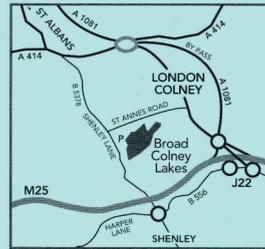


Enjoying our nature reserves

To enjoy your visit please...

- Respect wildlife.
- Keep dogs under strict control.
- Take care to avoid injury or harm from any natural hazards.
- Bring your binoculars and wear suitable clothing for watching wildlife.
- Take your litter away with you.
- Respect other users on shared paths.



Protecting Broad Colney Lakes

Many of Hertfordshire's wetlands have been destroyed – drained, built on or become farmland. Broad Colney Lakes is cared for by the Wildlife Trust but we can't do this on our own. Pollarding the willows, maintaining footpaths and fencing all take time and money.

How you can help us

We need your support to continue to protect local wildlife.

Why not:

- **Join as a member** – 70% of our income comes from our membership. We need you!
- **Volunteer** – help us out on your local nature reserve... or at one of our wildlife events.
- **Fundraise** – get your workplace or school involved and have fun raising money at the same time.

Visit our website to find out more about how you can get involved.

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk

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Broad Colney Lakes Nature Reserve



Watch out for...

- Dragonflies
- Otters
- Grebes



Welcome to Broad Colney Lakes Nature Reserve

Explore Broad Colney Lakes and discover a landscape shaped by gravel extraction in the 1920s. The pits were left filled with water and nature took over creating an attractive, important home for wildlife you can enjoy.

There are roach, perch, pike and some very large carp in the lakes. In summer, dragonflies dart across the surface.

There are over 20 types of trees and shrubs, including big, old oaks and willows and younger trees such as hawthorn. Many birds nest here and insects attracted to these trees provide them with food.

North Lake

Watch out for tufted ducks diving for snails in North Lake. The shallow inlets here provide a refuge for coots and mallards to feed and breed. In summer, the yellow fringed water-lily is spectacular.



Small Lake

Small Lake is shallow and an important breeding site for fish. The swamp is rare in Hertfordshire.



On the lake side

Many insects including larvae of peacock butterflies feed on nettles growing on part of a former sewage works.



Getting around

Size: 11 ha (26 acres).
 Wildlife Walk: Flat with steep slopes to the bridges.
 Surfaces: Hard along Watery Lane.
 Grass and earth.
 Uneven in places.
 Steps.
 Slippery in winter and after rain.

Long Lake Viewpoint

Sit and enjoy the view across Long Lake – you may see the bright blue flash of a kingfisher. Great crested grebes nest at the edge and dive for fish. Otters pass along the River Colne which flows through Long Lake.



Key

- Wildlife Walk 1/3 mile
- Other footpaths
- Public footpath
- Bridleway
- Viewpoint
- ⊕ Seating
- P Parking
- i Information
- ≡ Steps
- ♻ Dog Waste Bin