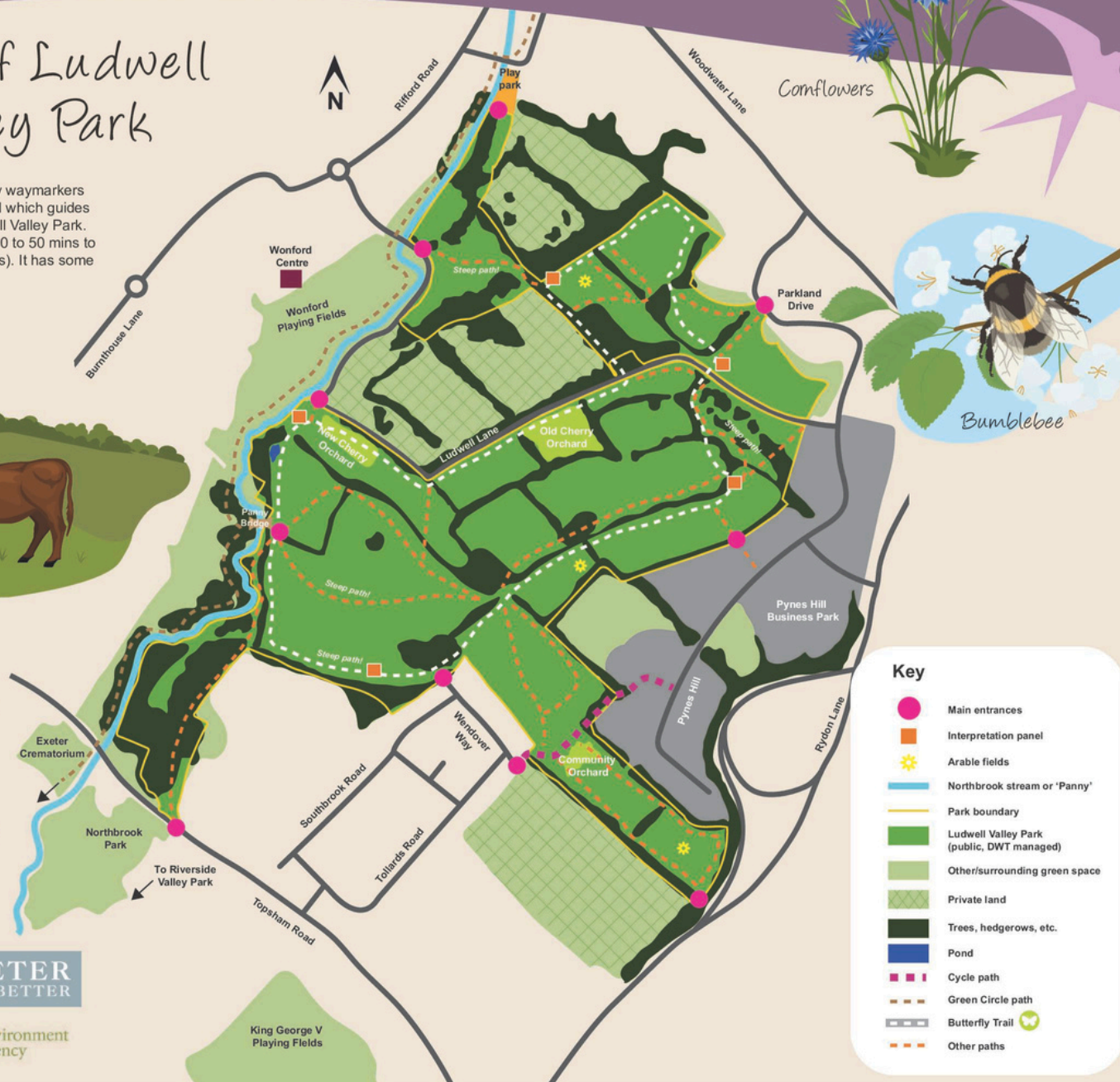
Cattle grazing



Cornflowers



Bumblebee



Key

- Main entrances
- Interpretation panel
- ✻ Arable fields
- Northbrook stream or 'Panny'
- Park boundary
- Ludwell Valley Park (public, DWT managed)
- Other/surrounding green space
- Private land
- Trees, hedgerows, etc.
- Pond
- Cycle path
- Green Circle path
- Butterfly Trail
- Other paths

Ludwell Valley Park is a working farm in the heart of the busy city. Some of its fields are grazed in spring and summer by cattle, while others are sown with crops and wildflowers.

