



Nightjar by David Tipling (rspb-images.com)

“What a wonderful place. Thanks so much for introducing us to its secrets.”
Janice, Chiddlingstone

Woodland Trust Hargate Forest, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5PE
Tel: 0343 770 5701
woodlandtrust.org.uk/hargateforest

Formerly part of one of the great medieval forests of the Weald Forest Ridge, boasting stunning views.

Sussex Wildlife Trust Eridge Rocks, Eridge, East Sussex TN3 9JU
Tel: 01273 492 630 (1 mile)
wildlifetrusts.org/reserves/eridge-rocks

A majestic sandstone rock outcrop amongst mixed woodland, which borders RSPB Broadwater Warren.

RSPB Tudeley Woods, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN11 0PT
Tel: 01892 752 430 (9 miles)
rspb.org.uk/tudeleywoods

Explore a mosaic of woodland, wildflower meadow and heathland.

In this area... Other local attractions

Get involved
Our volunteers undertake a variety of tasks, including scrub clearance, trail maintenance, livestock looking and undertaking wildlife surveys.
Contact us to enquire about volunteering
by email to broadwater.warren@rspb.org.uk

Take part with us
Guided walks and Family events
We have a range of seasonal walks to discover the reserve's wildlife. Join us for a dawn chorus, nightjar evening or fungi foray.
For dates and full details about all our events, and how to book please visit:
events.rspb.org.uk/broadwaterwarren
or e-mail broadwater.warren@rspb.org.uk

Top things to do

Spring/summer

A busy time for nature and a great time for you to explore.

- 1 As you walk along the stream can you smell the fragrant bluebells?
- 2 Will you hear the beautiful songs of woodlarks, churring of nightjars or see the parachuting displays of tree pipits?
- 3 Watch for lizards basking in the sun on the side of paths or log piles.
- 4 Marvel at the dragonflies hunting over the surface of the decoy pond.
- 5 Look out for bees and butterflies on the flowering heather in late summer.

Autumn/winter

Five things not to miss during the chillier months.

- 1 Look out for emerging fungi on the woodland floor, including the bright red fly agaric.
- 2 Follow the zigzag boardwalk through the wet woodland.
- 3 Experience open vistas of a heathland landscape and look out for the 19th Century firing range and a WWII tank turret.
- 4 Listen out for flocks of siskins and groups of tits feeding in the tree tops.
- 5 Enjoy a peaceful walk through the woodland on a crisp winter's day.

How to get here

Nearest town: Tunbridge Wells

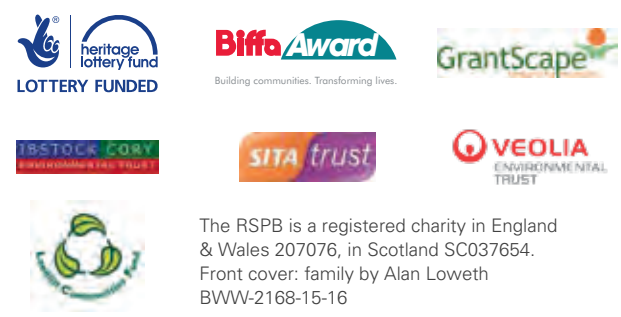
- By train:** the nearest train stations are Eridge (2 miles via SWT Eridge Rocks) on the London Victoria to Uckfield line and Tunbridge Wells (3 miles to the reserve car park) on the Charing Cross to Hastings line.
- By bus:** Arriva route 228/229 and Brighton and Hove Buses route 28/29 run between Tunbridge Wells and Crowborough. They stop on request on the A26 at Eridge Green or at the Bunny Lane/Broadwater Forest Lane junction.
- By bike:** the reserve is 2.5 miles from the Sustrans Forest Way, part of the Downs and Weald Cycle Route (National Route 21). There is a bicycle rack at the car park. Cycling is not permitted in the reserve.
- By car:** the reserve car park is on Broadwater Forest Lane 0.8 miles from its junction with the A26 between Tunbridge Wells and Crowborough, signposted Groombridge and High Rocks.

Opening times
The car park is open from 9am to 5pm all year round (except Tuesdays when it opens at 10am).

Admission charges
Entry is free, but we welcome online and postal donations to help us continue our important work here.

