

Managing the Reserve

Warnham Local Nature Reserve is owned by Horsham District Council and managed by the Parks and Countryside team in partnership with the Friends of Warnham Local Nature Reserve.

Our joint aim is to ensure the conservation, protection and the improvement of Warnham Local Nature Reserve for the benefit of both the public and the wildlife.

What do the Friends do?

- Promote the Reserve through West Sussex and beyond
- Welcome visitors and manage the Heron's Rest Café
- Fundraise and organise events
- Assist with wildlife surveys and conservation projects

Support our work

Help support our work by becoming a 'Friend of Warnham Local Nature Reserve' for just £10 a year. Benefits include a range of free or subsidised events, regular copies of the 'Reedbed' magazine and discounted annual membership.

For further details visit:

www.warnhamnaturereservefriends.org.uk

Become a Conservation Volunteer

Are you interested in conservation, wildlife or just working outdoors?

If you want to help shape the future of our open spaces, learn new skills or meet new people, then come and join the team.

We need volunteers to help us with vital conservation and restoration work, not just at Warnham Local Nature Reserve, but across the Horsham District.

To register your interest, please contact the Parks and Countryside team by email: parks@horsham.gov.uk



Opening Hours

Warnham Local Nature Reserve is open to visitors every day except Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

April to September

Reserve and car park open 10am-5pm. Café closes at 4pm.

October to March

Reserve and car park open 10am-4pm. Café closes at 3pm.

Admission prices

Day admission charges are set out in the table below.

Ticket type	Price
Child (under 18)	Free
Adult	£3
Adult with Leisure Access Card	£1.50

Annual permits and Friends membership

Annual permits are available for individual adults. Children's admission to the Reserve is free.

Annual permit type	Price
First adult permit	£18
Friend of Warnham Local Nature Reserve first adult permit	£13
Additional adult permits for other members of a household	£9 each
Leisure Access Card Holders will receive 50% off the purchase of annual permits. (Discounts will only be given on production of a valid card at time of purchase and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer).	

Parking, admission to the Visitor Centre and Café is free. No bikes, dogs or picnics are allowed on the Reserve.

Accessibility/Disabled Access

- Disabled access toilets with baby changing facilities
- Disabled parking spaces for blue-badge holders
- Wheelchair friendly path from the car park to Visitor Centre
- Most of the Reserve, including the bird hides and Discovery Hub, are accessible by wheelchairs in dry conditions.

How to find us

Warnham Local Nature Reserve,
Warnham Road, Horsham, RH12 2RA



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Discovery Trail Guide



Welcome to Warnham Local Nature Reserve

The Discovery Trail follows the paths and boardwalks that surround the Millpond which lies at the heart of the Reserve.

Packed with information about the wildlife, flora and fauna that call Warnham 'home', you'll also find tales from the site's history and a host of fun facts for children of all ages.

Start your journey at Mill Meadow, remembering to walk quietly and slowly. Don't forget to look down at the woodland floor and up to the tree canopies as you explore.



Five hides and two viewing screens are strategically placed around the Reserve. In the Woodpecker Hide, bird feeders and a reflection pond offer a different perspective for photographers.

In front of Aston Trelford Hide, the islands attract wading birds and wildfowl closer to shore.

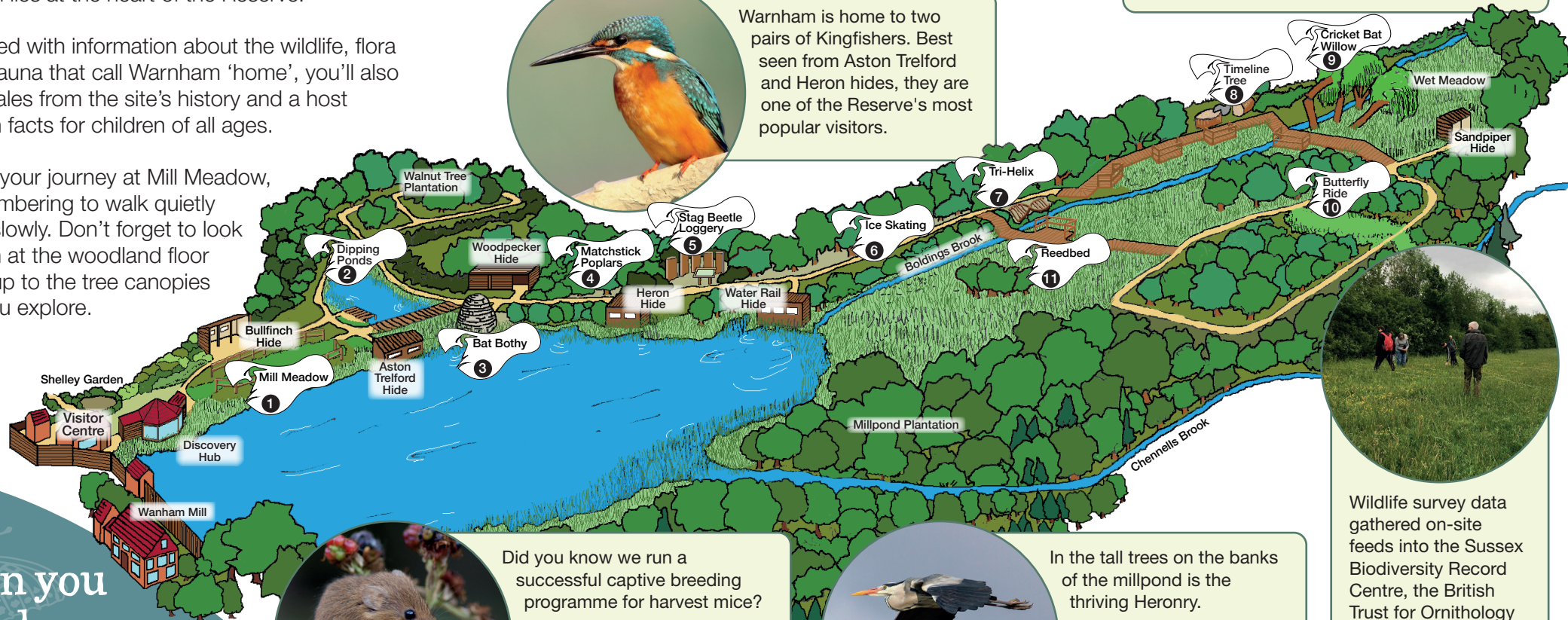


The water habitats are the Reserve's biggest attraction, but you will also discover ancient woodland and reedbeds, as well as conifer and mixed broad-leaf plantations.

The meadowland, wet grasslands and bustling hedgerows make Warnham such an important place for wildlife.



Warnham is home to two pairs of Kingfishers. Best seen from Aston Trelford and Heron hides, they are one of the Reserve's most popular visitors.



Can you find our hidden friends?

Hidden on the Reserve are six special rubbing plaques especially for our younger visitors to discover. Complete our special activity sheet and earn yourself a Junior Trail Detective badge!

Ask at the Heron's Rest Café for more details.



Did you know we run a successful captive breeding programme for harvest mice?

Mice bred here are regularly released at key sites across Horsham including nearby Chesworth Farm. See the mice in the Visitor Centre.



In the tall trees on the banks of the millpond is the thriving Heronry.

See footage of these iconic birds on our dedicated Heron Cam.



Wildlife survey data gathered on-site feeds into the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre, the British Trust for Ornithology and the National Moth Recording Scheme to name but a few. Don't forget to report your findings to help us with this vital work!



In the event of difficulties during your visit please call **01403 215256**. In an emergency dial **999** (Location: RH12 2RA)