Its network of hedges and fields offer good walks and great views. Follow the butterfly waymarkers and discover a trail which will take 40 to 50 mins to complete (1.5 miles). The trail contains some steep sections.

Ludwell is one of six Valley Parks in Exeter. Begin to explore the others at www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Visiting Ludwell Valley Park

Ludwell Valley Park lies just over a mile east of Exeter city centre (EX2). Main entrances to the Valley Park can be found on:

- Topsham Road
- Ludwell Lane
- Pynes Hill
- Wendover Way
- Parkland Drive



Song thrush

Combine your visit with a walk to nearby Riverside Valley Park. See www.devonwildlifetrust.org for more details.

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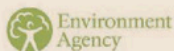
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King George V
Playing Fields

Meeth Quarry

What 3 Words: unable.petrified.salmon

OS Map Reference: SS 5465 0786

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX20 3EP

Meeth Quarry, with its industrial past, has shaped a fascinating landscape that now thrives as a haven for wildlife. Until the late 1990s, Meeth operated as a bustling clay quarry. Today, it spans 150 hectares of rolling terrain, featuring deep water-filled lakes and breath-taking vistas. One of the highlights is the wildlife watching hide, positioned on the banks of Stockleigh Lake—a prominent water body within this expansive reserve. Here, you can observe a wonderful array of bird species, including little grebes, water rails, goosanders, tufted ducks, and coots. If luck is on your side, you might even catch sight of the barn owl, peregrine falcon, merlin, or the exceptionally rare osprey.

Access: The Red way-marked trail is suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters.



Car park at main entrance



Benches on site



Path rating 2 on stoned paths and 3 for rest of site



Accessible toilet



Mobile phone signal is good

Shaped by people, home to wildlife

Look for roe deer as they stand stock-still in the nature reserve's undergrowth hoping not to catch your eye.
Photo, Jon Hawkins



Meeth Quarry is unlike any other Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserve. Its industrial past has dramatically shaped its present.

For nearly 100 years it was a series of busy clay quarries and mines. The legacy of this industry has created a very diverse landscape. Today, two enormous lakes and several massive piles of clay spoil dominate its features. Elsewhere there are ponds, woodland, bogs and grasslands.

Together these make Meeth nature reserve a home for a diverse range of wildlife and a wonderful place for people to explore on foot, bike or horseback.

- 1 Settling ponds once helped purify clay-contaminated water. Now they offer a home to 14 types of dragonfly and damselfly.
- 2 Explore the neighbouring Ash Moor nature reserve.
- 3 Huge amounts of waste material (known as 'spoil') was dug from the quarries and discarded in piles. These sparse, open areas make an ideal home for brown hare.
- 4 Since production stopped in 2004 the quarries have been allowed to flood. Today, geese and ducks are regular visitors.



Meeth Quarry is a dragonfly and damselfly haven. 14 species have been recorded here.
Photo, David Chamberlain

Map courtesy of Google Mapping Inc.

Mincinglake Valley Park

What 3 Words: wounds.ashes.agree

OS Map Reference: SX 934 945

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX4 7DR

Discover tranquillity with a gentle circular path through woodland, alongside a stream, and an orchard. For those seeking more adventure, Stoke Hill provides wilder walks through wildflower meadows and tree-studded parkland, rewarding you with sweeping views across the city to the Exe Estuary. Whether you're looking for pleasant stream side and wooded walks, or even hillier treks, Mincinglake has something for everyone.

Access: Clear paths, but with some muddy and steep sections. Suitable for mobility scooters.



