

Other activities

Dogs are welcome on the reserve but must be kept under control at all times. Please clean up after your dog. Special bins have been provided at most of the entrances.

Angling is permitted at Lake Ewart only. Please follow the rules posted around the lake. No permit is required, but you must have a valid rod licence from the Environment Agency.

Help keep Cambourne special

Please dispose of your litter in the bins provided or take it home with you.

If you see any anti-social behaviour, please contact the police on 0845 4564564.

Access

All paths are surfaced and are wide and flat. There are some steep slopes on the hill in the Country Park.

There are cycle paths and bridleways crossing the site in several places. Please be considerate of other users.

How to get here

OS sheet 153: between TL 306 to 334 and 580 to 603

9 miles west of Cambridge. Cambourne is off the A428 between Cambridge and St Neots. Once you have left the A428, take Cambourne exit at the roundabout and take second exit at the next roundabout. Continue past Morrisons supermarket and turn right at T-junction in to School Lane. 100 m past children's recreation ground on right, turn right in to Oaks Wood car park (height restriction) just before Lower Cambourne village sign.

Public transport

Frequent bus service from Cambridge

We hope you enjoy your visit

More information

Your local Wildlife Trust protects wildlife and countryside for people to enjoy in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough. We are a charity dependent on voluntary contributions.

If you would like more information about this reserve, other reserves in Cambridgeshire or about how you can support us, please contact:

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telephone 01954 713500.
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Welcome to
Cambourne



Protecting wildlife
close to home

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The Wildlife Trust in Cambourne

The Wildlife Trust looks after much of the green spaces in Cambourne. This includes areas that existed before Cambourne was built, such as the woods, that are good for wildlife and so have been protected from development. A lot of new green spaces have also been created around these existing areas, including the lakes and boundary woodlands, to make Cambourne more attractive to wildlife and to give local people a nicer environment to live in. Across the whole site half of the land is green space, without buildings or roads.

We manage these areas as a nature reserve, to make them as good as possible for wildlife. This involves looking after the young trees as they grow, cutting the grass, hedges and ditches at the right time of year and clearing out the ponds.

How can I help?

We want to work with the local community to encourage understanding and enjoyment of the wild plants and animals all about us. You are very welcome to get involved in looking after the green spaces.

The Wildlife Trust runs regular events in Cambourne. These include practical work to help look after the reserve and educational walks and activities to help people learn about the wildlife we protect. Look out for information on notice boards. You can also find out about our events and volunteering opportunities on our website www.wildlifebcnp.org.

Great crested newt



Cambourne Wild Discovery Trail



Several signs have been placed around the Country Park and Eco Park for you to discover. They will tell you more about the different areas of the nature reserve and the wildlife that lives in them. There are six signs to look out for:

Lakes

Hedgerow

Crow Hill

Ponds

Oaks Wood

Boundary Woods

They all have an idea or activity to help you think about each place.



Water vole



Rosemary Wild MSC, Artist



Skylark



Common blue butterfly on greater bird's-foot trefoil

The route

The trail route is 1.5 km long and should take about 20 minutes walk at a medium pace. Longer if you stop to look at all the signs!

'Special' residents

Cambourne is home to lots of different wildlife, including protected species. Water voles use the lakes and ditches. Great crested newts lay their eggs in the ponds. Skylarks and other farmland birds love the meadows. The wild flowers around the site provide nectar for butterflies to feed on.