

Local Reserves

Our local reserves are important community resources and have a lot to offer the visitor

Our local nature reserves play a very important role in their communities.

➤ [Aldbury Nowers](#)

Situated on the Chiltern escarpment and adjoining The Ridgeway National Trail with superb views across the Tring Gap and Vale of Aylesbury, this reserve supports splendid flora and over twenty-five species of butterfly.

➤ [Blagrove Common](#)

One of the finest areas of marshy grassland in Hertfordshire. It is at its best in late spring when it is carpeted with orchids.

➤ [Broad Colney Lakes](#)

These lakes are the result of gravel workings in the 1920s. Now they are surrounded by trees and are a peaceful refuge for both wildlife and people.

➤ [Broad Colney Lakes Visitor Survey](#)

➤ [Broadwater Lake](#)

Broadwater Lake forms part of the Mid-Colne Valley SSSI, which comprises a number of water-filled pits resulting from the extraction of underlying river gravels along the floor of the Colne Valley and includes a section of the River Colne itself.

➤ [Cassiobury Park](#)

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

➤ [Fir and Pond Wood](#)

This is the best remaining part of the ancient Enfield Chase with diverse woodland, meadow and wetland habitats which support an abundance of wildlife.

➤ [Gobions Wood](#)

A rich site which is primarily woodland but includes grassland, hedges, ponds and other wetland areas. Much of the woodland is ancient. Also contains remnants of a landscaped 'Pleasure Gardens' created in 1760s.

➤ [Hawkins Wood](#)

➤ [Hertford Heath](#)

A rare Hertfordshire open heathland (in the process of restoration) combined with woodland, two large ponds and several smaller heathy pools. It includes the Roundings and Goldingtons.

➤ [Hunsdon Mead](#)

An area of common land between the River Stort and the Stort Navigation. About two thirds of the site is in Essex and a third in Hertfordshire, and it is one of the finest surviving unimproved grassland sites in the two counties.

➤ [Long Deans Nature Reserve](#)

A picturesque valley of pasture and old parkland trees near Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

➤ [Old Park Wood](#)

Possibly the most varied piece of woodland in Middlesex, Old Park Wood is an ancient woodland teeming with wildlife.

➤ [Patmore Heath](#)

Patmore Heath is an outstanding example of grass heathland, now a scarce habitat in the south east. With its ponds, the reserve is rich in flora and insects.

➤ [Pryor's Wood](#)

Lying on the outskirts of Stevenage, Pryor's Wood is an impressive mixed woodland that is rich in wildlife.

➤ [Purwell Ninesprings](#)

➤ [Stanborough Reedmarsh](#)

At the farthest end of the popular Stanborough Park Lakes is a quiet and rich wildlife haven, including the third largest reedbed in Hertfordshire.

➤ [Tewin Orchard and Hopkins Wood](#)

This reserve is situated in quiet and typically English countryside near Tewin. Wildlife abounds particularly butterflies, birds and badgers.

➤ [Waterford Heath](#)