Car park at main entrance



Path rating 1



Mobile phone signal is good



Benches on site



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Fox

Foxes are regularly seen here
— especially at dawn and dusk



Harvest mouse

Harvest mice rear their
young in nests hidden
in the undergrowth



**Mincinglake Valley Park's
green space is shared by
people and wildlife.**



Map of Mincinglake Valley Park

Bullfinch

In spring, look out for
bullfinches as they
feed on the blossom
of fruit trees



Key

- Main entrances
- Interpretation panel
- Green Circle/main path
- Other paths
- Park boundary
- Mincinglake Valley Park (managed by Devon Wildlife Trust)
- Stream
- Other public/private green space
- Trees, hedgerows, etc.
- Footbridge
- Orchard
- P Car park
- B Bus stop

Exploring Mincinglake will take
between 45-60 minutes. You can extend
your visit by joining the 'Green Circle'
walk which runs through the heart of
the Valley Park.

Mincinglake is a patchwork of
woodland, ponds, hedges and grassy
meadows. It's an excellent place to
see and hear a range of urban birds
including song thrushes, tawny owls
and jays. In summer, butterflies
including meadow browns and
marbled whites feed upon the Valley
Park's wildflowers.

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Exeter. Begin to explore the others at
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Visiting Mincinglake Valley Park

Mincinglake Valley Park lies a mile to
the north-west of Exeter city centre.
Main entrances to the Valley Park can
be found via:

- Calthorpe Road
- Stoke Hill

The Valley Park has bike racks (both
entrances), car parks (both entrances)
and a bus stop (Calthorpe Road
entrance) close by.

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Northbrook Park

What 3 Words: proud.price.camp

OS Map Reference: SX 938 905

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX2 6LG

Northbrook Park: Once the location of an approach golf course that closed in 2019, has transformed into a wilder and more tranquil space. Nestled in-between two of Exeter's Valley Parks—Riverside and Ludwell—it is an urban fringe site with a meadow, orchard, and mature trees. The park also has several good footpaths and cycleways. Our proposal for the park is to create a wild arboretum, supporting community orchards, a wilder, healthier stream, and an activity hub; all of which will support the community's active involvement in the future of the park.

Access: Cycle path which passes through the site is smooth tarmac and would be suitable for mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs.



Roadside parking is available along Mill Road, near the minor entrance.



Path rating 1



Mobile phone signal is good



Benches on site

Riverside Valley Park

What 3 Words: judges.fingernails.joined

OS Map Reference: SX 933 901

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: EX2 6LT

Riverside is one of six Exeter Valley Parks managed by Devon Wildlife Trust. Its 40 hectares sit between Clapperbrook Lane and Bridge Road. This is an easy Valley Park to visit: it is close to the city centre and just a short walk from the historic Quayside. It offers river views, excellent walking and cycling paths and strolls through buttercup-filled flood plain meadows giving way to the wilder estuary.

Access: Easy access cycle/walking paths. There are other informal paths which can be uneven and muddy.



Parking available in car park close to Double Locks pub.



Path rating 1



Mobile phone signal is good



Benches on site



Accessible toilet



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Riverside Valley Park
Just one of many beautiful places
looked after by Devon Wildlife Trust



Riverside Valley Park stretches for just over a mile alongside the River Exe.

A walk from one end to the other will take around 30-40 minutes. The route is level along paths and tracks through waterside meadows with good views of Exeter, its cathedral and the river.

Detours lead you to other parts of the Valley Park. A wetland with bird hides and a wooded section known as 'Leaf Land' provide a contrast to the open feel of this beautiful city green space.

Riverside is one of six Valley Parks in Exeter. Begin to explore the others at www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Visiting Riverside Valley Park

Riverside Valley Park lies a mile to the south east of Exeter city centre. Main entrances to the Valley Park can be found via:

- Bridge Road (Countess Wear)
- Clapperbrook Lane (Marsh Barton)
- Salmon Pool Lane (St Leonards)
- Exeter Ship Canal and cycle route

Combine your visit with a walk to nearby Ludwell Valley Park. See www.devonwildlifetrust.org for more details.

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Riverside Valley Park's green space is shared by people, wildlife and grazing cattle.

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Teigngrace Meadow

What 3 Words: pipe.waltzes.mason

OS Map Reference: SX 8385 7626

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: TQ12 6RG

A captivating 'new' landscape emerges from the excavations of nearby clay quarries. Birds, butterflies, and wildflowers vie for space amidst its meadowlands and steep-sided slopes. From the hilltop, you'll be treated to magnificent vistas of Dartmoor and the Bovey Basin. The Stover Trail, a traffic-free path, traverses the reserve, making it an excellent destination for cycling, horseback riding, or leisurely walks.

