



Old Park Wood

Explore the Colne Valley

A beautiful, traditionally managed ancient woodland with a magnificent array of wildflowers in springtime.



Type of habitat

Varied woodland, mainly hazel coppice understory with standard oaks. Some large sweet chestnuts in the lower, more sandy areas. Pond and stream.

Location Harefield.

Best time to visit Spring.

Size of reserve 7.7ha (19 acres).

Walk time 45 minutes.

Access on site

Circular path, muddy during winter with one section of steep steps. No wheelchair access.

Walking and cycling

Section 13 (Harefield West to Moor Park) of the London Loop www.walklondon.org.uk; Grand Union Canal towpath; Hillingdon Trail; Colne Valley Park.

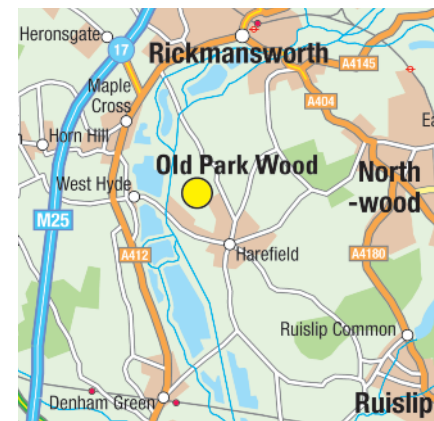
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Great spotted woodpecker

FINDING THE RESERVE



Coralroot bittercress

Access to site Footpaths on Hill End Road/Summerhouse Lane.

By road From Harefield High Street head north onto Rickmansworth Road. After 200 yards turn left onto Hill End Road. Go ¼ mile, park near allotments. Reserve is 2 minute walk along public footpath, on the left.

By public transport

- Bus: Harefield Hospital (U9) 10 minute walk.
- Rail/tube: Northwood. (Metropolitan Line).

Spring

Masses of bluebells with a variety of other wildflowers including the highly localised coralroot bittercress. All three species of British woodpecker.



Wood anemone

Summer



Common blue damselfly

Look near the pond for southern hawker and ruddy darter dragonflies, azure and common blue damselflies.

Reserve Officer's tip
Robert Hopkins

"I recommend a walk in mid-to-late April, to see one of the area's very best arrays of woodland spring flowers"



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The Colne Valley Park is the first real taste of countryside to the west of London comprising a mosaic of farmland, woodland and water, with 200 miles of river and canal and over 60 lakes.



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- Broadwater Lake, Denham Green
- Denham Country Park, Denham
- Stocker's Lake, Rickmansworth

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