

## Stocker's Lake

A large water-filled gravel pit with islands. The lake attracts an astonishing number of waterbirds.



Stocker's Lake is one of the oldest gravel pits in the Colne Valley. Wintering duck such as shoveler and goldeneye are common visitors in nationally important numbers. There are over sixty recorded species of breeding birds, including the common tern which breeds on specially constructed rafts in the lake. The heronry is the largest in the county.

Around the margins of the lake are areas of reed and sedge marsh with meadow-rue, meadowsweet and the locally rare large bittercress providing the wildflower interest. There are also areas of alder [carr](#) and willow [scrub](#). Warblers frequent these areas in spring.

The site is part of the Colne Valley lakes at Rickmansworth and is almost adjacent to Springwell Reedbed.

Stocker's Lake is designated a Local Nature Reserve. The Trust has a management agreement with the owner, Veolia Water, and works with the local Friends of Stocker's Lake.

### Stocker's Lake work parties

Friends of Stocker's Lake run a monthly work party on the first Sunday of the month ( no work parties during summer months). For more details please ring Mitch on 01923 210478.

- [Get driving directions](#)
- [Find nearby public transport](#)

### How to Get Here

#### Location

Rickmansworth

#### Directions

Entrance to the reserve via Bury Lake Aquadrome (with parking) or, from the A412 into Rickmansworth, turn right at Mill End into Springwell Lane, go over bridge and immediately left. Park in car parks along Springwell Lane (not in front of reserve entrance).

#### Public Transport Links

Bus stop at Aquadrome; 5 minutes walk. Trains to Rickmansworth (Metropolitan Line); 10 minutes walk.

#### Walking Links

#### Map Reference

TQ 042933

#### Visitor Guide

#### Size

38 hectares

#### Access to site

Accessible at all times.

#### Access around site

Suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

#### Walking time

Advice on what to wear/bring

Walking shoes are recommended

Map of site (if available)

- [Stocker's Lake map](#)

A site map showing Stocker's Lake Nature Reserve and Springwell Reedbed