Access: The Stover Trail provides good access through the nature reserve. Unsurfaced footpaths lead from this into the site. Some sections of these paths are steep. These are not suitable for mobility scooters, wheelchairs or pushchairs.



Limited roadside parking available in the residential area of Haytor View, which is a 6-minute walk from the footbridge that leads you to the reserve.



Path rating 2 for most of site and 3 in steeper sections.



Mobile phone signal is good



Benches on site



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Wildlife to watch for

Enter Teigngrace Meadow and you'll be stepping into a landscape created from the excavations of local clay mining. In summer, it is home to green-winged orchids and butterflies,



Marbled white butterfly

including meadow browns and marbled whites. In winter, kestrels hunt for voles across the nature reserve's meadow and steep hillsides.



Skylark

About us

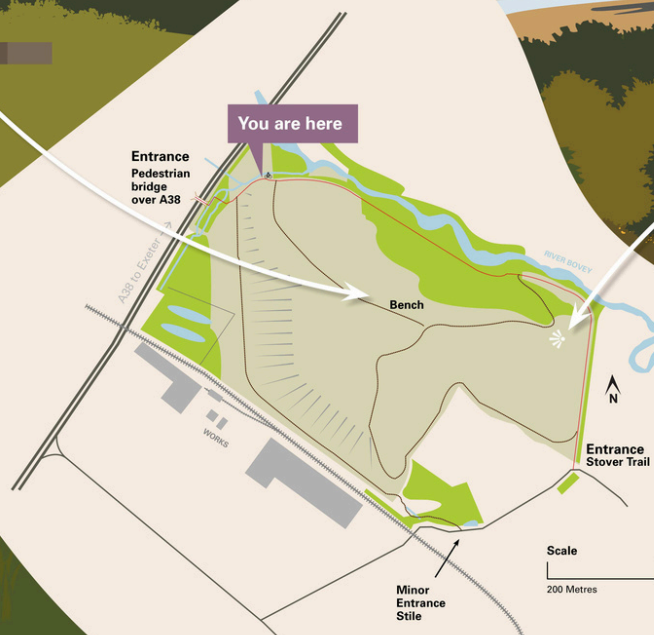
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Take a break with the skylarks at Bob's Bench

Take in views of the Bovey Basin and Dartmoor from this high point



Map of Teigngrace Meadow

Key	
Woodland	
Grassland	
Path	
Cycle trail	
Roads	
Rivers and waterways	
Viewpoint	
Bridge	
Train Track	

Discover the butterflies and birds of Teigngrace Meadow. Climb the hill to unveil wonderful views across South Devon.



This nature reserve has been supported by Vividor Credits Environmental Company with funding via the Landfill Communities Fund.



Warleigh Point

What 3 Words: lows.coach.deeper

OS Map Reference: SX 4497 6083

Nearest postcode for Sat Nav: PL5 2SL

Warleigh Point Nature Reserve, a hidden gem near Plymouth, lies less than three miles from the city centre. It offers a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of Devon's largest urban area. As you explore the reserve's well-trodden paths, you'll meander through woodlands adorned with ancient oaks. Eventually, you'll be rewarded with sweeping vistas of the Tamar-Tavy Estuaries and the picturesque Cornish countryside beyond.

Access: A level path leads to estuary views - this is suitable for most visitors. Some paths elsewhere have steps and can be muddy. The entrance is a short walk across the railway bridge from Station Road, and has a kissing gate in place.



Limited roadside parking on Station Road.



Path rating 2



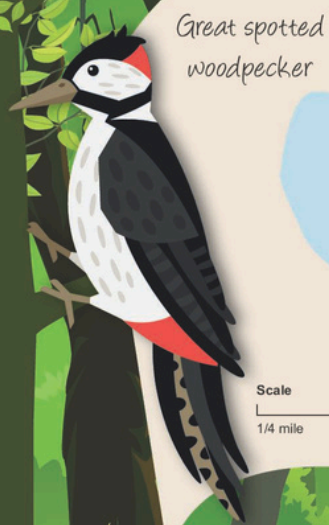
Mobile phone signal is good in open areas, but poor in woodland.



