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-  Toilets
-  Accessible toilets
-  Baby changing
-  Shop
-  Café
-  Picnic bench
-  Pond dipping
-  Play area
-  Natural play area
-  Steps
-  7% Gentle gradient
-  18% Moderate gradient
-  Discovery Trail
-  Green Lane Loop
-  Reedbed Path (seasonal)
-  Surfaced path
-  Grass path
-  Wobbly bridge

0  ≈1 min 50m

Walking speed based on 2 miles per hour at a gentle pace.

 Dogs on leads welcome in the courtyard. No dogs on the reserve except assistance dogs.

Mere

The Lookout
270m / 5 min
from visitor hub

Bittern Hide
320m / 6 min
from visitor hub

18%

Blackbird

Duck

Frog

Goldfinch

Lilypad Pond

Barefoot trail

The Secret Island

Wobbly bridges

7%

Den building

Stepping stones

Wildlife gardens

Visitor Hub

The Sand Zone

Wobbly bridge

The Water Zone

Play area

Bird Garden Hide

Discover Old Moor



Stepping stones

Trails are buggy and wheelchair accessible.

Discovery Trail

500m (560yds), 10-minute walk



Grab your little ones and get ready for a wild adventure on the Discovery Trail. You can hop across stepping stones, splash through water and scramble all the way up the secret island's playtower. Back at ground level you can wander along the looping paths and discover the wildlife ponds and pools.

What is the trail like?

It's mostly wide, smooth paths, with a few short sections of boardwalk with handrails. There's a short, fairly steep (18%) incline up to the Bittern Hide.

Good to know

There are picnic benches dotted around this area for those all-important snack stops, as well as a variety of play spaces to explore, and wobbly bridges. Paths to these areas can be grassy and uneven, and the wobbly bridges are narrow. In summer, you can hire pond dipping kits to help you get closer to the watery wildlife along the Discovery Trail.



Reedbed Path

500m (560yds)
10-minute walk



Discover life in the reedbeds along this peaceful path, including the secretive booming Bittern. This path takes you to the Reedbed Hide and back, with plenty of pausing places to discover for wildlife as you explore.

What is the trail like?

Generally the path is wide and flat, with a smooth surface. There is one incline over the flood embankment. Some stretches can be damp after heavy rain.

Good to know

This path is closed during the spring to give breeding birds the peace and quiet they need to raise their chicks.



Where wildlife hides

Green Lane Loop

1.2km (0.75 mile)
25-minute walk



There's so much to see and do on the Green Lane Loop! Why not enjoy some messy play in the sand pit or discover the Secret Water Zone? Don't forget to pop into The Lookout, our family-friendly hide, where you can spot all sorts of wildlife out on the mere. Watch out for ducks, geese and gulls, and you might even see a black-and-white Avocet, with its long, curved beak. There's more on the Green Lane Loop too, if you'd like to explore further.

What is the trail like?

There are a couple of short but moderate slopes along this route. The paths are smooth and wide, but some areas can be muddy with puddles after heavy rain. The bridges are wide and flat.



The Lookout

Why not hire a pond dipping kit and see what creatures you discover?



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