

## Hilfield Park Reservoir

This large expanse of water is a valuable refuge for waterfowl

The reservoir is important as it acts as a refuge for large numbers of wintering ducks, particularly mallard, shoveller, teal, wigeon, pochard, tufted duck and goldeneye. The area is of national importance for its summer populations of moulting pochard, tufted duck and common tern. The marginal vegetation supports many breeding bird species.

Around the margins of the reservoir are large marshy areas where many species of marsh plants flourish, including reedmace, reed canary grass and various sedges.

Warblers are attracted in spring, including sedge warbler, reed warbler, garden warbler, chiffchaff, black cap and willow warbler. There is a small reed warbler colony and twenty species of butterfly and fourteen species of dragonfly have been recorded.

The site is leased from Veolia Water.

### The Trust's work at Hilfield Park Reservoir

The management regime is designed to encourage diversity of species.

Other management includes a major woodland programme - the existing conifer woodland has been thinned and many new native species planted.

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## How to Get Here

### Location

Hilfield Park Reservoir

### Directions

On A41 head south towards Edgware/Barnet. Pass over M1 and turn left into Hilfield Lane after 1/2 mile. Entrance 200 yards on right. Use Veolia Water car park and lock gate behind you.

### Public Transport Links

Bus: A41 Elstree Rd/North Western Ave roundabout (W7, W9) 25 minute walk towards Watford

### Walking Links

Aldenham Country Park nearby; LOOP Walk (section15) [www.walklondon.org.uk](http://www.walklondon.org.uk)

### Map Reference

TQ 152 959

## Visitor Guide

### Size

79 hectares (188.5 acres).

### Access to site

The reserve is kept locked. Key available to HMWT members. Phone the Trust (Mon-Friday) 01727 858901 before visiting.

### Access around site

Use the marked circular path at all times. Large flight of steps on reservoir wall. Take care as deep water. Be very careful whilst walking along the top of the dam.

Walking time

1 - 1 1/2 hours

Advice on what to wear/bring

Good walking shoes recommended. Wellingtons if wet.

Map of site (if available)