



Stocker's Lake

Explore the Colne Valley

A large lake in the Colne Valley formed following gravel extraction in the 1920s, which attracts a huge array of birds and has the largest heronry in Hertfordshire.



Type of habitat

Water-filled gravel pit, grassland, wet woodland, reedbed, ponds.

Location Rickmansworth.

Best time to visit Winter.

Size of reserve
40.4ha (99.8 acres).

Walk time 1 hour.

Access on site

Circular walk to the right and left which takes you round the lake. Surfaced paths. Suitable for push-chairs and wheelchairs.

Walking and cycling

Chess Valley Walk; Ebury Way; Grand Union Canal towpath.

■ Cafe and toilets nearby, beside Bury Lake.

OS map ref. TQ 049 939.

Postcode WD3 1NB
(Rickmansworth Aquadrome).

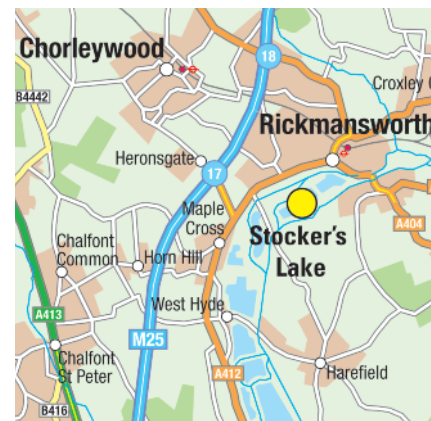


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FINDING THE RESERVE



Access to site From Aquadrome car park walk past cafe and Bury Lake on your right. Turn right along the Causeway after the sailing club, Stocker's Lake will be on your left.

By road Head north from Harefield on the Rickmansworth/Harefield Road. After a mile turn left to stay on Harefield Road. Follow road for 1 mile to Batchworth and turn left onto Frogmoor Lane to access Aquadrome car park. Or from the A412 into Rickmansworth, turn right at Mill End into Springwell Lane, go over bridge and turn immediately left. Park in car parks along Springwell Lane (not in front of reserve entrance).

By public transport

- Bus: Aquadrome (41, 336, 385, 724); 5 minute walk.
- Rail/tube: Rickmansworth Metropolitan Line (10 minute walk).

Spring

Migrant birds like chiffchaffs, reed and sedge warblers, swallows, swifts and house martins. As many as 30 pairs of herons breed here.

Summer

Look up and you might see a hobby, they like to feed on dragonflies and small birds. Bats swoop over the water on warm evenings.

Autumn

The lake provides a haven for moulting ducks – for about six weeks the birds can't fly.



Goldeneye

Winter

Visit the lake to see the winter wildfowl migrants such as shoveler and goldeneye that spend the winter here.

Reserve Officer's tip
Robert Hopkins

"Enjoy spotting wildfowl on a crisp winter's day with a walk around the lake, then a cup of coffee and a bite to eat in the cafe by Bury Lake"



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- Broadwater Lake, Denham Green
- Denham Country Park, Denham

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