


More information...

Events: Please visit our website www.wildlifebcn.org or our Facebook group  'Godmanchester nature reserve' for the latest updates.

Our reserve is free to visit but we would love you to support our efforts here by making a donation or becoming a member at www.wildlifebcn.org

Or write to:

The Wildlife Trust
The Manor House,
Broad Street,
Cambourne,
CB23 6DH

Or call: 01954 713500

Registered charity number: 1000412




Safety info:



Deep water & site liable to flooding.
No BBQs or Camping
No Fishing
Dogs under close control especially when cattle are on site.

How to get there.



-  Follow the Ouse Valley Way from Godmanchester to Houghton and you will find us in the middle!
-  Follow Cycle Route 11. Stop at the end of Cow Lane before East Side Common, cross the little bridge and we are on the left. Park your bike at the entrance.
-  From the A14 come off at junction 24 (Godmanchester) onto the B1044 to Huntingdon. Turn right down Cow Lane and we are at the very end on the left.
Post code: PE29 2EJ



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Godmanchester
nature reserve



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The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire is a charity that cares for more than 100 local nature reserves for the benefit of wildlife. This former gravel quarry was turned into a nature reserve throughout the 1980s. This beautiful area has been designated as a County Wildlife Site and has a variety of habitats from ancient hedgerows to glorious grasslands. These are some of the species you may encounter on your visits throughout the year.

Sand martin

Swallow

Scarce chaser dragonfly

Starling murmurations

Purple loosestrife

Kingfisher

Lapwing

Great crested grebe

Otter

Wigeon

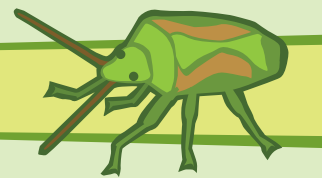
Teal

Shoveler

 See these in winter  See these in summer  See these all year

What will you do here ?

Go bug hunting?



Collect blackberries and make a pie when you get home?



Splash in a puddle?



Take a dog for a walk?



Reeve Way



In World War II the skies here were filled with the roar of planes. On 11 April 1942 a Stirling Bomber from RAF Alconbury crashed nearby! Flight Officer **Clifford Reeve** went back into the burning plane to rescue two men, even with severe injuries himself. On 1 December 1942 he was presented an MBE and OBE for his service and bravery.

A reeve is also a female ruff - a species that used to breed in Cambridgeshire and we hope to see back in the county.



Mouldings Meadow is named after the brick mouldings that used to be here. Now it's a great place for snipe.



Wigeon Pond is a fantastic bird watching area!



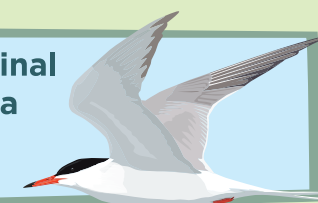
The Old Railway line from Huntingdon to Ely (1847 - 1962) is now a lovely place for wildflowers, such as knapweed.



You'll see us keeping traditional skills alive and creating better homes for wildlife by laying the ancient hedges and pollarding willows along the swift route.



Highsides is the original field name. Now it's a haven for ground-nesting birds.

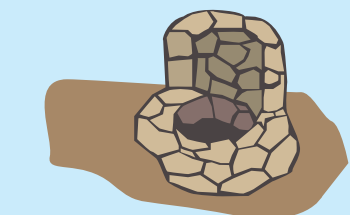


Teddy's Lake was Teddy's Farm before it was quarried. Now it's a great place to see water rails.

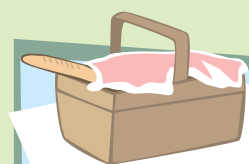


Swift route

The swiftest route around the reserve is fantastic for seeing swifts!



Roman Lake is the site of a Roman well unearthed during quarrying in the 1980s.



Coronation Corner is a lovely spot to have a nice picnic, and the area was created by Spring Common School students.

KEY TO MAP

- E Entrance
- o o o o Ouse Valley Way
- • • • The Swift Route 1.4 miles
- • • • Reeve Way 1.6 miles
- Nature Reserve
- Water
- Bin
- Bench

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Ouse Valley Way
To Godmanchester

Cow Lane To A14
Cycle route 11
To Hemingford Abbots
East Side Common