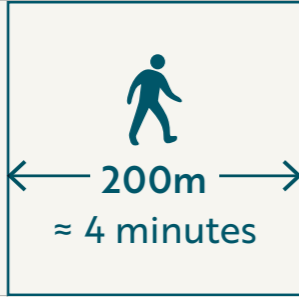




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Walking speed based on 2 miles per hour at a gentle pace.



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**Visitor Hub**

- P Car park
- P Accessible parking
- i Information
- WC Accessible toilets
- WC Baby changing
- Shop

Dogs on short leads are welcome on the Restoration Trail, the Bridleway and in the cafe and shop only.

Assistance dogs on short leads only on the reserve trails

- Car park
- Accessible parking
- Cycle parking
- Accessible toilets
- Picnic area
- Baby changing
- Café
- Shop

- Information
- Gardens
- Natural play area
- Viewpoint (showing direction of view)
- Tree of Life
- Gate
- Steps
- Bench

- Gradient (higher is steeper) and distance
- Permissive path
- Public bridleway
- Heathland
- Earthworks
- No public access
- Gate (no public access)

To Potton

To Deepdale

To Biggleswade Common

To Sandy

Potton Road

# Discover The Lodge



Bluebells give a stunning display in the woodland in spring.

## Old Quarry Trail

3km (1.9 miles),  
60-75 minute loop walk  
Gradient: up to 18%, Steps: 224



### Trail conditions

Natural sandy paths with lots of steps, and a short section of stone and brick along the Bridleway.

### Description

This challenging, hilly path brings you past an old sandstone quarry, and affords high views to the south. Look for some of the 700 species of fungi, and lichens at the old heath, and Spotted Flycatchers in the peaceful Bluebell woods.

### Good to know

You're welcome to explore the gardens around the Lodge House, home of the RSPB since 1961. There are gates at all entrances to the garden.



## Turbine Trail

2.2km (1.4 miles)  
1 hour loop walk  
Gradient: up to 15%, Steps: 18



### Trail conditions

Natural sandy paths, which are narrow in places.

### Description

Beyond the children's play area, among acid grassland flowers, the path meanders through oak and birch woodland. It's a great place to see woodpeckers, with views across Biggleswade and far beyond.

### Good to know

The RSPB's wind turbine generates over half the electricity used at all our sites. There's a gate to access the Natural Play Area from this trail.



## Hillfort Trail

2.5km (1.5 miles),  
45-60 minute loop walk  
Gradient: up to 11%, Steps: 0



### Trail conditions

Forestry tracks made up with stone and brick, and natural sandy paths.

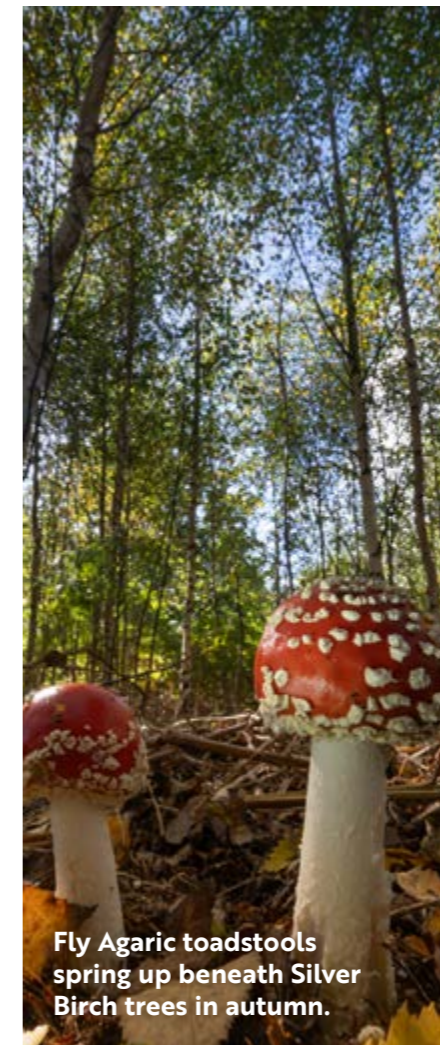
### Description

Enjoy views of the largest restored heath in Bedfordshire, and visit the mysterious lumps and bumps of a 2,000 year old Iron Age Hillfort.

Watch out for Buzzards, Hobbies, heathland birds and insects among the heather and gorse. The heath was a conifer plantation until 2005, when the RSPB turned back the clock to create a wonderful habitat for heathland wildlife.

### Good to know

Bicycles are permitted on a section of this trail - the path from the Visitor Hub to the exit to Sandy.



Fly Agaric toadstools spring up beneath Silver Birch trees in autumn.

## Boundary Trail

5km (3.1 miles),  
2 hour loop walk  
Gradient: up to 18%, Steps: 224



This trail leads you around the perimeter of the reserve and gives a taste of what The Hillfort, Old Quarry and Turbine trails offer.



## Restoration Trail

4.8 km (3 miles),  
2-hour walk  
Gradient: up to 10%, Steps: 17



### Trail conditions

Natural sandy paths

### Description

Cross the roads with care as you walk this out and back trail through fields farmed for birds that visit in the winter. In spring and summer, listen for Skylarks, and see bees buzzing and butterflies fluttering around.

Beyond the quarry road, the views across the sand quarry restoration are simply breathtaking.

### Good to know

There are a number of gates. Dogs on short leads are welcome on this trail.



## Site facilities

If there's anything we can do to help during your visit, please contact us in advance, or ask when you arrive.








There is a hearing loop available in the shop and café.

The shop, café, toilets and picnic area are all wheelchair accessible. The café has a level step-free approach and there's a ramp to the shop entrance. There are accessible parking spaces in the main car park and additional parking area and also in the Lodge Gardens Car Park, which is closer to The Lodge Gardens, Memorial or Contemplation Gardens and the Tree of Life.

### Out and about

Please read the trail descriptions for details of the surfaces and gradients so that you can decide if they're suitable for you. For full details on accessibility, please visit [rspb.org.uk/TheLodge](https://rspb.org.uk/TheLodge)

### Key





-  Viewpoint
-  Wildlife pond
-  Natural play
-  Iron Age hillfort
-  Dogs on short lead
-  Assistance dogs only
-  Gate




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