Benches on site



Speckled wood
butterfly



Great spotted
woodpecker

River
Tamar

Scale
1/4 mile



Main entrance
To Tamerton Foliot
via Station Road

Map of Warleigh Point

Key

DWT Warleigh Point boundary
Surrounding woodlands
Waymarked trail
Easy access track
Unmarked trail
River
Steps
Bench
Viewpoint
Railway
Roads



Discover
woodland walks
and estuary views

Help us keep this nature reserve as a haven for local
wildlife and a special place for people. We ask that:

- Dogs be kept on a lead at all times
- Owners clean up after their dogs and take their waste home
- Professional dog walkers do not undertake the commercial exercising of dogs
- Visitors take their litter home
- There is no camping and no fires/BBQs

Thank you.

How to find Warleigh Point nature reserve

Warleigh Point is just a few miles north
of Plymouth city centre. Buses serve
the nearby village of Tamerton Foliot.

By car – from the A386 head north
from Plymouth before turning left on
the B3373 to Tamerton Foliot. Pass the
village's church on the right and then
take 2nd left turn on to Station Road.
Continue for 1 mile on this dead-end
road. At its completion is the nature
reserve. Park on roadside and enter on
foot over a railway bridge.

Wildlife to watch for

Warleigh Point nature reserve
combines woodland walks with
great views over the mudflats and
open water of the Tamar Estuary -
there's always something to see.

Its woodland contains ancient oaks,
home to great spotted woodpeckers,
nuthatches and roosting bats.
Elsewhere we have deliberately
created clearings to let light through
the tree canopy. Here butterflies
including speckled woods and red
admirals search for the blooms of
spring flowers.

As autumn evenings draw in, listen
for the territorial calls of tawny owls.

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Path accessibility rating

DWT Rating	Disabled Ramblers Association Ramble difficulty grading	
1	<p>Category 1 implies generally high-quality surfaces along the route. The surfaces will be for the most part, smooth and all weather. This means tarmac or good quality crushed stone will predominate. However, there may occasionally be short stretches of rougher path and some seasonal surfaces such as grass or compressed earth. The path will be adequately wide, with a normal standard of 1.5m, though "pinch points" may occur, for example through gates. Cross slopes will be normally very small, say up to 1 in 12. Occasionally cross slopes may be steeper, but there will usually be ways around such sections. There will be no steep hills greater than 1 in 12, except perhaps for very short stretches, and the total significant (see Note below) height climbed during the ramble will not exceed 30 metres.</p>	
2	<p>Category 2 expects generally good surfaces but allows longer stretches of stony going (stones up to 40mm) beaten earth or grass track-way. The path will be adequately wide, generally of the order of 1.5m, though a number of narrow stretches down to 1.2m may be present as well as "pinch points" through gates etc. Small steps not higher than 40mm may be encountered. Cross slopes will generally be very small, but sections of cambers, say up to 1 in 8, may occur for short stretches. Small stretches of soft going or stretches involving ruts (up to 40mm) will occasionally be encountered, but usually these may be bypassed. Hills will generally be no more than 1 in 10, with occasional steeper stretches up to 1 in 8. Total significant height (See Note below) climbed may be up to 150 metres in a day.</p>	

3	<p>Category 3 means longer stretches of rough going, with side slopes and some ruts (max depth 100mm). The paths may well be stony tracks with quite large stones (some stones max 100mm) or there may be very wet and soft sections. Occasional steps up to 100mm may be encountered. Cambers may also be correspondingly steeper, sometimes in excess of 1 in 8. Hills may be long and steep, with some stretches even up to 1 in 5, or very occasionally 1 in 4. Total significant height (See Note below) climbed during a day may be up to 300 metres.</p>	
4	<p>Category 4 covers paths and trails outside the three categories defined above. The height assessment used as a basis of route classification is based upon clearly identifiable hills along the route. Normal small ups and downs encountered on any ramble are discounted. The purpose of this assessment is based upon recognising the impact of hills on battery capacity and the heating and possible safety cut-outs of small electric motors over sustained climbs.</p>	

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future of Devon's wildlife and wild places.**

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