

Explore the  
**Colne Valley Park**  
Countryside on your doorstep





# Introduction

The Colne Valley Park covers more than 40 square miles and is the first real taste of countryside to the west of London. The Valley is a mosaic of farmland, woodland and water, with 200km of river and canal and over 70 lakes. It is also a living, working environment, providing employment and homes for many people, as well as being a haven for wildlife.



## Protecting and enhancing the Colne Valley

The Colne Valley Park was established in 1965. The nature conservation value of the Colne Valley is one of its greatest assets. Many of its sites have been recognised for their wildlife or geological interest with designations such as National Nature Reserve (NNR) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

With each passing year, the Park has to fight harder than ever to preserve its precious and fragile landscape against a wave of threats. We take all professional routes to make a difference to stop these plans. If, however approval is given, we ensure the developers see the damage their proposals will cause and that they adapt their plans to reduce and compensate for the impact they have on the countryside.



## The Landscape Partnership

The Colne Valley Park has joined wildlife organisations, local authorities and water companies to deliver a wide-ranging suite of projects which will enhance and protect the Park for the benefit of people and wildlife. This initiative is funded by Heritage Lottery and other funders.

Amongst other projects The Colne Valley Trail will get a facelift, the water voles on the River Colne will be given help to thrive, and conservation grazing will be introduced at three sites to help wild flowers and nature flourish. There will also be more opportunities to volunteer, such as by becoming one of our River Rangers.

Follow our progress at: [www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/project/landscape-partnership](http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/project/landscape-partnership) and on social media:

Facebook: [facebook.com/colnevalleypark](https://facebook.com/colnevalleypark)

Twitter: [@Colne\\_Valley](https://twitter.com/Colne_Valley)

Instagram: [Instagram.com/colnevalleyregionalpark](https://Instagram.com/colnevalleyregionalpark)



## Things to do:

A variety of leaflets about walking and places to visit are available at the Visitor Centre or to download from the website. These include:

**Circular Walks** These vary from 3 to 6 miles and are an excellent way to explore the Colne Valley.

**The Colne Valley Trail** is a 13 mile country route linking Rickmansworth, Colnbrook and Langley providing excellent views of the canal, rivers and lakes of the Valley.

**Angling and Water Sports** With 70 lakes and 200km of rivers there are plenty of venues for sailing, canoeing or angling.

*Check the website for links to the clubs in the Park.*



# Explore the Colne Valley Park

turn over to read about all the attractions and walks





## Key to the Map

	Parking		Light Refreshments		Cycle Trails		Golf Courses
	Toilets		Dining Facilities		Wildlife		Contact Details
	Wheelchair Access		Walking Trails		Fishing		Country Parks
	Landscape Photo Points		Circular Walks Start Point		Playground		Visitor Centre/ Information Point

	Colne Valley Park
	Built up areas
	Parkland/Woodland
	River Colne
	Main (busy) roads (other roads shown white)
	Railways & Stations
	Places of Interest

### Walks and Rides with leaflets available

	Colne Valley Trail
	The Hillingdon Trail (part)
	Canal Towpaths
	Walk start points

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## Little Britain Lake

An attractive lake, with the rivers Colne and Frays running alongside. Ideal for walking, bird watching, fishing and picnicking.

Packet Boat Lane,  
off Cowley High Road;  
Old Mill Lane, off Iwer Lane



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## Batchworth Lock Canal Centre

You can take a short cruise on the Batchworth Ferry or just enjoy this thriving and historic section of the canal. The centre contains information about the history of the canal and is set in an attractive lock-side location.

Centre:  
01923 778382



[www.rwt.org.uk](http://www.rwt.org.uk)

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## Rickmansworth Aquadrome

As well as water-skiing, canoeing and sailing, this popular area has a number of attractive walks around the lakes or along the River Colne and Grand Union Canal.

Access from  
Harefield Road



Three Rivers  
District Council:  
01923 776611



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## Rickmansworth Lakes

Enjoy beautiful views as you walk the circular route around three attractive lakes. The lakes attract an astonishing number of waterbirds making this a birdwatchers paradise.

Car Park on  
Springwell  
Lane



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## Grand Union Canal

Appreciate a gentler pace to life as you enjoy picturesque locks, historic canal side buildings and stunning views of the countryside. The tranquillity of the canal is a great way to experience the Colne Valley.

Regular car  
parks along  
the canal



Canal &  
Rivers Trust  
0303 040 4040



A warm welcome  
awaits in the traditional  
canal-side pubs



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## Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal

A waterway bursting with history and wildlife, the sights and sounds make a visit well worthwhile. The eastern part of this canal is carried on an aqueduct which offers fantastic views from the towpath.

