

Other activities

Dogs are welcome on the reserve but must be kept under control at all times. Please clean up after your dog. Special bins have been provided at most of the entrances.

Angling is permitted at Lake Ewart only. A membership or day ticket is required from Cambourne Fishing Club and you must have a valid rod licence from the Environment Agency.

Help keep Cambourne special

Please dispose of your litter in the bins provided or take it home with you.

If you see any anti-social behaviour, please contact the police on 101.

Access

Main paths are surfaced and flat. Other paths may be muddy and there are some steep slopes, especially on the hill in the Country Park.

There are cycle paths and bridleways crossing the site in several places. Please be considerate of other users.

How to get here

OS sheet 153: Car Park TL 316595

Cambourne is 9 miles west of Cambridge, off the A428 between Cambridge and St Neots. Once you have left the A428, take Cambourne exit at the first roundabout and take second exit at the next

the second right after 500 metres into Oaks Wood Car Park (height restriction) just before Lower Cambourne village sign.

Public transport

Frequent bus service from Cambridge

We hope you enjoy your visit

More information

Your local Wildlife Trust protects wildlife and countryside for people to enjoy in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. We are a charity dependent on voluntary contributions.

If you would like more information about this reserve, other reserves in Cambridgeshire or about how you can support us, please contact:

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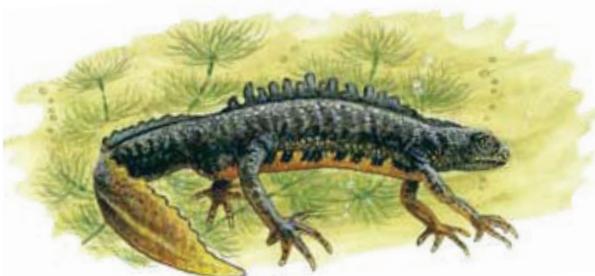
Cambourne Nature Reserve

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The Wildlife Trust in Cambourne

The Wildlife Trust looks after much of the wilder green spaces in Cambourne as a Nature Reserve. This includes some areas, such as the small woods and ponds and some hedges, that were here before Cambourne was built and have been protected from development. New green spaces have been created around these including lakes, meadows and woodland. In fact, less than half the site has been built on, leaving lots of areas for wildlife and people to enjoy.

We are managing these areas to make them into good wildlife habitats. This involves looking after the young trees as they grow, cutting the grass, hedges and ditches at the right time of year, maintaining the paths and benches and monitoring what is happening to the wildlife as the Nature Reserve develops.



Great crested newt

How can I help?

Cambourne is home to lots of different types of wildlife, including some rare species, if you walk around the site quietly you may be lucky enough to spot some of them.

The Wildlife Trust runs regular events in Cambourne and the surrounding area. These include practical work to help look after the reserves and educational walks and activities to help people learn about the wildlife we protect. Find out about our events and volunteering opportunities on our website www.wildlifebcn.org.

Cambourne Wild Discovery Trail



Skylark

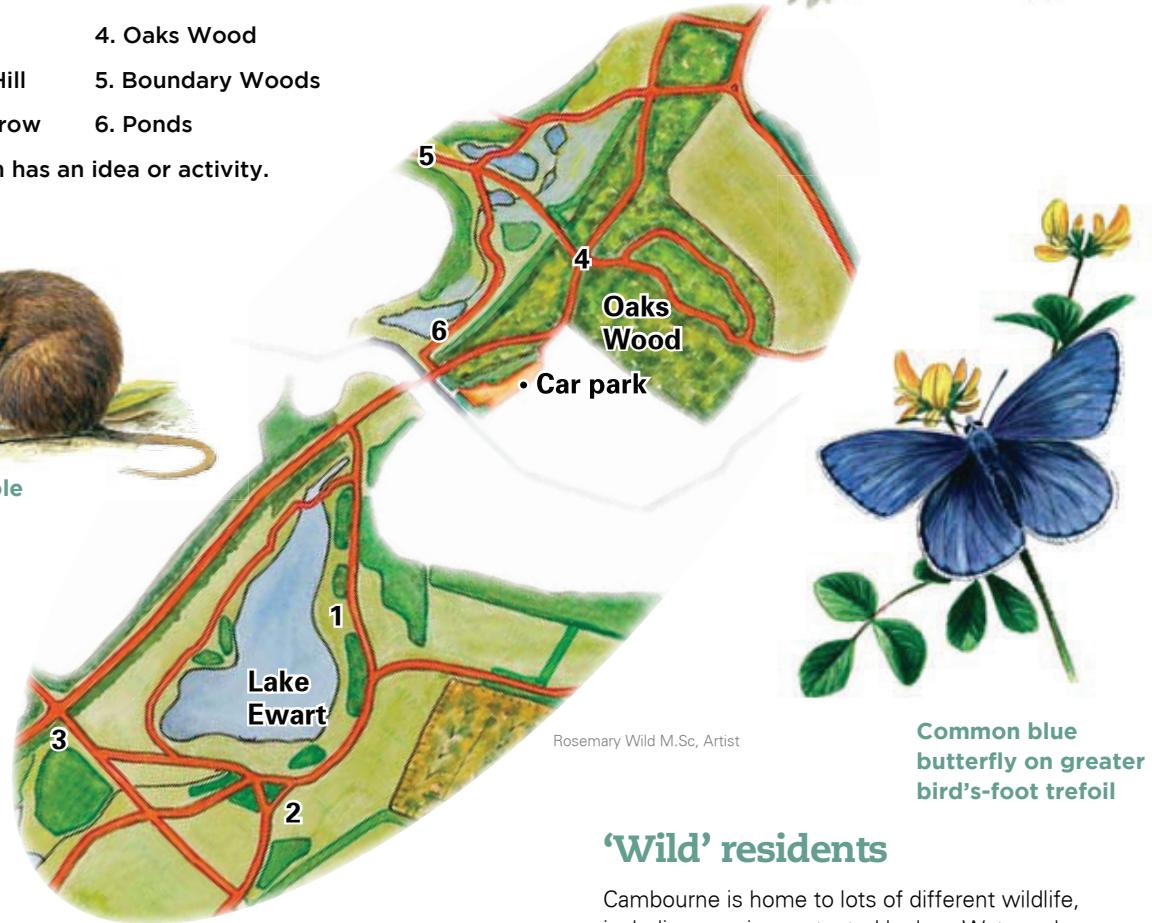
Several signs have been placed around the green spaces for you to discover. They will tell you more about the different areas of the nature reserve and the wildlife that lives in them. There are six signs to look out for:

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| 1. Lakes | 4. Oaks Wood |
| 2. Crow Hill | 5. Boundary Woods |
| 3. Hedgerow | 6. Ponds |

Each sign has an idea or activity.



Water vole



The route

The trail route is 1.5 km long and should take about 20 minutes walk at a medium pace. Longer if you stop to look at all the signs!



Common blue butterfly on greater bird's-foot trefoil

'Wild' residents

Cambourne is home to lots of different wildlife, including species protected by law. Water voles use the lakes and ditches. Great crested newts lay their eggs in the ponds. Skylarks and other farmland birds love the meadows. The wild flowers around the site provide nectar for butterflies to feed on.

Cambourne



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