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Welcome



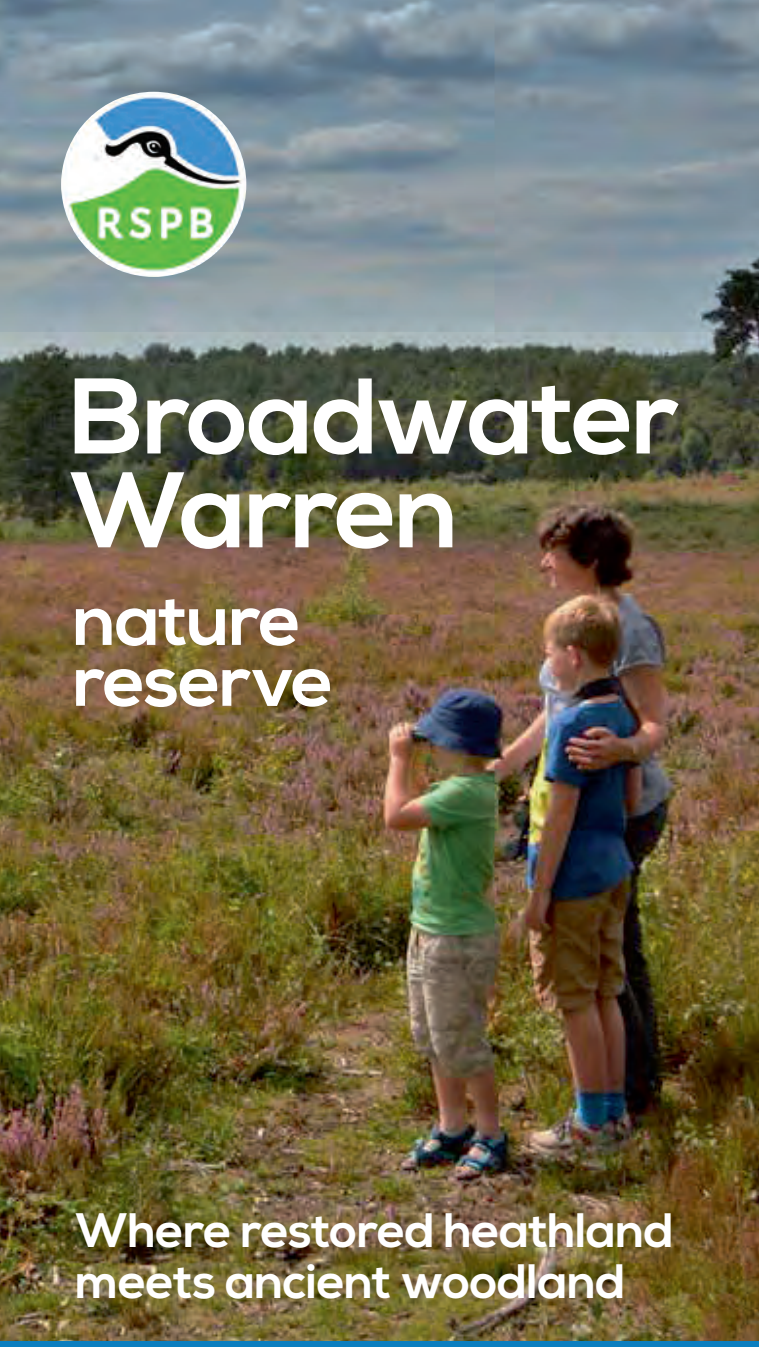
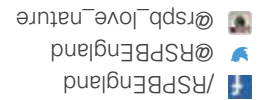
Broadwater Warren is a recently restored historic landscape, located within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

What once was a dark and lifeless conifer plantation is now a mosaic of open heathland, woodland and boggy mire. There is something different around every corner and plenty of opportunities to enjoy awe-inspiring views.

In spring you'll be able to listen to woodlarks and tree pipits on the heathland and may be lucky enough to see adders and common lizards basking on the path edges. Silver-washed fritillaries and white admirals butterflies can be seen through the woodland as well as the three native British woodpeckers. Our ponds are home to an abundance of wildlife including newts, damselflies and dragonflies.

All of this wildlife is sensitive to disturbance, so please keep to the paths and leave the reserve litter and dog poo free.

Share your visit on social media, tagging your posts #RSPBBroadwater or share via:



Broadwater Warren

nature reserve

Where restored heathland meets ancient woodland

- Enjoy breathtaking views across the historic landscape.
- Explore peaceful trails through woodland and heathland.
- Listen to the beautiful songs of woodlarks.

Broadwater Warren

Finding your way around

The best way to discover the wildlife of the reserve is to follow one of our way-marked trails.

The trails will take you through a rich variety of habitats, where there is always the chance of finding something unexpected. See if you can find lizards basking on the open heathland paths, or a giant wood ants' nest within the sheltered wet woodlands.

Make sure you wear suitable footwear as the ground can be uneven and muddy at times.

Please keep dogs on leads at all times to prevent disturbance to wildlife and to protect grazing animals.

Nature trail

A 1.5 mile trail around a large expanse of heathland and down a wet woodland ride. Allow 40 minutes to complete the trail.

In spring the heathland is alive with birdsong. Listen out for the beautiful descending song of the woodlark or the scratchy notes of the Dartford warbler.

Look out for the grey wagtails feeding amongst the vegetation at the pond and for a wide variety of damselflies and dragonflies both here and along the streams. The golden ringed dragonfly is particularly impressive.

Heathland and woodland trail

A 3-mile trail giving you a taste of the whole reserve. Allow two hours to walk, plus extra time to soak in the views.

Listen out for the drumming of woodpeckers as you head along the zig zag boardwalk. The high points of the Western heath offer views that look out across the valley.

Spot silver-washed fritillaries down the flower-rich woodland rides, where you will also find our huge veteran oak.

The trip to the Heathland viewpoint is well worth the detour and makes a great resting spot.