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Rivers Trust  
0303 040 4040



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## Arthur Jacob Nature Reserve and Poyle Poplars

The beautiful wetland reserve of Arthur Jacob offers four lagoons and an attractive riverside location. Poyle Poplars offers a peaceful shaded walk, a haven of tranquillity so close to Heathrow.

Royal Borough of  
Windsor and Maidenhead:  
01628 683800



Pedestrian access is from  
Poyle Poplars Community  
Woodland off Stanwell Road.





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## Black Park Country Park

This popular park is set within 530 acres of attractive woodland, grassland and heathland with a centrepiece lake. Visitors can enjoy waterside and woodland walks, a children's woodland play area and a 'Go Ape' tree top trail.

Pay &amp; Display

Bucks Country Parks:  
01753 511060

Picnic areas



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## Langley Park

A historic parkland of 130 acres where visitors can enjoy the ancient oak wood, fantastic views to Windsor Castle and the beautiful Edwardian Rhododendrons.

Pay &amp; Display

Bucks Country Parks:  
01753 511060

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## Bayhurst Wood Country Park

This beautiful ancient woodland is the ideal setting to view spring flowers or enjoy the wildlife of the streams & ponds. An ideal base from which to explore the local countryside.

Breakspear Road  
North, Harefield

www.hillingdon.gov.uk

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## Northmoor Hill Wood Nature Reserve

This small but varied woodland is full of wildlife and geological interest. Follow the "rock trail" to experience the interesting features of this site.

off Tilehouse  
Lane, Denhamcolnevalleypark.org.uk  
01895 760613

Picnic areas

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## Frays Valley Nature Reserve

A series of large attractive lakes beside the Grand Union Canal. A wide, traffic-free path is ideal for cycling, riding and walking, many smaller paths providing secluded walks and a closeness to nature. The area also takes in the London Wildlife Trust's reserves of Fray's Meadow and Denham Lock Wood.

London Borough  
of Hillingdon:  
01895 250553

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## Denham Country Park

A scenic and relaxing location on the banks of the rivers Colne, Misbourne and Frays, the park is home to a mix of wildlife. Visitors may catch a glimpse of herons and kingfishers while in summer damselflies and dragonflies dart over the wet meadows.

Pay &amp; Display

Bucks Country Parks:  
01753 511060

Picnic areas



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## Harmondsworth Moor Country Park

The open parkland contains a variety of habitats including meadows, rivers, lakes and ponds. Meandering paths take you through open countryside and new plantations.



Picnic areas

Rangers:  
07720 545213

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## Staines Moor

An ideal spot for year-round enjoyment, the moor is an expanse of open countryside. Linked with the adjoining reservoirs of Staines and King George VI, it is internationally important for wintering wildfowl. The moor has been Common Land since 1065 when it was part of the medieval Manor of Staines.



Spelthorne  
Borough Council:  
01784 451499



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## Iver Heath Nature Reserves and Iver Environment Centre

Hardings Row and Iver Heath Fields are ideal for short walks and provide good opportunities for enjoying the local wildlife. Iver Environment Centre is a wildlife garden where the community can get involved in fun organised activities.



Iver Environment Centre:  
01895 270730



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## Ankerwycke Estate

This is a secluded parkland lying on the banks of the River Thames and is the location of the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. The area is rich with wildlife including kingfishers, owls and bats. See the old ruined priory and a 2,000 year old Yew tree.

Limited parking in  
Magna Carta Lane  
(off the B376)



National Trust:  
01784 432891



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## Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre at Denham Country Park

Located at the heart of the Valley, the centre provides information about the whole of the Colne Valley Park. Set next to the beautiful River Misbourne, the centre is a great place to begin your walk, enjoy a picnic or go dipping for fish in the river. The facilities include a café, playground and is an ideal venue for parties, school visits and family outings.

Pay &  
Display



Visitor  
Centre & Café:  
01895 833375



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## Chiltern Open Air Museum

Over 30 historic buildings covering 2000 years of Chilterns history including an Iron Age House, cottages, tin chapel and working Victorian farmstead with animals. Special Events programme and family hands on activities during Bucks school holidays.



[www.coam.org.uk](http://www.coam.org.uk)  
Information line:  
01494 871117



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## Lammas Park

This attractive park commands a scenic Thames-side location. The Lammas marks the southern most point of the Colne Valley and is an ideal starting point for a number of local walks as well as being suited to families and children.

from  
Wraysbury  
Road



in  
summer



Spelthorne  
Borough Council:  
01784 451499



Lakes & Waterways

Park & Woodland

Other Attractions

Information in this leaflet for guidance only. Access to attractions or facilities may change. Leaflets are available in the visitor centre. For more information on the sites use the contact details provided.



# Circular Walks



## 1. Heronsgate 2¾ miles

A peaceful country walk across farmland and through woods.

