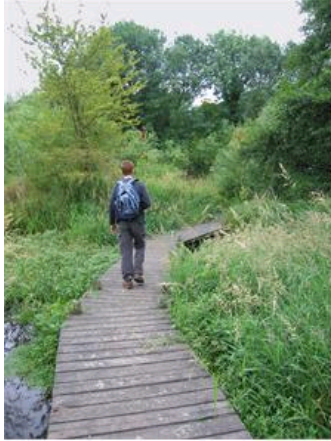


Cassiobury Park

Discover, in a corner of Cassiobury Park, a wildlife haven close to the heart of a bustling town.



The wet habitats found on the reserve were once shallow watercress beds with a gravel base, fed with water from the river through a series of ditches.

These have developed into marshland and open pools, surrounded by wet woodland of alder and willow, some of which is periodically [coppiced](#). This provides valuable cover and nesting sites for birds. There are also areas of grassland where birds such as goldfinches and greenfinches feed on the seed heads of thistles and teasels. Water rail, lesser spotted woodpeckers and siskins are typical birds here.

The lagoons and ditches are particularly rich in aquatic life with many different [invertebrates](#), frogs and small fish such as minnows. Bullhead fish are found in the clear gravelly stretches of water, often under large pebbles.

The Trust works with the owner, Watford Borough Council.



In summer the reserve is full of luxuriant growth when the purple loosestrife is bright with flowers. Blue water forget-me-not and brooklime catch the eye closer to the water and there are also pink expanses of great hairy willow herb and a scattering of meadowsweet.

Volunteer work parties take place at Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00am -1:00pm. For more information contact Robert Hopkins on 01727 858901.

An additional work party takes place on the Tuesday before the 3rd Saturday, contact HMWT for more information.

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

How to Get Here

Location

Watford

Directions

Access by road is from the A412 Watford to Rickmansworth road. Gade Avenue leads off this road (north) near the roundabout and a large car park is situated at the end, just inside the park gates.

Public Transport Links

The reserve is well served by public transport.

Walking Links

Map Reference

Visitor Guide

Size

14 hectares

Access to site

Always open

Access around site

Walking time

Advice on what to wear/bring

Good walking shoes recommended

Map of site (if available)