



# Uxbridge Alderglade

Explore the Colne Valley

A small urban nature reserve along a wooded former railway embankment, bordered by the ancient Shire ditch and Frays River.



### Type of habitat

Wet woodland.

**Location** Uxbridge.

**Best time to visit** Spring.

### Size of reserve

2.9ha (7.2 acres).

**Walk time** 40 minutes.

### Access on site

Reasonable paths with some steep steps. No wheelchair access.

### Walking and cycling

Grand Union Canal towpath; Colne Valley Park (Denham Country Park close by); Colne Valley Trail; Section 12 (Uxbridge to Harefield) of the London Loop [www.walklondon.org.uk](http://www.walklondon.org.uk).

**OS map ref.** TQ 057 853.

**Postcode** UB8 1UJ.

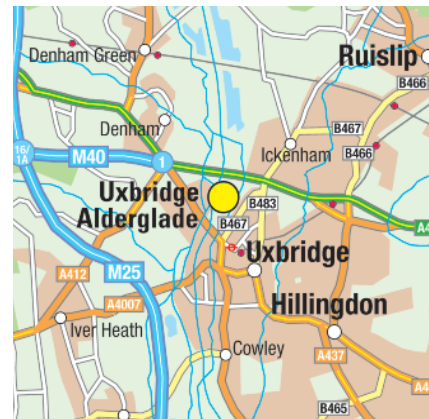


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Song thrush

## FINDING THE RESERVE



Speckled wood

**Access to site** From Braybourne Close or public footpath from Harefield Road.

**By road** From the M40 towards London take A4020 towards Uxbridge. Continue for 1½ miles. At roundabout, first exit B467 Harefield Road. Turn left onto High Street. This is a no through road – turn right into Braybourne Close, park on road. Reserve entrance at the end of cul-de-sac.

### By public transport

■ Rail/tube: Uxbridge (15 minute walk).

## Spring

Listen for chiffchaffs, blackcaps, wrens and song thrushes. Butterflies from April onwards including speckled woods, orange tips, red admirals, commas and brimstones along the main path.

## Summer

Kingfishers hunt along Frays River. Look up to see kestrels and sparrowhawks. If you are quiet, you might be lucky enough to see a water vole.

## Winter

Flocks of siskins in the alder trees.



Blackcap

**Reserve Officer's tip**  
**Robert Hopkins**

**"Choose a warm spring day to enjoy butterflies in the open glades and the abundant birdsong"**



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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.



Want to see more?  
Then why not try:

- Frays Farm Meadows & Denham Lock Wood, Uxbridge
- Denham Country Park, Denham
- Little Britain Lake, Cowley

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