**Start point:** Heronsgate Road, WD3 5BT

## 2. Old Shire Lane 6½ miles

Follow ancient pathways to explore the bluebell woods and the village of West Wyke.

**Start point:** Car park at Maple Cross Recreation Ground off the A412 Denham Way, WD3 9SL

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HS2 WORKS

## 3. Horn Hill 3½ miles (short route 2¼)

A delightful rural walk with views at every turn.

**Start point:** Cheena Meadow car park, SL9 0EW

## 4. Chalfont Park 5 miles (short route 3½)

Through open farmland, beech woodland and along the River Misbourne.

**Start point:** Chalfont St Peter car park, SL9 0JF

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## 5. Gerrards Cross 3¾ miles

Landscapes of ancient woodland and farmland with marvellous views from the sides of the Misbourne Valley.

**Start point:** Gerrards Cross Station, SL9 8PP

## 6. Denham Woodlands 5¼ miles

A fantastic pocket of greenery, along a stream and through woodland.

**Start point:** Northmoor Hill, UB9 5DF

## 7. Rickmansworth 1½ miles

Round lakes, over rivers, along the canal and beside a stream.

**Start point:** Rickmansworth, WD3 1BB

## 8. Rickmansworth Lakes 3¾ miles

A peaceful walk around three lakes on what was once a busy gravel extraction site.

**Start point:** Rickmansworth Aquadrome, WD3 1NB

## 9. Harefield and Batchworth Heights 5 miles (short route 3½)

Encompasses beautiful views and the best of the Colne Valley, passing Rickmansworth Lakes, the Grand Union Canal and surrounding farmland.

**Start point:** Rickmansworth Aquadrome, WD3 1NB

## 10. Mount Pleasant 3¼ (short route 2) miles

Enjoy a slower pace alongside the historic canal and the calm of lakes with thriving bird life. Fantastic views over the Colne Valley.

**Start point:** Harefield Village Green, UB9 6BJ

## 11. South Harefield 3¾ miles (short route 2¾)

A walk along beautiful stretches of the Grand Union Canal and through farmland, with some of the best views anywhere in the Colne Valley.

**Start point:** Canal Bridge at Moorhall Road, UB9 6PE

## 12. Grand Union Canal 4 miles

A peaceful stretch of the Grand Union Canal with views over magnificent lakes with thriving bird life. **Start point:** Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre, UB9 5PG

## 13. Denham 2½ miles (short route 2¼)

Explore historic Denham village and the woodlands, waterways and meadows of Denham Country Park. **Start point:** Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre, UB9 5PG

## 14. Black Park 2¼ miles

Enjoy a varied patchwork of woodland, heathland and lakeside at Black Park.

**Start point:** Black Park, SL3 6DT

## 15. Langley 4 miles (short route 2½)

Along the canal to quiet country lanes with views across ancient parkland to Langley Mansion.

**Start point:** Langley Railway Station, SL3 6DB

## 16. Iver 4½ miles (short route 3¼)

A lovely walk through countryside to the bank of the River Colne and the tow path of the Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal.

**Start point:** Iver High Street, SL0 9JZ

## 17. River Colne 4¾ miles

A wonderful alternative route between Uxbridge and West Drayton. **Start point:** Little Britain, UB8 2JR

## 18. Harmondsworth Moor 2¼ miles

Through newly created parkland, with plentiful wildlife and views to Windsor Castle and London. **Start point:** Harmondsworth High Street, UB7 0AQ

## 19. Wraybury 4½ miles

A varied and picturesque walk along the Colne Brook, River Thames, the magnificent Wraybury Lakes, the National Trust Ankerwycke Estate and the village of Wraybury.

**Start point:** Wraybury, TW19 5DB

## 20. Staines Moor 3½ miles (short route 2½)

A short walk with views of the Thames, historic Staines and Church Lammas Lakes.

**Start point:** Lammas Park car park, TW18 4XZ

# Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre

The Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre is at the heart of the Colne Valley Park. Open daily alongside the Groundwork Community Cafe, it has information about walks, activities, volunteering and places to visit in the Valley.

Visit us to find out what the Valley has to offer you. Relax and enjoy the friendly atmosphere with a cup of tea. Sample the freshly made food in the cafe and let the children discover the playground.

To become actively involved you can join the Friends of the Colne Valley Park. More information is available from the Visitor Centre or website, [www.colnevalleypark.org.uk](http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk)



## Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre

Denham Court Drive, Denham, Buckinghamshire UB9 5PG

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w: [www.colnevalleypark.org.uk](http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk)

**Road:** M40 Junction 1

**Rail:** Denham Station: 20 mins walk, Uxbridge Station: 35 mins walk

**Bus:** To stop A40 Denham 740, 730, 580, 724, A40, 331

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