

## Why not try these nearby Wildlife Trust nature reserves?



*Cowslips at Fulbourn Fen by Mark Ricketts*

### Beechwoods – a small yet impressive wood of majestic beech trees

**Where:** About four miles from Trumpington Meadows, off Worts' Causeway.

[www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/beechnwoods](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/beechnwoods)

The Beechwoods were planted on arable land in the 1840s. Delicate white helleborines thrive on the dry chalky soil, pushing up their flowering spikes in the spring before the budding beech leaves can cast their deep cool shade. The original beech trees are all mature, and beech bark fungi combined with autumn gales have caused many of them to fall in recent years. Saplings have sprung up in the gaps, and the wood is now developing a more varied structure.

### Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits - old chalk quarries offering a range of wildlife habitats

**Where:** About three miles from Trumpington Meadows, off Limekiln Road, Cherry Hinton.

[www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/cherry-hinton-chalk-pits](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/cherry-hinton-chalk-pits)

These chalk quarries once provided lime for cement to build Cambridge University colleges. Today they support a variety of habitats that harbour some rare plants and insects. The cherry trees in Limekiln Close are descendants of trees that gave Cherry Hinton its name. East Pit with its steep cliffs surrounding the exposed chalk and chalk grassland provides habitats for many insects, such as butterflies. It was quarried until the 1980s.

### Fulbourn Fen - ancient grassland, bursting with flowers and insects

**Where:** About five miles from Trumpington Meadows, off Stonebridge Lane in Fulbourn.

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The old meadows here have kept the high diversity of plants and insects which traditional farming techniques produced. Six species of orchid have been recorded in the varied grassland lying over complex geology and archaeology, while the woods shelter the reserve and harbour birds and fungi. The sweeping boughs of two magnificent oaks greet the visitor entering Ox Meadow, where cowslips carpet the ground in spring. In East Fen, the wettest meadow, thousands of marsh orchids bloom in early summer.

## The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire manages Trumpington Meadows.

We work to make our three counties a place where nature matters, where wildlife can flourish and enrich the lives of the people who live here. With your help we care for local wildlife. Ninety five per cent of the local population live within five miles of one of our 126 reserves and contributions of time or money will directly benefit local wildlife.

We are an independent local charity dedicated to protecting all kinds of wildlife. Together with the other 46 Wildlife Trusts we form a powerful national force speaking up for nature.

To join us in safeguarding local wildlife please visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)

### Barratt Homes at Trumpington Meadows

Trumpington Meadows is an award-winning development featuring a range of contemporary one, two, three, four and five bedroom homes, located on Hauxton Road in Cambridge. Offering the perfect balance of town and country living, Cambridge City Centre is within easy reach. What's more, the residents can enjoy the local countryside amenities within the 58-hectare country park. The Trumpington Park and Ride and Guided Busway interchange are conveniently located next to the development, whilst Cambridge Railway Station is just 13 minutes away offering services into London within the hour. The development is ideally placed to access the M11 and A14, providing great links to nearby towns Newmarket and Huntingdon, each approximately 20 miles away.

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*Trumpington Meadows by Martin Baker*



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# Welcome to Trumpington Meadows Wildlife Trust country park and nature reserve



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*Bird's-foot trefoil by Alice Hunter*



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Trumpington Meadows by Alice Hunter



Banded demoiselle by Alice Hunter



Common poppy by Alice Hunter

# Trumpington Meadows

The 58-hectare country park and nature reserve sits alongside the River Cam. The site is a mix of meadows, hedgerows, woodland and parkland.

It is a space for walking, running, cycling or just sitting and relaxing. Children can create their own adventures in a safe, natural setting.

In the summer explore newly created hay meadows full of once-common wildflowers such as knapweed, field scabious, bird's-foot trefoil and salad burnet.

These meadows provide ideal habitat for brown hares and farmland birds such as skylarks, meadow pipits and yellowhammers, as well as insects including banded demoiselles and common blue butterflies.



In the River Cam there are new gravel shoals to raise the river bed and tree trunks to narrow the channel and increase the flow to encourage brown trout and other fish to thrive. The riverside offers beautiful spots to walk and look out for wildlife including otters and kingfishers.

Check out the site from the viewpoint created from the bridge of the former Cambridge-Bedford railway or watch dragonflies flitting across the surface of the new balancing lake.

Neighbouring the reserve is the pleasant woodland and weir at Byron's Pool nature reserve, managed by Cambridge City Council. It is named after the poet Lord Byron who used to swim at the weir pool.



Children playing at Trumpington Meadows by Fiona Giltsenar



Kingfishers by Jon Hawkins, Surrey Hills Photography